CHAMBERLAIN RESIGNS

Two Other Ministers Have Also Tendered Their Resignations.

A London despatch says :—The following announcement, which puts a sensational and unexpected end to the conflicting speculations of the past few days, was issued from the Prime Minister's official residence on Thursday night :—

"10 Downing Street.

"The following Ministers have tendered their resignations, which have been accepted by the King :—

"The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, M.P.

"The Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, M.P.

"The Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P."

At the same time that this brief statement was issued, the correspondence between Mr. Chamberlain and Prime Minister Balfour was given out.

The simile of a bombshell was never more applicable to a political event in Great Britain than that of the resignation of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain. The retirement of Mr. Ritchie as Chancellor of the Exchequer, and of Lord George Hamilton, as Secretary of State for India, was quite unexpected, while the withdrawal of Lord Balfour of Burleigh, as Secretary for Scotland, and possibly even of the Duke of Devonshire, as Lord President of the Council, have been equally foretold, and are still looked forward to. But neither friend nor foe dreamed that the Colonial Secretary would sever his connection with a Government of which he was regarded as the backbone.

Notwithstanding, however, that it was wholly unanticipated, there is widespread commendation of the course the Colonial Secretary has taken. The Ministerial Standard, which opposed with almost radical vehemence the preferential tariff proposal, now says Mr. Chamberlain has taken the only course open to an honorable, high-spirited politician. From the moment he definitely committed himself to the scheme of food taxation, he stood in a false position. He has now released his colleagues from a position which had become one of considerable embarrassment. The paper goes on to say that his ungrudging admission that his scheme failed to commend itself to the constituencies does credit to his sense of honor and political discernment. In devoting himself as a private individual to explaining and popularizing the preferential scheme he can do no harm, for the more it is considered the less likelihood is there that it will meet with popular approval. The Standard continues:—"Something at any rate is gained by the release of the Cabinet from this unhappy controversy. We hope the Ministers will shake themselves free of its disturbing influence and settle down to normal business. There should be no occasion for any more resignations."

MILNER TO SUCCEED.

The Westminster Gazette and other papers forecast Lord Milner, the High Commissioner in South Africa, succeeding to the Colonial Office, and it is definitely announced that Lord Stanley, Financial Secretary to the War Office, and probably James Lowther, Deputy Speaker, will be among those promoted to the Cabinet, but the details of its reconstruction are not likely to be known until Mr. Balfour has seen the King.

The Associated Press learns there is good reason to believe that the report that War Secretary Brodrick will be transferred to the India Office is correct.

The new Cabinet is expected to meet within a fortnight.

APPLE BARRELS SCARCE.

Not Enough for the Crop Available for Export.

A Toronto despatch says: The latest information regarding the Ontario apple crop is to the effect that it is a good deal heavier than last season in the eastern part of the province, while in the West it is a little below the average, both in quantity and in quality. A good many fall apples have already been marketed, but those who have delayed selling their crop are in danger of losing considerable money on it by reason of the scarcity of barrels, of which not nearly enough can be had to contain all the crop available for export.

As the crop this fall is fully two weeks ahead of last year's, some Greenings have already been exported to England, as well as many thousands of barrels of the fall varieties. The total returns of the shipments forwarded from the port of Montreal show that 48,998 barrels have been sent to Europe, against 25,431 the same period last fall.

The dealers in Toronto so far have found a fairly satisfactory market in England for Canadian apples, but lately have met with considerable competition from the New England product, the exports from the United States ports being much in excess of those of the corresponding period last year. But from New England a considerable quantity of immature and poor fruit has been forwarded, which has to be sold below the market level, and has depressed the values in the Old Country a little.

The European Continental crop has turned out better than expected, but the English crop has been a failure.

SERUM TO PROTECT CATTLE

To Safeguard Animals From Foot and Mouth Disease.

A Berlin despatch says: Professor Loeffler, of Grelfswald, has sent in a report to the Government on the results of his investigation of the foot and mouth disease among cattle. He says that a means has been found to protect the animals while in stables from contamination by the use of small doses of serum. He advises the inoculation of all cattle bought on the market, and he says if they are treated with the serum they are safe from infection.

SAILING OVER LONDON.

Many Thousands Watch Aeronaut's Trip.

A London despatch says: On Thursday afternoon, many thousands of home-going business men stopped in the streets, and the roofs of buildings were crowded with spectators watching the long-projected attempt of Spencer, the aeronaut, to sail his airship from the Crystal Palace in Sydenham around St. Paul's Cathedral and over miles of the densely built portion of South London. He started at 3.30 from the roof of an office building. His airship was a great cigar-shaped vessel of yellow silk, with a pendant car containing the propeller. Spencer's movements were easily visible to the crowd below.

MUST NOT LOOK TO CANADA

Grain Man's Estimate of the World's Wheat Shortage.

A London despatch says :—Mr. Thomas Thom, of the Liverpool Corn Exchange, has estimated this year's shortage in the world's wheat available for British needs at 36,000,000 bushels. Canada's average export of wheat to Britain during the past six years was only six million bushels. Mr. Thom contends that any deficiency can scarcely be supplied from Canada and declares that the natural outlet from Manitoba and Alberta is the Pacific Ocean, to meet the increasing bread wants of China, Japan and the Phillippines, Mr. Thom thinks that those who expect sufficient supplies from Canada's North-west are doomed to disappointment.

CONFISCATES MORE NETS.

Canadian Steamer Petrel Makes Another Haul.

An Ashtabula, Ohio, despatch says: The Canadian patrol steamer Petrel early on Wednesday lifted and confiscated a number of fish nets belonging to American fishermen in Lake Erie. It is supposed the officers of the Petrel decided that the nets were set on the Canadian side of the line. This, however, is denied by the fishermen. The nets were valued at $2,000.

RICH FIND OF COAL.

Great Area of Anthracite at Head of the Gatineau.

An Ottawa despatch says: J. J. Collins, civil engineer, of Ottawa, who has just returned from the head waters of the Gatineau River, reports that he has discovered a seam of coal 27 feet wide and extending for over one hundred miles. He says that the coal is equal in quality to the Welsh anthracite which was imported to Canada last winter.

HORRIBLE IF TRUE.

Turks Said to Torture Political Prisoners.

A London despatch says: The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Monastir describes the underground cells in the prisons there used for political prisoners. They are so low that the inmates cannot even sit; they must lie down. Water is poured into the cells. Food is withheld for three days together, and the air passages are stopped to force the prisoners into confessions of complicity with the revolutionaries. Many have died under this treatment.

FELL OFF HAYRACK.

12-Year-Old Son of Aylmer Man Dies as Result.

An Aylmer, Ont., despatch says :—Chas. Kenny, the 12-year-old son of Oscar Kenny, while driving with his father on a hayrack, on Saturday, fell off unnoticed. When found later by his father he was clinging to a fence at the roadside, and expired while trying to explain the cause of the accident.

THE MARKETS

Prices of Grain, Cattle, etc in Trade Centres.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—Wheat—The local wheat market is nominally firm, with very little offering. No. 2 white and red winter are quoted at 78 to 79c low freights to mills, although some is being delivered just now which was bought a week or two ago at 76c. No. 2 goose is nominal at 73 to 74c east. No. 2 spring, 75c east. Manitoba wheat is nominal without sales. No. 1 hard is quoted at 98c. No. 1 Northern at 97c, and No. 2 Northern, 94c Goderich. The quotations grinding in transit are:—No. 1 hard, $1.04; No. 1 Northern, $1.03; and No. 2 Northern, $1. New No. 1 Northern, 93c lake ports.

Oats—The market is steady, with demand fair. No. 2 white sold at 30½c middle freights, and at 31c east. No. 1 quoted at 31½c east.

Barley—The demand is fair, with offerings limited. No. 3 extra quoted at 45c middle freights, and No. 3 at 43c middle freights.

Rye—The market is quiet, with the price about 51c middle freights.

Peas—Trade dull, with No. 2 white quoted at 62c high freights, and at 63c east.

Corn—The market is quiet and firm; No. 3 American yellow quoted at 61c on track, Toronto, and No. 3 mixed at 60c, Toronto. Canadian corn nominal.

Flour—Ninety per cent. patents quoted at $3.05 to $3.07 middle freights, in buyers' sacks, for export. Straight rollers, of special brands, for domestic trade, quoted at $3.50 to $3.60 in bbls. Manitoba flour is firm; No. 1 patents, $4.70 to$ 4.75; No. 2 patents, $4.40 to $4.45; and strong bakers', $4.30 to $4.35 on track, Toronto.

Millfeed—Bran steady at $16, and shorts at $18 here. At outside points bran is quoted at $13.50, and shorts at $17. Manitoba bran in sacks, $17, and shorts at $20 here.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—The market is unchanged, with moderate supplies. Good stock quoted at 75c to $1 per barrel in car lots, and at $1 to $1.50 for small quantities.

Beans—Trade quiet, with prices firm. Unpicked $1.75 to $180, and picked $1.90 to $2 per bushel.

Honey—The market is quiet at 6 to 6½c per lb. for bulk, and $1 to $1.50 for comb.

Hay—Demand fair with offerings moderate. No. 1 new will bring $9 on track, Toronto.

Straw—The market is quiet at $5.25 to $5.50 per ton for car lots on track.

Hops—Trade dull, with prices nominal at 17 to 20c.

Potatoes—The offerings are fair, and prices are steady. Car lots are quoted at 45 to 50c per bag, and small lots at 55 to 60c per bag.

Poultry—The market is steady. Chickens, 60 to 75c per pair. Ducks 70 to 90c per pair. Turkeys, 12 to 13c per lb.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—The market is quiet without features. The chief demand is for choice qualities of dairy and creamery, and prices rule firm. We quote:—Choice 1-lb. rolls, 17 to 17½c; selected dairy, tubs, uniform color, 15 to 16c; secondary grades, store packed, 12½ to 13c; creamery prints, 20 to 20½c; solids, 18 to 18½c.

Eggs—The market is steady. We quote:—Strictly fresh gathered stock, 17c; ordinary candled, 15½ to 16c; seconds and checks, 11 to 12c.

Cheese—The market is quiet, with prices steady. Best qualities job at 11½c per lb., and seconds at 11c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Dressed hogs are unchanged. Cured meats unchanged, with a good demand. We quote:—Bacon, long clear, 10 to 10¼c, in ton and case lots. Pork—Mess, $18.50 to $19.50; do short cut, $21 50.

Lard—The market is unchanged, with fair demand. Tierces, 9¼c; tubs, 9¾c; pails, 10c; compound, 8 to 9c.

Smoked Meats.—Hams, light to medium, 14 to 14½c; do, heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 11 to 11½; shoulders, 10½c; backs, 15 to 15½c; breakfast bacon, 14 to 14½c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Detroit, Sept. 22.—Wheat—No. 1 white, 83½c; No. 2 red, cash, 83½c; September, 83½c; December, 86½c; May, 88½c.

Toledo, Sept. 22.—Wheat—Cash, 84c; September, 84c; December, 86c; May, 88¼c. Corn—Cash, 53½c; September, 53½c; December, 52⅝c; May, 52⅝c. Oats—Cash 39c; September, 39c; December, 39⅜c; May 41.

St. Louis, Sept. 22.—Wheat—Cash, 83½c; September, 86¼c; December, 85½c; May, 87⅞c.

Buffalo, Sept. 22.—Flour—Firm. Wheat—Spring unsettled; No. 1 Northern, c.i.f. September, 88⅜c; winter nominal; No. 2 red. 85c. Corn—Quiet; No. 2 yellow, 55½c; No. 2 corn, 57 to 57½c. Oats—Strong; No. 2 white, 41½c; No. 2 mixed, 38½c. Barley—Western, c.i.f., 57 to 66c. Rye—No. 2, 61c, through billed. Canal freights—Easier; wheat 4c, corn 3⅝c, to New York.

BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal Sept. 22.—Grain— Peas, 63c high freights, 72c afloat here; rye, 53c east, 58½c afloat here; buckwheat, 48 to 49c. No. 2 old oats, 37½c in store here; new, 35c afloat here, September delivery; flaxseed, $1.15 on track here; feed barley, 50c; No. 3 barley, 52½c; corn, 60c for No. 3 yellow American. Flour—Manitoba patents, $4.80; seconds, $4.50; strong bakers, $4; Ontario straight rollers, $3.90 to $4; in bags, $1.85 to $1.90; patents, $4.20 to $4.30; extras, $1.70 to $1.75. Feed—Manitoba bran, $17; shorts, $19, bags included; Ontario bran, in bulk, $16 to $16.50; shorts, in bulk, $19 to $20. Beans—Choice primes, $1.60. Provisions—Heavy Canadian short cut pork, $19 to $21; light short cut, $19; compound refined lard, 8c; pure Canadian lard, 8¾ to 9c; finest lard, 10 to 10¼c; hams, 13½ to 14½c; bacon, 14 to 15c; live hogs, $6 to $6.25; fresh killed abattoir hogs, $8.50; American clear backs, $13.75; clear shoulder pork, $18.50. Eggs—Candled, selected, 18c; straight receipts, 15½c; No. 2, 12c. Cheese—Ontario, 11¾ to 11½c; Townships, 11¼ to 11 5-16c; Quebec, 11c. Butter—Townships creamery, 20c; Quebec, 19½c; Western dairy, 15½c.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, Sept. 22.—There was a heavy run at the city Cattle Market to-day, and a large amount of business was transacted, some of the largest buyers of feeders and export cattle being in the market. The run for the day comprised 86 cars, with 1,125 head of cattle, 2,300 sheep and lambs, 1,611 hogs, and 32 calves. The bulk of the cattle buying to-day was in feeders and stockers. There is a good demand for export cattle, at $4.80 to $4.85, top prices.

The butchers' trade was a little slow, but a large amount of stock in this class was cleared out, good to choice cattle selling steady at $4 to $4.40; medium cattle at $3.70.

Feeders—Feeding bulls sold at $2.50 to $3.12½; steers up to $2.75; light cattle at $1.50 to $3.30.

Hogs unchanged at $6 for the top; market weak.

Sheep and lambs steady; market steady.

Export, heavy .....$	4 50 to	$4 85
Export, light	4 10	4 25
Bulls, export, heavy, cwt	4 00	4 25
do light	3 00	3 50
Feeders, light, 800 lbs. and upwards	3 25	3 35
Stockers, 400 to 800 lbs.	3 00	3 40
do 900 lbs.	3 65	3 75
Butchers' cattle, choice	3 75	4 25
do medium	3 50	3 90
do picked	4 00	4 50
do bulls	2 75	3 00
do rough	2 50	2 60
Light stock bulls, cwt.	2 25	2 50
Milch cows	30 00	52 00
Hogs, best	6 00	
do light	5 75	
Sheep, export, cwt .	3 40	3 50
Bucks	2 50	2 75
Culls	2 25	3 75
Calves, each	2 00	8 00
Spring lambs	3 75	4 00

HIS LEG CUT OFF.

Detroit Man Struck by Train at Stratford Crossing.

A Stratford despatch says: John White, of Detroit, a moulder, while going over a crossing near the Grand Trunk Railway yards on Thursday night, was struck by the north train on its way to the round-house. The train passed over his leg above the ankle, almost severing it. He was taken to the hospital, where amputation was found necessary.

TORONTO SEWERS BEST.

Verdict of Touring Committee of the Chicago Aldermen.

A Chicago despatch says :—The aldermen who have been inspcting the sewerage systems of the various cities in the United states and Canada have returned. They say that the system in Toronto is the best of any they have seen.

WILL CLOSE COTTON MILLS

Company Will Suspend Work for a Fortnight.

A Kingston despatch says: Owing to the present conditions of the cotton trade, and the high prices for raw material, the company controlling the Kingston mill has decided to close down its works for the next two weeks. The order was issued here on Friday. While the mill is shut down necessary repairs will be made.

ONE HUNDRED PERISHED.

Chinese Steamer Capsized in a Typhoon.

A despatch to the London Daily Mail from Hong Kong announces that during a typhoon a steamer, On-Ling-Wo, capsized off Kwang-Chau-Wan, and one hundred persons perished.

The White Star Line has taken over the steamers Columbus, Commomwealth, New England, and Mayflower, of the Dominion Line. They will all be re-christened.

SHIP IN FLAMES.

St. John River Svenes of Terrible Accident.

A St. John, N.B., despatch says :—The Star Line Steamship Company's steamer David Weston, Capt Edward W. Day, caught fire off Craig's Point, about 20 miles up the river at three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, and was totally destroyed. Three people were drowned and seven or eight injured. The dead are :—Etta Morrell, aged 27, of St. John, waitress on the steamer; Fred Downey, aged 21, of St. John, deck hand; Stephen Hood Rowan, aged 11, of Manchester, England, passenger. None of the injured are seriously hurt.

The David Watson was on her regular trip from Fredericton to this city, and carried about 40 passengers, 18 officers and crew, and had a large freight cargo and up-river mails. All went as usual until about three o'clock, when off Craig's Point, fire was discovered among some bales of hay on the lower deck. It is supposed a careless smoker was the cause of the fire. Quick as was its discovery, and quick as action to put it out was taken, nothing could be done. The engineer had connected with the pumps at once, but almost before the stream could be raised he was driven from his post by the flames. Feeding on the hay and on the dry and oil-soaked woodwork of the steamer, the fire spread with the rapidity of lightning, and in five minutes the hull was ablaze.

Capt. Day had, on learning of the fire, placed Mate William Whelpley in charge of the wheel with orders to beach the steamer, while the captain took command of the ship's boat. The flames prevented launching of one, but the second was soon in the water, and a load of passengers hurried ashore. Two or three trips were made, aided by boats from shore, and meanwhile the flaming vessel was pointing bow on for the beach, where she was grounded, but Whelpley did not get her there without a display of heroism. The flames had reached the wheel house and it looked as if he would have to leave his post, but he stuck to it until the steamer's nose was on the shore.

The vessel was then all afire amidships, and the flames were eating their way fore and aft. The boats were plying from the afterpart to the shore, and men and women alike had to clamber from the upper deck over the rail to the boats. Many were saved in this way.

Meanwhile the three casualties had taken place. Miss Morrell, the waitress, had become badily frightened and jumped overboard. Fred Downey, the deck-hand, who lost his life, had become penned in the flames as he reached the deck rail. The English lad, Stephen Hood Rowan, was in care of his aunt, Miss Rowan, of St. John, and was on a pleasure trip. He climbed over the rail to reach a boat, but either fell or jumped boldly, for he, too, was drowned. Robert Friers, the kitchen boy, had a remarkable escape. He was asleep below when the fire broke out, and everybody forgot him. He was aroused by the crackling of the fire, and rushing out to find his way to the deck cut off by the flames. He returned to his room and got out of the window into the water and swam ashore.

DEATH RATHER THAN TRIAL

Jeweler Woolson Commits Suicide in Toronto.

A Toronto despatch says: George Woolson, the well-known jeweler, who managed the store owned by his wife and known as the "White Window," at 186 Queen Street west, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head, his body being found lying in the road in High Park, on Thursday afternoon by Kelsey Moore, of 9 Northcote Avenue. It was evident that the deed had been committed during Wednesday night, for the clothes were wet, and the revolver found in the right hand was slightly rusted from the rain. A hand mirror was also found beside the body. It is supposed that he used the mirror so that he would be sure to place the muzzle of the revolver on the right spot. The bullet entered the right side of the head, slightly back from the temple, and lodged in the head. The hole made by the bullet was surrounded by powder, from which it is evident that the revolver was held right against the head.

Woolson was to have appeared in the sessions to stand trial on the charge of receiving stolen property, upon which he was arrested on August 3rd, by Detective Duncan.

SOO INDUSTRIES CLOSE

Consolidated Lake Superior Takes Startling Step.

A Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., despatch says: The business men of the Sault were given a paralyzing shock on Friday through the closing down of all the industrial enterprises operated by the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. Just how long the works will remain idle the officials of the company here cannot say. The re-organization syndicate may secure the funds they require in a few weeks or everything may be shut up until such time as Speyer and Co. can get title by foreclosure proceedings. 3,500 men are affected.