

# FEW CHANGES IN BRITISH CABINET

## Lord Salisbury Will Still Retain His Position as Premier.

## LANSLOWNE TO HELP ROBERTS

In Reforms He Would Not Begin With Wolsley—Chamberlain Bitterly Attacked Over His Course Regarding Rhodes—Timothy Healy Having a Most Enjoyable Time in Ireland—Ex-Queen Natalia, of Serbia, Speaks Very Bitterly of Her Son and His Wife.

London, Oct. 6.—As a Conservative majority daily becomes more and more assured, speculation as to the personnel of the next Cabinet grows rife. The Associated Press learns that the make-up of the next Cabinet will be so similar to that of its predecessor that it will come as a starting surprise.

The Marquis of Lansdowne, who next to Mr. Chamberlain is the object of more attacks than any other Cabinet member, can have the War Office portfolio again if he desires; and he probably will accept it, as he has implicitly pledged Lord Roberts, and is anxious to co-operate with him in reforming the army. It has been contemplated for some time, but would not commence with Lord Wolsley, late Commander-in-Chief, and Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood, Adjutant-General, with whom his relations are greatly strained.

Lord Salisbury, it is believed, would not relinquish the premiership, but it is quite probable that either will have such an offer, though Gen. Wood does not intend to retire, much to the relief of the leading Conservatives in Ireland who are bitterly opposed to Mr. Gerald Balfour's (the Chief Secretary) and Earl Cadogan's attempt at non-partisan government. Lord Salisbury will resume the Premiership and the Foreign Office portfolio, at least everything he has said to his fellow-members of the Cabinet points to his doing so.

**The Admiralty.**

The only really important change made in the Admiralty, for which the Right Hon. Robert Walsley is considered, though Lord George Hamilton, who formerly was the naval minister, has been asked to remain at the head of the India office. The Earl of Selborne, at present Mr. Chamberlain's assistant, has been selected for preference. He is regarded as one of the strongest men in the Government and may yet get a seat in the Cabinet in place of the Right Hon. Walter Long, President of the Board of Admiralty. He does not seem to have any special duties, but he will add one more to the long list of Lord Salisbury's relatives controlling England's destinies, as he married the Premier's daughter.

**Chamberlain's Enemies.**

The vigorous personal attacks upon Mr. Chamberlain continue and the reality of defeat hangs upon the Liberals. The Hon. W. J. Stanshope's reversal of Balfour is considered by the K. S. as a direct rebuff for his bitter denunciations of Mr. Chamberlain, but Mr. Stanshope adheres to his attitude, reiterating that he is ready to prove in the courts that Mr. Chamberlain only withheld Cecil Rhodes' name in the House of Commons because another member had letters in his pocket implicating Mr. Chamberlain with the man. This member, though not named by Mr. Stanshope, the Associated Press learns, is Mr. Abel Thomas, a Liberal, who represented East Carmarthenshire in the last Parliament.

The Chamberlain in the end, it is generally expected, will practically be the only interesting figure in the struggle in England, there are in Ireland several more who are stirring up the country in such a chaotic condition of party lines as has never occurred before. It is charged that Mr. Herbert Morrison, who was a member of the House of Commons, has written a letter to the Times, signed 'The Liberator', in which he has attacked Mr. Chamberlain's policy and has called for a coalition government, and that the bitterness injected into the fight equals that of the historic fight between the Conservatives and the Liberal Unionists.

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City of London Volunteers Sail for Home—Quick Recovery of the Wounded—Boer Prisoners Protest Against the Continuation of the War—Lord Roberts' Return.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The South African mail, which arrived today, brought several reports to the Militia Department. Lieut. Col. Otter, in his report for the week ending 24th August, from Krugersdorp, says: "In connection with the past month's service it may interest you to know that the battalion has so far completed 1,000 miles of straight marching since its arrival in this country, and that during the last two weeks we have not had a man fall out on the march, although our average was 17 miles a day. The battalion, when it reached Krugersdorp, Aug. 22, was very weak, only 400, all ranks, but was certainly the first-class marching team. General Hart, on our leaving Krugersdorp, took occasion to express his gratification with the conduct of the battalion and his regret at parting with it, and wished it every good fortune. This expression from an officer of General Hart's stamp I consider a great compliment. During our recent marches I have tried the experience of organized singing, and found this to work admirably. "I am very glad to be able to report that Captain Macdonell has rejoined the battalion from being a prisoner in the enemy's hands. He was, however, in the usual board of officers (Imperial) and has been exonerated from all blame. He is looking very well, and gives a very interesting account of his experience, and though well treated, he still underwent a good deal of privation and physical hardship while being hurried about the country with General De Wet's commando.

**Refugees Return.**

London, Oct. 5.—The Foreign Office has received the following despatch from the British High Commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner:

"The refugees will begin to return to the Transvaal Oct. 16, at the rate of about 1,000 weekly. It will take at least three months to repatriate those who are waiting in South Africa."

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Col. Otter reports with regret the loss of the following regimental records: Order books from date of embarkation to February 11th, record of officers' services, regimental muster rolls, court-martial records, boards of officers, courts of inquiry, files of important regimental papers, books of reference and medical sheets. These records were left at Bloemfontein in charge of a non-commissioned officer named 'Tommy' who was captured by the Boers on the 19th. Flynn was severely wounded in the shoulder. Morrison's horse was killed.

**Shot by Boers.**

On the same date Capt. J. R. Taylor was passing the Boers near the camp when he was fired on and mortally wounded, being shot through the abdomen, and died four hours afterwards. He was buried with military honors, and the following telegram was sent to his sister, Mrs. Terry, in Calgary: "Battalion sincerely regrets your brother's death."

Gen. Hutton, he says, congratulated the battalion on the manner in which the Boers were dealt with.

Major Williams, temporarily in command of the 1st Battalion, C. M. F., reporting from Noortwyk, Aug. 27th, notes the return of Lieut. Col. Lessard from sick leave.

## Hurdman and Red Cross Fund.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—The family of Major Hurdman, commanding D Battalion, received a letter from him yesterday, in which he expressed an interesting opinion regarding the Red Cross fund. He says: "I don't know how much money I will have left of what was given me in Ottawa for the men, as I have had to buy a great many comforts for them. We have not received any of the things that were sent us, but when we have the cash we can get what we need. I have had a great deal of trouble getting the things I want, and the men were not well, and what I did get I had to pay three prices for. It is simply impossible to get anything out here. I have been able to get some things, but at a price. I will have something to say about the Canadian Red Cross fund and the way it was expended out here. Since landing in Cape Town I have seen one penny for anything purchased for my battery from the same source. Perhaps they get some for use on the strength of my way back, but I have my doubts about it. There are some things I would like to buy about the manager of that fund out here, but I think it will be better to wait until I get home. There is one thing that you can rest assured of, and that is that if any men will spend my own money for them."

Major Hurdman thoroughly ap-

## MARCHAND'S LAST WORDS.

Late Premier of Quebec Bids Constituents Farewell.

Montreal, Oct. 5.—A few days before his death, after making his will, the late Hon. Mr. Marchand called one of the members of his family to his bedside and dictated the following farrowed letter to his constituents: "I am going through a crisis which may have a fatal end. As my mind is very often turned towards you, I have honored me with your confidence ever since my youth. I am impressed to send you my last thanks for the sympathies which you have always bestowed upon me. "I have constantly endeavored to discharge with scrupulous correctness the trust which I held from you, for I never understood that the pledge given to a community was less binding on conscience and honor than a promise made to a private individual. "Rest assured, my dear and faithful friends, that if I failed in anything in the discharge of my duty, it was not willingly. It has always been my desire to serve my country to the full extent of my capacity. "One of my regrets is to leave the arena at the moment when the Federal contest is beginning. It would have been my desire to furnish my humble support to my friend, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. I have, however, the consolation of knowing that the old Liberal flag will continue to float over the whole district of Beville."

## CHINESE IMMIGRATION.

The Commission Holds Its First Meeting in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—The first meeting of the Royal Commission to investigate and report upon certain statements relating to Chinese and Japanese immigration into Canada was held here yesterday. There were present R. C. Clute, Q. C., and D. J. Mann. The other commissioner, Ralph Smith, M. P., is busy with his election at Nanaimo. George Simpson, of the Hansard staff, was appointed stenographer to the commission. Arrangements were made to make a full and exhaustive inquiry into the whole subject, and the commission then adjourned to hold its next meeting on the Pacific Coast.

With such men as Clute, Smith and Mann, the investigation will be thorough, and therefore the remedy must follow. Mr. Clute's work in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass and the great mining strike of the bondholders' great district where he was assailed by a mob, is a guarantee that nothing will be left undone to place grievances in regard to Chinese and Japanese immigration among those burning questions already set before the British Government.

## STRIKE STOPS WORK.

And Many Delays Improvements.

Port Colborne, Oct. 7.—As a result of the strike of the dockmen, the Port Colborne & Co. contractors have decided to do up today up their 300 men will be through out of work and that work on the harbor improvements will be practically at a standstill.

Mr. Stephen J. Young, B. A., of Trenton, was nominated by the Liberals for Burrard constituency.

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