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TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Dec. 21st.—At the Royal Colonial Institute today, with Sir Chas. Lucas presiding, a lecture entitled "The revival of the West Indies" was delivered by Sir Edward Davson. After describing West Indian trade conditions up to the time of the war, Sir Edward said the first factor to contribute to the revival was the granting of a preference by the mother country of one-sixth of the duty on products of the colonies, and he expressed the hope and urged the importance that the system be considered a permanent part of the Imperial policy. Another factor was the reciprocal trading agreement between Canada and the West Indies now in course of ratification which should mean a great development in trade between the parties concerned. Much new machinery was being imported, which, with greater chemical control and improved research work, should enable the West Indian sugar industry to successfully compete with other countries, and to greatly increase in the future. Trinidad, said Sir Edward Davson, was becoming an important factor, considering the oil production of the world, and with the large companies now represented in the island, there was every prospect for favourable development of this oil resources. The problem of steamship communication was mainly one of supplying adequate transport between the West Indies, Canada and the Mother Country. A service between England and the West Indies was difficult, but he expressed the hope that a solution would be found shortly. Experience had proved West Indian cable

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communication to have been disastrous and it was fully agreed that a new cable between Bermuda and Trinidad was required. With the possibility of their decreasing, making it possible for them to become a commercial proposition, careful attention had been given to wireless, telegraphy and telephony and the development of aviation between the islands. They must expand, socially, intellectually and politically to reach the fullest development and in order to promote better conditions of life it was essential to consider the questions of education and health. Sir Edward expressed the hope that improved financial condition would enable attention to be devoted to education suitable to the needs of the communities and the training of children in matters of sanitation. The local medical services, in spite of lack of funds, were continually working for the eradication of disease. Recent medical research, together with greater

potential spending power, encourages the hope that further improvement will be made in this direction. It was obvious that the position of the West Indies would be greatly strengthened by the formation of a united West Indian Commonwealth, but the difficulties in this direction are very great and West Indians have never expressed unanimous approval of any such scheme. If the custom of holding conferences of experts on subjects calling for united action could be brought to a definite system of periodic meetings, it might be sufficient in the meantime, to unite the West Indies in all matters which call for joint action and preserve the independence of the colonies in matters concerning our own affairs.

Sydney, N. S. W. Dec. 22nd.—Australia won the first test match from England today by 377 runs. The Aus-

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