

THE ACADIAN.

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Liberals in Retreat.

By the Liberals in Britain a change is being made in the party attitude towards the Lords. Instead of furiously demanding the destruction of the Upper House, these gentlemen are now clamoring for its reform. This is a tribute to the stability and to the caution of the British elector. It means that the leaders, having tested the single chamber proposition of Lloyd George and the other Socialists, have discovered that it is not a good plank upon which to stand. The truth with reference to the Lords, of course, is that the chamber has been a valuable estate of the realm.

In older days it was the protector of the liberties of the people against the aggressions of the King. In modern times it has stood between the people and the politicians of the more extreme type. That it is frequently right in its interpretation of the will of the country history proves. That, where it is wrong in the exercise of the veto, the error is speedily corrected, is also a fact beyond dispute. It threw out the Home Rule Bill and

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HOUSE OF LORDS.

The relations between the two houses of the British parliament have never been definitely settled. Theoretically the Lords may veto any measure passed by the House of Commons; in practice this power is very rarely used. When used, as in the case of Mr. Gladstone's home rule bill, it is always on the ground that the people have had no opportunity to pronounce upon the question at issue, and with the understanding that if the people do so pronounce at the next general election, the Lords will accept the country's verdict whatever it may be.

What does history tell us? In course of time the Commons claimed the exclusive right to control the raising and expenditure of revenue, and this right was tacitly, though not expressly, conceded by the Lords. The elder Pitt said: "In legislation the three estates of the realm are alike concerned; the concurrence of the Peers and the crown to law is only necessary to clothe it with the form of law. The gift and grant is of the Commons alone." For 150 years there was scarcely a dispute upon this privilege. The Lords

entered abstained from making any amendment, or avoided misunderstanding by retaining the amended bill. And when an amendment was made to which the Commons could not concur, on the ground of privilege, it was their custom, to save their privilege by sending up a new bill, embracing the Lords' amendment.

As long ago as 1671, however, the Lords claimed the right "while training from amending a money bill, to reject the whole of it. In argument the Commons were content to recognize this right, but they would probably have refused to submit to its practical exercise, which was never attempted.

While the Lords abstained from interference with supplies and ways and means granted for the public service, they occasionally rejected or postponed other bills incidentally affecting supply and taxation; bills imposing or repealing protective duties, bills for the regulation of trade, etc. Of these the greater part were measures of revenue, and as a rule their fate excited no jealousy. The only notable exception was the corn law bill of 1827.

Canadian Fruit.

Canadian fruit attracted much attention and was highly favorable comment at the Horticultural Show in London. Nova Scotia and Ontario, hitherto the chief exporters of fruit, were not represented in the show on this occasion, but British Columbia and New Brunswick made fine exhibits. The Standard of Empire says, "The possibilities of fruit growing in Canada were brought prominently before us in the annual exhibition of Colonial fruit. The British Columbia exhibit, especially of apples and pears, was again a revelation of symmetry of shape, beauty of color, and clean healthy growth. The province was awarded the society's gold medal. Among the newcomers was New Brunswick, making a most creditable display of a great variety of apples, which says much for the capacities of this province for fruit-growing, in respect of which very little has been heard hitherto. The silver gilt Knightian medal was awarded for the collective exhibit and silver Bankian medal to three individual exhibitors.

The storm of Sunday committed great havoc in Boston. The tides were higher than for some 50 years past and overflowed the cellars of some of the lower streets such as Atlantic Avenue causing damage to contents of more than a million dollars, and three lives were lost. The snow also fell heavily. The tide, it is said was fourteen feet higher than for any year since 1851. Electric light lines were put out of order, and many cities outside Boston were in darkness. New York city had a still heavier snow fall, and many parts of the city were completely snow bound for a time. Some ten thousand workmen and six thousand trucks were engaged in removing the snow. It was also very cold. The railroads were held up. Many ship-wards also occurred along the coast.

In Sydney, New South Wales, business has been so demoralized by the coal strike, that the legislature has taken the drastic step of passing a bill making both strike leaders and employees who instigate or aid in a strike or lock-out liable to a year's imprisonment. That's the right thing to do, and our legislators will do well to pass a similar bill when the Legislature meets next month. The situation in Cape Breton calls for drastic legislation.

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A strange phenomenon was experienced in Europe last week. Winter changed suddenly to summer temperature, the contrast being most marked in Spain, France and Switzerland. Destructive floods ensued and great damage was done. The like has not been experienced for fifty years. In some places houses were carried away, and a number of persons drowned.

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day it suspends the operation of the budget, and if the people declare that it is wrong it will have to enact the delayed proposition. The power exercised by the Lords is necessary in a democratic country. All countries ruled by an elected chamber have this check. The United States, as a matter of fact, has a double veto against the single veto exercised by the British Upper House. Should the House of Representatives at Washington undertake a radical change in the policy of the nation, the Senate can veto its proposal. Should the Senate agree to the scheme, the President may intervene and stop the progress of the legislation. If the Popular House, which is responsible for the proposal, returns to the electorate and is endorsed, the other branches of the Legislature are not required to assist in the passage of the proposed law, but are free to continue the veto, notwithstanding the verdict of the electorate upon the question at issue. In the United States the veto of the Upper House and of the President can be freely employed. If there are two checks upon the popular branch of the Legislature at Washington, why should not there be a check in London? While a Second Chamber is needed, it does not follow that the House of Lords is a properly constituted. That house is, of course, recognized by all but extreme Radicals as the ablest legislative chamber in the world. Its principal members are men of eminence in many walks of life. Its oratory is unexcelled. Its judgment upon all matters coming before it is keen, and in many cases more accurate than that of the Commons. The hereditary principle, however, does not work out satisfactorily. It is quite contrary to the genius of the period that men should pass into the Legislature owing to the accident of birth.

A measure of reform is therefore needed for the House of Lords. There ought to be appointed in the chamber more of the leaders in law, in literature, in industry, in commerce, in the arts, and in the sciences, and the hereditary lord ought not to enter the House unless he has shown, by his work for the State, that he is qualified to share in the exercise of the power appertaining to the Second Chamber. The abolition of the Upper House is not wanted by the thoughtful and responsible men of England. But reform has been talked about for years, and has been advocated by some of the greatest minds in both parties. In abandoning the demand for abolition, and adopting the policy of reform in its stead, the Liberals are paying a tribute to British common sense while attempting their own salvation.

The College of Agriculture, Truro, N. S., will start its winter course on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. The course for men consists of animal husbandry, field husbandry, manures and fertilizers, horticulture, dairying and poultry raising. Course lasts from 4th to 14th January inclusive. Every day has a program beginning at 9 a. m., and closing at 4.30 p. m. Tuition is free, and board can be had from \$3.50 to \$4.00 a week.

Fire in Halifax Christmas night started in upper story of Lane's hat store on Grassville St., completely gutting that part of the building, and did damage to extent of \$15,000 to building and Lane's stock, and that of W. & A. Gator, in south end of the building. Goods in lower floors, hats, furs, etc., badly damaged by water and smoke.

We notice that Halifax and St. John newspapers announce that Prof. H. G. Hartmann, of the chair of Philosophy in Acadia University, has tendered his resignation. We have not heard if this resignation comes into effect at once, or at the end of the college year.

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