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THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA.

Australia is a Commonwealth, Canada and New Zealand are Dominions. South Africa will simply be a Union. Its legal title will be "the Union of South Africa." This nation will differ from the others in having two capitals, one for legislative and one for administrative purposes. This would seem to be an awkward arrangement. Parliament will meet at Cape Town, but the seat of government will be Pretoria. When parliament is in session, ministers will be a thousand miles from their offices. Most questions asked in the House will have to be forwarded to the other capital for reply, and all papers required must await the long return mail journey. At Ottawa and Westminster, the member of parliament is within the close reach of the department whose heads are responsible to him. At Cape Town he will have only the minister.

South Africa avoids the Australian system which makes the states sovereign and gives the Federal government only the residuum of power. The Union is a strong central administration with control over all the federal revenue and federal franchise. Like Canada it establishes two official languages. The Union starts out with a House of Assembly of 121 members, of whom the Cape Colony sends 51, the Transvaal 36, Natal and Orange River 17 each. There is no doubt that South Africa will have the same experience as Canada, in the extension of territory. Rhodesia bears about the same relation to the Union that Rupert's Land did to the original Canadian confederation. But the price will be higher.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The only substantial claim the Hazen government has on the Liberals of the province is that it assisted them to elect eleven out of the thirteen members for the Dominion parliament in October last.

Mr. Robert Reid, a member of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, died suddenly at Ogunquit, Me., on Saturday night from apoplexy. He was fifty-three years of age, and a native of Lennox, Ont. His salary was \$7,000 per year.

It was brought out during the hearing in the Free Speech case at St. John, on Saturday, that there were three persons in Moncton by the name of C. Bruce McDougall. That may be true, but the public have only heard of one C. Bruce Bruce.

The genial Ald. McGoldrick, who was here last week with a delegation inspecting the Hassam Paving Company's operations, reported to the St. John city council that he found mud a foot and a half deep on the streets here. The alderman was evidently talking through his hat.

The demand deposits in Canadian banks at the end of July totalled \$222,555,749 and the savings deposits were \$166,337,816, making a total of \$388,893,565. Last year at the same time the aggregate deposits were \$367,755,963. This shows a tremendous gain and is another indication of the expansion of trade in the Dominion.

Hon. G. E. Foster, who shook the dust of New Brunswick from his feet some years ago, turned up at Halifax on Saturday, as a delegate to the Maritime Baptist Convention. He took part in the debate on the report of the committee on Temperance and Moral Reform, which would seem to indicate that he is still considerable of a humbug.

Ottawa Citizen. (Conservative): Whatever may be said of Hon. Frank Oliver as a party politician, no one will deny that he has the bump of common sense well developed, that he is a clear thinker and outspoken in the expression of his opinions when untrammelled by party limitations. Moreover, he knows the Canadian West and appreciates its needs no less than its possibilities.

The city council is meeting this afternoon to deal with the appointment of city engineer, in succession to Mr. A. K. Grimmer, who has resigned to take a position on the staff of the Manitoba University. The matter is one of great importance to the citizens, and it is to be hoped that a competent man will be selected. By far the most important duty which a city engineer will have to perform will be in connection with the water works filtration plant. Unless this plant is in charge of a competent person it will become a menace to the city instead of a blessing.

MARITIME BAPTISTS.

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cial way. The foreign mission field was not given the attention it could receive. During the year a great deal of attention had been given the current question of the day. The Canadian Baptist Association Union was yet formed, and much could be done in that direction. He was delighted with the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The churches were all doing their share, and he looked to see still better results in the near future.

With the reading of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee report a discussion of no uncertain tone was started, and a number of delegates spoke strongly against the evils of the liquor and the tobacco trade.

The report referred to the fact that Presbyterians and Methodists were so united that they employed a man to give his whole time to the question of temperance and moral reform and expressed hope that the day was not distant when the Baptists would do likewise. Liquor, cocaine and tobacco habits have to be coped with and every effort should be made to eliminate these evils and put them down and out.

Nelson B. Smith took exception to the report putting the tobacco habit on a par with the liquor habit. Some of the best men he knew had used tobacco and he did not know it had harmed any community. Mr. Smith also took exception to comparison to liquor convictions. The place with the least convictions might have had the most drunkenness.

Rev. G. A. Lawson said he regretted the report contained no recommendations in respect to the liquor question.

Rev. J. E. Wilson said it was the men who drink or sell liquor that do not want prohibition.

Dr. Cohon said that Mr. Smith's objections were well taken.

E. D. King moved an amendment that the report be sent back to the committee to modify and add a strong resolution.

Dr. McLean said the comparison of convictions were unjust. In Toronto there was no record kept of the plain drunks who were arrested.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster said statistics could not be relied upon and this made a weak link in the report. He had given a great deal of time to the study of statistics and found that they differed greatly in different localities at different times. He did not put tobacco and liquor in the same class, but tobacco and cigarettes were great evils. It was perilous to say tobacco was as great an evil as liquor.

On motion of Mr. McLeod the report was sent back, and Rev. Mr. Hutchinson and Hon. Geo. E. Foster were added to the committee.

IMPORTANT GATHERING.

Canadian Federation of Labor to Meet at Ottawa on Sept. 28th.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The first annual convention of the Canadian Federation of Labor will open in Ottawa on September 28th. A circular calling the meeting is signed by J. W. Patterson, President and Geo. G. Mercute and urges every local to send representatives to the meeting. The convention circular states that the convention will be asked to consider the advisability of requesting the Dominion parliament to enquire into the status of foreign labor organizations doing business in Canada and to establish the liability of such organizations to Canadian members.

Imperial Defence and the Immigration policy of the country also will be considered.

BOY'S BAD FALL.

Douglas, the little son of Mr. R. W. McLellan, had a narrow escape from being killed about two o'clock today. The little chap was playing on the verandah, a distance of about fifteen feet from the ground, when he fell over the side, alighting on the street below. He was taken into the house and medical aid summoned. While the extent of the boy's injuries is not known this afternoon, his condition is not considered serious.

Mrs. A. N. Habberley and children, of Attleboro, Mass., who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Helen Rossborough, Campbell street, for several weeks, return home on Thursday. Mrs. Rossborough and Miss Agnes Swim will accompany them and remain for the winter.

Mr. James Robinson of Miramichi, is at the Barker.

Of course when you are on your vacation it is embarrassing to have to write home for money, but it's a whole lot better than walking back.

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Heart Is Dislocated.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—Suffering from a dislocated heart, Frank Thomas, 23 Hillsboro avenue, is in St. Michael's Hospital. The complaint is, as a rule fatal, but the doctors say Thomas will recover. It will be the first one on record that did not cause death.

Two weeks ago Thomas entered the hospital, complaining of a severe pain in his chest. Dr. Norman Allan attended him and found his heart had moved over to the right side.

About two months before Thomas contracted a cold, and his left pleura cavity filled with pus, forcing the organ out of place. Dr. Allan pumped out the inflamed matter, but the heart stayed where it was. It seems to be performing its function properly now. Though lodged beside the right lung, it does not affect his breathing.

Suicides While Despondent.

Toronto, Aug. 21.—With a 38 calibre revolver grasped firmly in his hand and a great gaping hole in his head, the body of a man who had

is believed to be W. Foley, was discovered in the Nottingham Lodging House at 52 Jarvis street by a fellow-roomer early yesterday morning. Coroner McCollum decided that suicide was evident, and that an inquest was unnecessary.

Despondency over ill-health is the motive attributed, as the man was comparatively well-to-do, having over \$1,000 in various banks. He had been a bush ranger, trapper and Co-balt speculator. Upon him were found military discharge papers bearing the name Foley. He was a man of about 50 years of age. The body is at the morgue.

S. A. Constitution Bill.

London, Aug. 21.—The South African Constitution Bill passed through the House committee.

An attempt was made to amend the provision of the Bill that the Senators must be Europeans or of European descent. The amendment was rejected, and on motion the Bill was passed to the third reading.

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