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OUR RELATIONS WITH THE EMPIRE.

The invitation of the British government to Colonial Ministers to attend the proposed Colonial Conference in London included a suggestion that the political relations of Great Britain's dependencies as well as their military and commercial relations might be discussed at that gathering. The Dominion government in accepting the invitation to be represented at the conference declined to commit itself to a discussion of political relations, observing that these so far as Canada is concerned are satisfactory.

The matter was brought up in parliament by a Tory member, who while criticizing the government's answer, failed to move a resolution condemnatory of its course. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in a clever speech, which is outlined elsewhere, expressed entire satisfaction with our present political relations with the mother land, and declared he saw no reason for discussing them. With regard to the military question the Premier quite properly expressed the opinion that there is no need of Canada courting the idea that we should become embroiled in the foreign complications of the Imperial government. The statesmen at home fully realize that Canada is as ready to send troops to the defence of other parts of the Empire as she is to defend her own shores, and more the Imperial government will not ask. Ample evidence of our readiness to assist the mother land has been given during the South African war, but Canada has neither the means nor the inclination to be compelled to mix herself up with European or other complications in which the Imperial government may become embroiled. Left free to do as she may choose, there is no fear but that this country will ever be ready to extend military assistance to the old land, but so long as we have no voice in making war or peace, it would be suicidal for us to commit ourselves to any scheme embodying compulsory defence or aggressive warfare, except for the preservation of our own dominions. England does not expect us to take any such position, and the words uttered by the Premier in Parliament will find a responsive echo in the breasts of all Canadians, except a few over ardent imperialists like Dr. Parkin and Col. Dennison, who talk as if this country were in a position to undertake the entire defence of imperial interests in every part of the Globe.

The Tory politicians in Parliament talk loudly of our duties to the Empire in a military sense, but as the Premier observed they have failed to present their views in the shape of a resolution, so that they would be compelled to vote on the matter.

SHALL WE HAVE A PREFERENCE?

The Imperial government, having imposed a fine on wheat and flour, so extensively exported from Canada, is now in a position to give us some return for the preference given British goods in the Canadian market, by permitting our breadstuffs to enter British ports free of import charges. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other Canadian statesmen who are going to the colonial conference a few weeks hence, will have the opportunity of presenting Canada's claim in this respect, and probably the motherland will be quite willing to extend such terms of consideration to the daughter who has rendered good service to the imperial cause, not only commercially, but in a military sense.

A London cable says that several gov-

ernment journals express regret that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach missed his chance of responding to Canada's preferential tariff by exempting colonial wheat and flour from the new duties, and that a movement has already begun to induce the ministry to make concessions. It is believed Chamberlain is sympathetic, but he warns those who approach him that the cabinet is most unlikely to yield.

No doubt Canada could induce the Imperial government to exempt this country from the new breadstuffs duties, if it was decided to repeal the British preference in our markets, but no such course will be necessary it is to be hoped to achieve that end. Threats have never been necessary to secure Imperial attention to colonial interest—at least not since the ineffectual attempts of the American colonists to move George III. to repeal the offensive stamp and other duties. Canada will reach the desired end by friendly interviews with the Imperial authorities. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in parliament has already announced that at the colonial conference mutual trade relations will be discussed, and he and his colleagues may be trusted to make the best possible arrangements for Canada. He has never yet sacrificed his country's interests, even to Imperialism.

The late Rev. Dr. Talmage, speaking of Robert Ingersoll, said: "Ingersoll never exerted a strong influence. He is a wit. He makes fun of and scoffs at religion, but does no damage to it. He advances no solid arguments, but only laughs at it. Why, a man can laugh at his grandmother. I compare such men as Ingersoll in their attacks on the Bible and our religion to a grasshopper upon a railway line with the express coming thundering along."

To Teach in South Africa.

Miss Ida McLeod and Miss Winnifred Johnston, of this city, who are among the New Brunswick teachers engaged for service in the concentration camps of South Africa, will take their departure for St. John by the 9.20 train tomorrow morning. They are to have a conference with the agent of the Imperial government at the Royal Hotel in the afternoon, and will embark by the Beaver Line Steamer Lake Ontario on Saturday morning. They go first to Liverpool thence to London, where they will remain a week or ten days before taking passage for Capetown. All the maritime teachers selected for South Africa and three from the upper provinces, will cross the Atlantic on the Lake Ontario. They expect to arrive in South Africa about the 1st of June.

Farmer Suicided.

Creighton Bell, a farmer living about two miles from Bristol, Carleton County, killed himself Monday by cutting his throat with a razor. He had been acting strangely for a few days, but was not considered in a dangerous condition. Monday afternoon his wife came into the village, leaving no one at home but his mother and two little children. Soon after this he disappeared and was not seen alive again. Tuesday morning he was found by a search party about 50 rods from his house, in a small grove of woods, dead, with his throat cut and a bloody razor and a jack-knife lying on a stump near by.

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