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PROFESSOR HEWINS ON PREFERENTIAL TRADE

He Says it is a Question of Vital Importance to the Empire at the Present Time---Notable Speeches in London.

(London Standard, Nov. 28).

At the Constitutional Club last evening the first political discussion of the session was opened by Professor Hewins, the subject being "The Preferential Trade Arrangements of the Next Colonial Conference." The Earl of Donoughmore was in the chair, and was supported by Lord Ridley, Sir George Bartley, the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, J. L. Garvin, D. Macmaster, K. C., E. A. Goulding, E. Parker, M. P., Lord Robert Bruce, Sir William Porter, Sir Joseph Lawrence, G. O. Bellairs, Hugo Hirst, Gavin Ralston, James Scott, J. P. Moresby White, Walter Emden, W. T. Madge, M. H. Temple (hon. secretary).

The Earl of Donoughmore, in introducing Professor Hewins, observed that it might be thought a curious thing for any persons to come together in an anxious frame of mind to discuss a conference with the representatives of the colonies, and to be really uncertain as to whether that conference was to be allowed to produce any useful result. It must not be forgotten that the conference would be the first at which the Unionist party had not been the party supplying the statesmen who represented the Mother-country. Doubtless Lord Elgin would be a representative, and the speaker described him as a statesman who seemed to be learning that one of the chief purposes of the Radical party was to use the colonies as a sidelight in by-elections. The Under-Secretary for the Colonies would doubtless be a representative at the conference, a man who was a most arrogant Radical in all questions dealing with colonial preference. The duty of the Unionist party—the despised opposition—was to bring pressure to bear on the government, for the present government had ever been most susceptible to pressure.

Professor Hewins, who was cordially received, stated that the subject under discussion was of vital importance to the Empire at the present time. He did not propose to discuss the matter on party lines. There was not the slightest doubt that the subject was of the greatest importance to the future of political parties in the United Kingdom, but it was not essentially a party question. It did not originate in any party; it was the result of great world forces moulding the policy, not only of the United Kingdom, but of our colonies and foreign countries. What as Englishmen, they were to do in the course of the next six months. On the material aspects of the question of preference, his contention was that this country could not afford to do without preference (hear, hear). Referring to preferential trade with Canada, Professor Hewins pointed out that since 1897, when the preferential treatment with Canada came into force, British trade had taken an upward trend, and that we were actually gaining on America. That proved beyond dispute that the adoption of preferential tariffs had sufficed to turn the channels of trade towards this country instead of towards the United States. Wherever the experiment had been attempted, such a result followed. This contention was based on the official figures of the colonies concerned.

The net result was that this country could not do without preference; it was essential to our naval policy, to our revenue policy, to our social policy. In fact, no movement was possible towards gratifying the working classes in their social demands unless this question were dealt with deliberately and unflinchingly (loud applause). They might be perfectly certain that in the course of time the fiscal system of this country would be changed. After referring to the statements of the colonial secretary and the Under Secretary for the Colonies in connection with the Australian preferential tariff, and the commercial treaties with various foreign powers that stood in the way of such a step, Professor Hewins remarked that it was for the country to consider whether they thought it worth while to allow or disallow the possibility of the principle of commercial treaties to block the way to all aspects of the unification policy of the Empire. It was a point on which they had to choose between treating the kinsfolk within the Empire better than foreigners. It did not matter that the present government were in power. It was the duty of every Englishman to see that such questions were fully considered at the coming conference. They must not let the Colonial Conference mark a step backward from the consolidation of the Empire. He felt sure that if the matter were properly placed before the people during the next six months, the government would be forced into meeting the colonies in the matter (loud applause.)

Mr. Chaplin, who was received with prolonged cheers, stated that he regarded the question of preference as the largest and most vital and the most important question, whether with regard to the welfare of the Empire or the future of British industry itself. It was the most vital question that had ever been submitted to the country within his political recollection. Professor Hewins had asked what they were to do during the next six months. His answer was that they should educate the people upon the question, and that they should squeeze to the utmost the most susceptible government of modern time. The danger he foresaw was that the colonies, disgusted and totally discouraged by the treatment they received, might say to themselves, "If this is to be taken as the answer of the English nation, is it not time for us to consider some of those numerous offers which other countries are willing to make to us?" If ever that should come, observed Mr. Chaplin, then good-by to all great prosperity for British industry (hear, hear).

J. L. Garvin, the editor of the "Outlook," and D. Macmaster, a Canadian K. C., also took part in the discussion.

BIG CAR WORKS MAY BE LOCATED IN ST. JOHN

Minister of Railways is Interviewed by Men Who Have the Project in Hand --- Options Have Already Been Taken on a Marsh Road Site.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been interviewed by certain parties who want to establish car works at St. John. There are some Americans as well as Canadians connected with the scheme. Mr. Emmerson promised to do what he could to encourage the enterprise if it were started. There is some talk of getting power from the reversing falls.

The minister of railways has under consideration getting power from the Petitcodiac for the Intercolonial workshops and also sufficient for the city of Moncton. This could be obtained by the construction of dams. The scheme is not yet perfected but it is said to be quite feasible.

The minister of railways has received the route map of that portion of the transcontinental railway between Moncton and Chipman and from Grand Falls to the Quebec bridge. The disputed part between Grand Falls and Chipman has not yet been completed. The cabinet will pass upon the portions received at its next meeting.

The local men who are actively interested in the movement are T. H. Estabrooks, J. A. Likely, R. G. Haley, James Pender and W. S. Fisher.

The inception of the project was an offer made to the Board of Trade a short time ago, by Silliker & Co., of Amherst, who have been carrying on a large woodworking factory in that town, until burned out a couple of months ago. Elmore E. Silliker, the secretary-treasurer of the company, visited the city and discussed the matter with a number of local men, among whom were those mentioned the conditions and terms they suggested did not, however, altogether meet the views of the St John men, and negotiations with the Sillikers were suspended

Having, however, become strongly impressed with the great possibilities of such an industry, on account of the extraordinary activity in railway construction at the present time, and in future contemplation, the local men who had been approached in the matter began discussing the feasibility of going ahead with the enterprise, independently of the Amherst people, and a thorough investigation was made. Having convinced themselves of the soundness of the enterprise, the question of a suitable site was entered into, as a result of which options have been secured from the Gilberts on a large block of land each side of the Victoria Athletic grounds, and later an option was also obtained on these grounds. For an enterprise of this magnitude a large area is required, but the land now under option is considered to be quite ample.

The proposed capital of the company is $250,000. Employment will be furnished when the works are in full operation for about 250 or 300 men, a large proportion of which would be skilled labor.

GAS QUESTION IS CONSIDERED

Aldermen Decide to Actively Take up the Fight for Cheaper and Better Gas.

A special meeting of the safety board was held last evening and several important matters were dealt with. Ald. Baxter submitted certain correspondence and opinions received from other municipalities with reference to obtaining a gas expert to examine and report on the local conditions Further inquiries will be made Ald. Vanwart, the chairman, was authorized to see Col. H. H. McLean, the managing director of the St. John Railway Company, and ascertain whether the company would give access to their plant and books on the lines of the resolution passed by the common council at their last meeting.

Hon. C. N. Skinner, the corporation counsel, submitted an opinion to the effect that the city was not liable in the matter of the fire which occurred some months ago on the premises of W. & K. Pedersen, florists, of Sandy Point road, when the fire apparatus did not attend. A recommendation to this effect was passed.

A committee consisting of Ald. Rowan, Vanwart and Tilley was appointed to look into the matter of providing a suitable place in No. 3 engine house for drying covers for the Salvage Corps.

It was recommended that tenders for twelve new rubber coats for the Salvage Corps, be called for. The meeting then adjourned.

Col. McLean of the Street Railway Co. said last evening that the company would be quite willing to allow an examination of its books.

CURLING

The Amherst Bonspiel.

The programme of the first annual bonspiel, under the auspices of the town of Amherst (N.S.), has been issued, and contains a goodly list of trophies and prizes to be competed for by curlers in the maritime provinces. The event is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, January 15, 1907, and following days.

Earl Grey, the governor general, in order to promote curling, has offered a trophy for annual competition at Amherst, among all regularly organized curling clubs in the maritime provinces.

The Lowndes Company, Ltd., of Toronto, offer a silver trophy valued at $250, open to all rinks of clubs in the maritime provinces, and trophies under slightly varying conditions are offered by Rhodes, Curry & Co., Ltd., Dunlap, Cook & Co., Ltd., and Hon. D. C. Fraser, lieutenant governor of Nova Scotia.

The executive committee offer the Chignecto trophy to encourage the scientific game of points, which shall be played under the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. A large number of prizes are also to be awarded in the various competitions. A neat and comprehensive booklet giving all particulars has been issued by the Amherst executive committee, and intending competitors can obtain it from the secretary-treasurer, J. P. Atherton, Amherst. Entries will close January 8.

E. LeRoi Willis, of Sydney, was at the Dufferin yesterday.

THE FRENCH IN CANADA

Donald MacMaster Tells the London Standard of Their Loyalty and Devotion.

Asked by the London Standard if he considered the French in any way an impediment to Canadian progress, Donald Macmaster, K. C., recently said:—

"An impediment—not a bit of it. All their interests and hopes are bound up in the Canadian confederation. The late Sir George Cartier, Sir John Macdonald's lifelong associate in Canadian political life, is their greatest patriot, and was one of the warmest advocates of confederation. Sir Aime Dorion (though opposed to confederation) and Sir Louis H. Lafontaine were patriots also—men of fine parts, who rendered a distinct service to their country in parliament and on the bench. Their leading men have filled and are filling, the highest stations in the Dominion. The habitant is a model of industry and sobriety, and is prospering on the soil. He needs not the watchword "Back to the land," for the land is his glory and his pride. He is a good neighbor. In business and in the professions the French Canadians are all in the first rank. In the past they have been steadfast upholders of British power. It is true there was some lukewarmness at the time of the Boer war, but that, I think, was fairly attributable to irritation arising in connection with the Fashoda affair, and recollections revived of old conflicts between France and England. But all that has disappeared with the entente cordiale happily consummated between Britain and France, which every Canadian, I am confident, hopes and believes will be perpetual. It is true the French Canadians love their own language, their religion, their French ancestry, and they look back with pride at the splendid fight they made for French sovereignty on the American continent. And why should they not? If they did not they would not be the worthy people they are. I believe they are heartily enlisted in everything that appertains to the interests of Canada, and that they have the most profound regard for the guarantees and opportunities secured to them under the British flag. They are good citizens, and are loyal and devoted to the institutions under which they live and thrive. I speak from personal knowledge. Having lived there for many years among them, and having come in contact with them socially, professionally, and politically, my tribute is—that far from being an impediment to Canadian progress, they are a prime factor in Canada's present and future progress and strength."

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TEMPERANCE FEDERATION

To Consider Question of Opening Meeting Room for Men Every Evening.

A meeting of the St. John county branch of the N. B. Temperance Federation will be held in the Temperance Hall, Market Building, this evening at 8 o'clock. The committee to consider the question of opening a permanent meeting place for men will meet at the same place at 7.30. It is understood that there is an opportunity to open up a club room or meeting place for men, to be open every evening, in a central location; and the question whether the federation should attempt such a work will be considered this evening. All temperance workers are eligible for membership in the federation.

The annual meeting of the federation is to be held on January 4 at 3 p. m. in the W. C. T. U. hall, Germain street. Some time between this and the annual meeting there will be a session of the executive and then the plans of the federation will be arranged in definite form.

It is said that the federation for the whole province may decide to circulate petitions throughout the province asking the provincial government to enact a prohibitory law.

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