

CANADIAN CLUB DINNER.

**Sir Frederick Borden
Minister of Militia**

ONE OF THE CHIEF SPEAKERS AT THE FUNCTION.

New York, Dec. 19.—The sixth annual dinner of the Canadian Society of New York was held in the small ball-room of Demosco's tonight. The decorations were simple, consisting of American and British flags entwined above the guests' table.

The speakers of the evening and their subjects were:—"His Majesty's Representative," Sir Percy Sanderson; "Canada," "Sir Frederick W. Borden; "United States," John S. Wise, and "Our Guests," ex-Judge Augustus Van Wyck. Dr. James Douglass, President of the society presided.

After the dinner Dr. Douglass said he believed it to be for the good of Canada to remain independent. "Ability is not servility," he said, "and it would give her greater advantage to remain as she is. The time will come when all the great people will be the English-speaking race, and while not exceeding in numbers we will excel in ability."

Sir Percy Sanderson was next introduced, and spoke briefly. He said he was always glad to note the progress made by Canada and Canadians, and declared that he looked to the future of Canada with the utmost confidence.

Sir Frederick W. Borden was the next speaker. "I know that in speaking for the people of my own country," he said, "I can say it is their desire to weld together as firmly and as strongly as possible the sentiment which actuates this country as well as Great Britain to strive together for the improvement of the human race. I doubt if such a meeting as this could take place under any flag other than the Stars and Stripes. Such meetings as this will do good work towards binding together the two great Anglo-Saxon nations. The people of Canada are a unit to this end. One hundred and twenty five years ago a few colonies along the Atlantic coast became tired of boarding and decided to go to housekeeping for themselves. Later the colonists of Canada decided to form a young nation, under the guiding hand of England, but fortunately the latter country was settled in a peaceful manner. In 1896 the aggregate foreign trade of Canada was two hundred and thirty-nine millions, and in 1902 it has mounted to four hundred and thirty-three millions. In both exports and imports the increase has been startling. Canada is more than holding her own with the progressive nations. It is said that Canadians go to the United States, but out of the 100,000 people who came to Canada last year 26,000 came from the United States. One-fifth of the population of the United States are Canadian-born, but more than one-fifth of the population of Canada came from the United States. We hear a great deal today of reciprocity, and we are all waiting for something to assist in this direction. After all our efforts to try and sell our potatoes, barley and other products to the United States, we were finally compelled to seek a European market and we found the open market of Britain waiting for us. Now we want to thank the United States for turning us away, and teaching us a lesson in self-reliance. About fifteen years ago, the Canadian Pacific was built across the continent and Canadians were of the opinion that the road would never pay. We all know now how wholly inadequate the system is. This shows the growth of Canada and ought to quell the often expressed opinion in the States that Canada consists of only a few border towns. Canada has not only grown in industry and commerce, but is making great strides in arts and science. I believe there is no better equipped university on this continent than McGill. You hear a great deal said about the destiny of Canada, but we are perfectly satisfied to proceed upon our present line, and we

feel that we have no better friend to help us to do this [than] the United States. Some one once bounded Canada as follows—On the north by the north pole, on the east by the Atlantic ocean, on the west by the Pacific Ocean and on the south by the Monroe doctrine. This Monroe doctrine stands just as much for freedom and liberty in Canada as it does in the United States, it is a guarantee against coercion and oppression. When it was promulgated the leading British statesmen approved it. Canadians know what it means to them, and believe in it in every form. Our mother country will always look to her daughters for counsel, and a separation from Great Britain would be almost impossible. If a war should occur between Great Britain and the United States the result would be more terrible than the war of the rebellion but we all hope that if the two countries are drawn into any war they will both be on the same side, and marching in the same direction."

HE CRITICISED CLERGY.

Says Many Ministers Don't Believe What They Preach—Attacks Pew-Penting System.

East Orange, Dec. 22.—Some things about the weakness of the ministry were spoken by the Rev. Dr. James D. Burrell, pastor of the Marble Collegiate Church, New York, in an address before the Presbyterian Union in Brick Presbyterian Church here last night.

Dr. Burrell said that the average minister wasted too much energy in rhetorical effort, and did not pay enough attention to teaching the Gospel. He also condemned the present system of renting pews, saying:

"You ring your church bell, invite the people to come in and stand twenty minutes in the vestibule while the regular pew holders take their seats, and then let them take what seats are left."

"Two thirds of the populations of this world are not Christians, and who is to blame for this condition of affairs? We ministers are a good deal to blame. We need to wake up to our preaching of the Gospel; we want to stop preaching about the fire of the Holy Ghost, and get some of the fire ourselves. Why, I often wonder how my congregation stands me, and I'm a good deal better than many men some congregations have to stand. We can't be too hard on a dull preacher. We have our topics to preach on—God, the resurrection, the crucifixion, and other things—but nowadays you have to get a hardy-gurdy and a stereopticon to get the people in."

"Then we are so eloquent and rhetorical! We talk fine rhetoric to the people who are going to hell. We turn out those finely rounded sentences, and the old ladies come around after the sermon, if it's by a young preacher, and tell him how fine it was. You don't want that, and if you do you ought not to have it. What we need is more fire of God, but we will never have more fire until we have more faith. Why, many of us ministers don't believe half of anything we preach."

"We need an open door. I believe in the family pew, but there is something wrong with our system of renting. The same hospitality that is exercised in domestic life ought to be practised in the church. Carnegie, Morgan, and Rockefeller haven't got money enough to buy one square in the house of God. No church should support pew rights, which prohibit the exercise of hospitality."

MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

Programme of His Tour in South Africa.

A Central News telegram from Durban says the Government of Natal has approved the final draft of the official programme for Mr. Chamberlain's visit to South Africa. It is as follows:—

Dec. 21.—Arrival of the Good Hope.

Dec. 22.—Luncheon at the town hall, at which Mr. Chamberlain will make his first set speech in South Africa.

Dec. 23.—Receive representative deputations, and, with Mrs. Chamberlain, afterwards attend reception at the residence of the mayor.

December 24.—Proceed to Pietermaritzburg, staying at Government House.

Christmas Day.—Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain will attend service of Evangelical Church. Visit to native kraals in the afternoon. Distinguished company at Government House dinner in the evening.

December 26.—Receive several deputations and addresses. Long drive in afternoon, and conversations in the evening.

December 27.—Interviews with members of the Natal Ministry. Reception given by mayor in the afternoon, and public banquet in the evening.

December 28.—Leave for Colenso, accompanied by Governor and Prime Minister.

December 29.—Inspect defences of Ladysmith and visit Spion Kop. A banquet will be given in the evening at Ladysmith.

Mr. Chamberlain is to arrive at Pretoria on January 2, and will leave for Johannesburg on the 7th. Great preparations are being made for his reception in Pretoria.

The list of questions which it is proposed to submit for consideration to Mr. Chamberlain on his arrival in Pretoria comprises the following: Compensation to British residents for their losses in the war; public requests for representative municipalities; the issue of a budget of public expenditure; and the publication of a declaration of policy with regard to the natives.

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VERDICT FOR \$3,000

Augusta, Me., Dec. 19.—In the law court today one of the most unique cases in the jurisprudence of this state was heard. At the April term of the Supreme judicial court for Washington county, Chief Justice Wiswell presiding, a verdict was returned for the plaintiff in the sum of \$3,000 in the case of Abbie D. Ramadell, administratrix, against Dr. James B. Grady. Both parties reside in Eastport.

The plaintiff alleges that, because of the negligence of the defendant, the husband of the plaintiff died of diphtheria. Dr. Grady's counsel, W. R. Pattangall, of Bangor, argued that the verdict was against the law, against the evidence and the weight of evidence; and the damages are excessive, and not warranted by the evidence in the case.

The administratrix brought suit, placing the ad damnum at \$5,000.

CLEVELAND FOR PRESIDENCY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The Washington Post this morning contains an interview with Benjamin F. Tracy, former secretary of the navy, in which he says, in discussing party prospects: "The Democrats are still in a state of demoralization, and outside of ex-President Cleveland have scarcely a capable leader."

"Do you regard Mr. Cleveland as a possible candidate? The report is incorrect. 'Nobody ever heard of a presidential nomination being refused. Mr. Cleveland is a man of courage, intense loyalty and strong intellect, but I do not think he would consent to become a candidate of a faction of his party, but if tendered the nomination by a united Democracy he could scarcely refuse."

AN ACTIVE NONOGENARIAN.

Wolfville Acadian: Mrs. Wm. Spencer who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Spicer, was 96 years old on the 10th of last May. She is remarkably active for her age, and thinks nothing of walking two or three miles. She attends church regularly and has full possession of all her faculties to a remarkable degree. Her sight is sufficiently good to enable her at her great age to engage in fine sewing every day, and she has never worn glasses at any time. Mrs. Spencer is the mother of eleven children, five of whom are living. She has 93 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

CHRISTMAS POETRY.

Jes' Fore Christmas.

Fether calls me William, sister calls me Will,
Mother calls me Willie—but the fellers call me Bill!
Mighty glad I ain't a girl—ruther be a boy,
Without them sashes, curls an' things that's worn by Fauntleroy!
Love to chawnk green apples, an' go swimmin' in the lake—
Hate to take the castle ile they give for stomach-ache!
Most all the time the hull year 'round there ain't no flies on me,
But jes' before Christmas I'm as good as I ken be.

Got a yaller dog named Sport—sic 'em on the cat;
Fast thing she knows she doesn't know where she is at!
Got a clipper sled, an' when us boys go out to slide,
'Long comes the grocery cart, an' we all hook a ride!
But, sometimes when the grocery man is worried and cross,
He reaches at me with his 'whip an' larrups up his boss,
An' then I laff an' holler: "Ob, you never teched me!"
But jes' before Christmas I'm as good as I kin be.

For Christmas, with its lots an' lots of candies, cakes an' toys,
Was made, they say, for proper kids, an' not for naughty boys;
So, wash yer face, an' brush yer hair, an' mind yer p's and q's,
An' don't bust out yer pantaloons, an' don't wear out your shoes;
Say "Yessum" to the ladies and "Yessur" to the men,
An' when they's company don't pass yer plate for pie again;
But thinkin' of the things yer'd like to see upon that tree,
Jest fore Christmas be as good as yer kin be.

—Eugene Field.

The Christmas Children.

The little folks at our house—they talk like anything
'Bout Santa Claus' comin', an' what he's goin' to bring;
An' mother never has to scold, or tell 'em 'bout the noise—
They're just the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

'Cause why? They know that Santa Claus knows ever'thing they do,
An' while he's loadin' up his sleigh he's watchin' 'em, too!
An' them that minds their mother, they gets the most o' toys—
They're just the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

They've just been writin' letters to Santa Claus each day,
An' tellin' him just what they want, an' showin' him the way
To where our house is, so's he'll know just where to leave the toys
For just the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

They're longin', longin', longin' for the days an' nights to go,
An' all o' them are happy, an' they make their mother so!
She never has to scold 'em, or tell 'em 'bout the noise—
'Cause they're the sweetest little girls—the best o' little boys!

—Frank Stanton.

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LUCKY RAILWAY MEN.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Increases in wages amounting to \$600,000 a year are to be granted the locomotive engineers and firemen of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and its branch lines, through an

agreement reached today between officials of the railroad and committees representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. The new scale will go into effect Jan. 1. It provides for increases of approximately eight per cent. in the pay of the members of the labor organizations. The advances made to the firemen are not as large proportionately but the company has agreed to excuse the men from the work of cleaning portions of freight engines.

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PROGRAMME

PART ONE.

- 1—Organ Prelude, Offertoire in G., L. Wely
- 2—Carol, Ring the Bells, A. H. Brown
- 3—Vocal Solo, Miss Gardner
- 4—Carol, Come to the Manger, S. Smith
- 5—Vocal Solo, Mr. Loudon
- 6—Vocal Solo, Mr. Massie
- 7—Male Quartette, Adesle Fideles
- 8—Ave Marie, Messrs. Boyle, Foster, Thomas, Fradsham
- 9—Violin, Mr. Nichols; Saxophone, Mr. Vancini; Clarionets, Mr. Doak, Mr. Thomas; Organ, Miss Everett; Piano, Mr. Lemont

PART TWO.

1. In Paradisum, Dubois
2. Interzzo, Cavalleria Rustica, Mas'gni
3. Spring Song, Mendelsohn
- 4—Carol, God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen, Meth Church Choir, Old English
- 5—Vocal Solo, Miss Palmer
- 6—Organ Solo, Miss Everett
- 7—Carol, The Stars are Shining Bright and Clear, Meth Church Choir, E. W. Bullinger
- 8—Duet, O, Divine Redeemer, Gounod
- 9—Miss McConnell and Mr. Thomas
- 7—Selection, The Nichols Violin Quartet
- 8—Chorus, "Gloria," from 12th Mass, Mozart

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