

ASQUITH CLEARS THE DECKS KING TO DISSOLVE COMMONS PREMIER SCORES THE LORDS

Vote on Resolution Condemning Upper House for Rejecting Budget Was 394 to 134—Premier in Scathing Arraignment of Peers Says If Government Wins All Taxes of Budget Will Be Re-Enacted.

London, Dec. 2.—The House of Commons, by a vote of 394 to 134 today, passed the resolution of Premier Asquith to the effect that in rejecting the Government's budget bill the House of Lords had committed a breach of the constitution, and usurped the rights of the House of Commons.

London, Dec. 2.—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons today that the Government had advised King Edward to dissolve Parliament, and that his majesty had accepted the invitation. The Premier added that if the Liberals were returned to power the first act of the Government would be the re-enactment of all the taxes for which provision was made in the budget by the House of Lords.

All the preliminaries to the great political battle are being cleared away this afternoon at Sandringham, where the King held a meeting with the privy council, during which he signed an order proroguing Parliament until Jan. 17, 1910. The fixing of this date was a mere formality.

Asquith Replies.
The centre of interest today was the House of Commons, where Premier Asquith, on behalf of his Government, delivered the reply to the action of the Lords in withholding their consent upon the budget. The House was crowded with members, and the galleries were filled with lords, diplomats and other distinguished personages. The ministers and Unionist leaders, including A. J. Balfour, who had sufficiently recovered from an indisposition to take part in the debate, entered the chamber during the course of the routine business, and were received with cheers by their supporters, who rose to their feet and waved their hats in welcome to the chief.

The Nationalists, who had decided not to participate in the debate or division, were conspicuous by their absence.

Great Demonstration.
Premier Asquith's first words as he rose amid the wildest demonstration of enthusiasm were: "To adopt such a course as this has given notice on Tuesday were: 'We are meeting this afternoon under circumstances without example in the history of the British Parliament.'"

The prime minister pointed out that in opening parliament the King had invited the House of Commons alone to make provision for the national expenditure in view of the necessities in the way of social reform.

and the national defence. The budget was the result, and it represented, he said, in a greater degree than any other measure of "our time," the liberating work of an overwhelming majority of the representatives of the people. In the course of the week that whole fabric had been thrown to the ground by a body which admittedly had no power to increase or decrease a single tax. With much emphasis Premier Asquith declared that the House of Commons would prove unworthy of its traditions if it allowed a single day to pass without making clear that it did not mean to brook this grave indignity and arrogant usurpation of its rights.

Will Have to Borrow.
The session of Parliament was closing, the Premier said, without a financial act, and until fresh provision could be made the necessities of state could be supplied only through borrowing.

He expressed the hope that the ultimate loss to the Government would not be very great, but added that so far as the present financial year was concerned it was obvious that the result of the action of the House of Lords must be the largest deficit yet known in the history of the country. He had been unprepared, he said, to find the House of Commons had to stoop to the humiliation of presenting to the House of Lords an amended budget, trimmed to meet their objections. To adopt such a suggestion would be a recognition of the Lords' right to amend the bill. The only course left open to the Government was to advise the King to dissolve Parliament at the earliest opportunity, and his majesty had accepted the advice. Accordingly the new House of Commons would provide retrospectively and prospectively for the needs of the country.

Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, announced that the Government could have the whole-hearted support of the Laborites.

Date of Elections.
London, Dec. 2.—It is understood that Parliament will be dissolved so as to permit the holding of elections between Jan. 10 and 20. The prorogation will take place tomorrow.

Many Names Added
TO VOTERS' LIST
114 Were Put On at the Recent Session of the Judges' Court.

At the recent session of the judge's court of revision, 114 names were added to the voters' lists of the city, among them being the following:

Abraham Auld, 371 Dundas street; John R. Anderson, 34 Burwell street; Malcolm S. Aikenhead, 233 Princess avenue; George J. Aust, 623 Wellington street; Lewis J. Bauman, 330 Loraine avenue; William Barrow, 227 Richmond street; Jos. Baynes, 226 1/2 Dundas street; C. E. Bernard, 379 Wellington street; John J. Biggs, 97 Carling street; Harry Bond, 713 Maitland street; Robert Blinn, 354 Richmond street; Fred J. Bollman, 39 Bruce street.

John Campbell, 657 Colborne street; Fred W. Charlton, 27 Peter street; J. L. Connor, 748 Dundas street; Thos. Coombs, 392 Clarence street; Wallace Corbett, 140 Dundas street; William C. Cook, 369 Richmond street; George E. Cornell, 110 Marley Place; Part Cottam, 270 Grosvenor street; Chas. Courten, 78 Dundas street; Henry Curtis, 423 Wellington street.

Eliza Dean, 17 Dean street; Reginald Dickinson, Ingleside street; John M. Doyle, 492 Talbot street; M. J. Doyle, 49 Colborne street; Isabel Dunnett, 26 Dundas street; Nina Dunnett, 26 Dundas street.

Chas. H. Eshlin, 626 Princess avenue; John English, 47 Wilson avenue; William Evelyn, 238 Dundas street; Victor S. Ferris, 330 Dundas street; Edward Ford, 651 Central avenue; John P. Forristal, 263 Simcoe street; Harry Foster, 10 Brighton street; Leta M. J. Foster, 98 Brighton street; Geo. Fulcher, 140 Hamilton road; David Gillett, 20 Cartwright street; David Gilmore, 51 Blackfriars street; Lloyd Glenville, 768 King street; Milford Graham, 4 St. Aubrey street; James Hamilton, 517 Richmond street; John Hamilton, 517 Richmond street; Alfred G. Harrison, 14 Oxford street; Fred Howe, 1024 Trafalgar street; William Henderson, 354 Richmond street; Samuel Henderson, 761 Colborne street; William Howden, 140 Dundas street; James E. Hill, 847 Lovett street; Harold J. Hughes, 6 Lorne avenue; Alex. M. Hunter, 791 Lorne avenue.

Alfred Jameson, 369 Queen's avenue; Alex. A. Johnston, 60 Argyle street; James Johnson, 85 Catharine street; Continued on Page Nine.

NON-SUPPORT CASES FALL OFF INDIAN LISTERS DYING OUT

Chief of Police Williams Says Present Year Has Been a Very Quiet One—Some Features of the Statistics Being Prepared.

Police Court Clerk Moule is preparing his quarterly statement, and when it is issued, probably about Saturday, it will be found to contain far less names than usual. It is a long time since there has been a period with so few cases as have occurred in the last three months. Nothing of a serious nature has occurred at all.

A noticeable feature is the almost complete absence of non-support cases. In the last quarter of last year cases of this nature were very plentiful. So far there have only been one or two.

Fewer Indians.
There is a noticeable falling off in the convictions for members of the Indian list brigade. The listers are apparently taking the hint that they are not wanted in London unless they behave themselves, and are either behaving properly or have got out of town. The whole year so far has been one of the quietest we ever had," Chief Williams told The Advertiser today. "I think there will be fully 300 less cases in the listers than the end of the year than there were in 1908. We have not had anything of a serious nature for some time."

ED. MARA CHARGED WITH BARN-BURNING

Arraigned in Court This Morning Before Judge Talbot Macbeth.

CASE STILL GOING ON

Evidence Appears to Hinge on Tracing of Certain Tracks—Nail Missing in a Shoe.

Edward Mara, of McGillivray Township, appeared before Judge Macbeth in the county criminal court this morning, charged with the burning of a barn belonging to James Carter, some months ago.

The evidence brought out the fact that marks of a man running had been found at the time of the burning was rendered by William Patton, and leading towards Mara's barn. The boots fitted a peculiar marking of the boots, which were claimed to resemble the markings on a pair of shoes belonging to Mara.

The Evidence.
William Patton was the first witness called. He testified that he had seen the marks of a man running on the ground and also of the marks of mud on the gate of the line fence between the two properties.

"Were there anything peculiar about the marks?" asked Mr. McKillop.
"Yes," the shoe marks were full of nails," he replied.

County Constable Slaver was the next witness called. He told of going out to examine the tracks. He found the marks of a man running, he thought, because they were from four to six feet apart. He had also noticed the print of shoe nails in the track.

Traced the Marks.
"I traced these marks," he testified, "to within three or four rods of Mara's barn. When I got to the gate I saw the marks of a man running, and followed the tracks back to the line fence between the two properties, and I found a track going north, evidently made by the same shoe. These tracks were, I think, of a man walking. I followed the prints to within a few rods of Mara's barn, where the soil prevented any further marks being visible. That same day I saw the boots fitted a peculiar marking of the boots, which were claimed to resemble the markings on a pair of shoes belonging to Mara."

A Search Warrant.
"It looks as if it might have been there before," said the witness. "Yes, it might have been," I went back and got a search warrant, and got the boots from the house of the accused. He was wearing them at the time."

The boots were then presented in court as evidence.
"In company with Constable Reith, of Lucan," he continued the witness, "Mr. Simpson and Mr. Hotson, I went again to the tracks and measured them, and found that the boots fitted a peculiar marking of the boots, both those going to the barn and coming from it."

A Nail Missing.
"Did you make an observation as to the marking of the tracks?" asked Mr. McKillop.
"Yes, I found that there was a nail missing on the track of the right foot, and in examining the boots we found that there was a nail lacking at the same place."

Jeremiah W. Hotson, who resides just across the road from the pattern place, told of the night of the fire, and how at daylight of the morning he had discovered the tracks leading from the barn. He had not noticed the nail marks until Constable Reith had pointed them out to him.

Cross-Examined.
"Did you know, definitely, how the marks were made?" asked Mr. Edmund Meredith, K. C.
"No," he replied, "they might have been made by the nails or by rubbers, or by something which I don't think anyone could state with any question as to how they were made."

How many of these impressions did they make?" asked the witness.
"Only one in each track," he replied. "You measured one of Mara's feet in the tracks?"
"Yes, and it fitted well."

Not Sure of It.
William H. Simpson, corroborated this statement to a large degree. His eye-witness was not good enough for him to say definitely whether the marks were made by the nails or whether they were made by the nails in the shoe.

LOSING \$700,000 DAILY BY SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE

Milling Concern of St. Paul and Minneapolis Completely Tied Up.

St. Paul, Dec. 2.—With the importation of strike-breakers and the pressing into service of other employees of the roads, the railroads of the Northwest affected by the strike of the Switchmen's Union of North America, which went into effect Tuesday evening, began their first real work today in trying to restore normal traffic conditions between here and the Pacific coast.

Local warehouses were open today, and the roads accepted limited freight shipments to points in Dakota and Montana. Despite the efforts of the Twin Cities, in Minneapolis all the flour mills, with the exception of one small one, have stopped work, and the cessation of this industry alone throws about 5,000 men out of employment. It is stated that the mill workers will lose \$750,000 a week in wages while the business to the milling concerns will amount to \$700,000 a day.

At the head of the lakes, where the most important industries are directly dependent upon traffic conditions, a continuation for a few more days of the present congestion will force ten thousand men out of work.

Reports were circulated this morning that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen would be called out, but these reports could not be traced to an authentic source.

NORTH OXFORD REFORMERS ELECT

Woodstock, Dec. 1.—The annual meeting of the North Oxford Reform Association was held here today, and the following officers were elected: President, John McEwen; Vice-President, John McEwen; Secretary, George Mahon; Treasurer, George Mahon; Woodstock, secretary, George Mahon.

COOK INQUEST ADJOURNED JURY WILL VISIT LEONARDS

With the Object of Seeing the Place Where Accident Occurred.
The inquest into the death of Mr. James R. Cooke, commenced last night, when the jury, under Coroner Dr. Ferguson, viewed the body at the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke, and then adjourned until Wednesday evening, Dec. 8, at the police station. It was decided for the jury to visit E. Leonard & Sons' boiler shop on Friday at noon and see the place where the accident occurred. The jury was composed of John Trebilcock (foreman), D. Tripp, Charles A. Finch, J. Corsaut, T. Egleton, J. H. Anderson, H. Blashill, F. G. Myers, J. M. Shaw, William Chamberlain, Leonard Weaver, W. P. Turner, J. H. Anderson and A. Langford.

JEFFRIES IS SUAH BEAR CAT ON DREAMS

New York, Dec. 2.—When Jack Johnson heard today that Jeffries had twice dreamed that he had knocked Johnson out in the third round, he said: "That Mistah Jeffries suah is a bear cat on dreams. He better turn over on the other side."

DR. COLIN SEWELL DEAD.

Quebec, Que., Dec. 1.—Dr. Colin C. Sewell, principal medical officer, Quebec district, and one of the oldest and best-known physicians in the city died this morning at Victoria Hospital, of masonville. Mr. Hahn was 22 years old, and had been ill for some time. He is survived by two brothers at Masonville. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BEGINNING TO BOOM

Despite the Fine Weather Merchants Report That Buying Is Going On.

THE EARLY BIRD AGAIN

Remember That Now You Have Your Choice of the Biggest Lines of Goods in London.

The Christmas trade is beginning, and despite the unseasonable weather, is proving very satisfactory. Of course, it is impossible to get people to realize the advantage of doing their Christmas shopping early. It is usually only in the week before Christmas that people get well awakened to the fact that the holiday time is upon them, and then it is a matter of wearing themselves to death, and what they do not often consider, of wearing out the clerks, who are compelled to wait upon them.

Early Shoppers.
This year the Christmas shopping seems to have started somewhat earlier, which is a step in the right direction. Handlers of books and cards and calendars, reported a remarkably good trade so far. Some claim that they have at present about all they can handle without putting on extra clerks.

It is rather an unusual thing four weeks ahead of Christmas. In these times the mild weather is having little effect—in fact, one of the dealers remarked that he didn't know but that it was helping trade rather than hindering it, as people were able to do without so many of the things that in severe weather were considered almost necessities, and so had more money to spend in luxuries.

Santa Claus Warehouses.
Toy shops are beginning to take on a festive appearance, and already there is a good trade being done, especially on market days, for the farming community have the wisdom to take time by the forelock.

Then, too, children are not given to procrastinating, and in buying toys for their friends, if they can procure them early enough to have a few days' enjoyment out of them, why so much the better, even if they do run the chance of being somewhat despoiled of paint in the process.

The Christmas Demand.
The grocery business, and everything pertaining to food stuffs is likewise beginning to feel the first sign of the increasing Christmas demand.

The preparations for the holiday and for the gatherings that usually precede it, are beginning to have their effect.

Those alluring Christmas fruits and crackers are beginning to take the place of pyramids of tomato cans that were outside, can be seen in the window of a grocery store, while the spirit of Christmas can be seen in his more than ordinarily expansive smile.

Jewelry Presents.
Jewelry and other similar branches are coming in for a fairly brisk trade. Jewelry appears to be the correct thing for a young man to present to the lady of his heart, and there are many who feel that this is the time when they cannot express their feelings in anything less than gold and diamonds. So Christmas gives him the necessary excuse. Then there are always those forms of jewelry that are useful articles, and are very popular at this time of year.

Staple Lines.
It is in the staple lines of trade that the mild weather has had its greatest effect, but even that is dying out now. As a matter of fact, the fall trade was practically ruined in those lines, but the winter goods, which are now presented, are having a good sale. Even the most cheerful optimist cannot make himself believe that this weather will last much longer, and all are expecting to make up for it in a few more days of severe weather, so very few articles are feeling any qualms over their sale of winter goods.

Take it all together, there is a very good volume of business being done, and the prospects point to a very unusual Christmas trade.

NOBLES OF THE MYSTIC SHRINE HAVE LEFT FOR THEIR HOMES

Words of Praise Showered on Members of Mocha Temple for the Way They Looked After the Comforts of the Visitors—Big Meeting Is Thing of Past.

The Shriners left for their homes early today, and the city is practically deserted by the red-tipped troupe of pilgrims. On all sides words of congratulation were showered on the nobles of Mocha Temple on the splendid evening's work. It was characterized as the equal of any on the continent.

The Detroit Shriners left at noon for their homes. Few visitors are more welcome than the Nobles from the City of the Straits, and yesterday they added to their reputation as good fellows, and enthusiastic Shriners.

Illustrious Potentate H. D. Rogers, of Mosen, was in charge of things, and he did not leave a moment of dullness in the evening. He was enthusiastic in the conspiracy of fun by Noble George W. Fowle, captain of the Mosen Arab Patrol; Noble W. H. Perrett and other good fellows, and when all is said and done, no party had any more fun out of the pilgrimage to London than the Detroiters. A large number of local Shriners were at the depot to bid farewell to the pilgrims, and the Mosen contingent was a large number to attend the semi-annual function of Mosen Temple in January.

The majority of the Buffalo contingent left on a special train at 4 o'clock this morning. Dr. Alexander, illustrious potentate of Mosen Temple, did not return with the boys, but remained until today to visit with old friends in the city.

"There is no city I love to visit more than I do London," said Dr. Alexander to The Advertiser, "and there are no boys I love to meet better than your boys. We are always certain of a good time here."

Canadians Amongst Visitors.
There were many Canadians among the American visitors. Among the former

Londoners who visited Mocha was Dr. Charles, who was raised in London, but who went to Buffalo some years ago. Many old-timers gave the big fellow a hearty greeting, among them being Dr. Routledge, particularly, whose love for horses found a ready response in Dr. Charles.

Another prominent visitor known of old was H. Potentate George E. Dutton, of Elkhorn Temple, Saginaw. This was not his first trip to London, and on such occasions, and from the expressions of good-will, it should not be the last.

Two Judges.
Among the Buffalo Shriners were two judges, Judge Taylor and Judge Hammond. Both are enthusiastic Shriners, and take a great interest in the work. They were very proud of their potentate, Dr. Alexander.

The citizens are talking yet of the fine display of the Mocha Temple. The out-shinners, and they were not slow to applaud the fine work of Capt. Sackett and his men. It was great.

The hotels were crowded to capacity. The citizens were very kind to the pilgrims, and they were not slow to applaud the fine work of Capt. Sackett and his men. It was great.

All Good-Natured.
As is usual with the Shriners, the boys were most kind and happy. Some of them were good-naturedly joked, the out-shinners, but it was all good-natured, wholesome fun, and everybody enjoyed it. Dr. Potentate Davis was pleased with the result of his last session. It was the best of the series, and will be a hard one to equal.

PLAYED WITH MATCHES BURNED TO DEATH

Six-Year-Old Girl of Maxwell, Ont., Meets Tragic End.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Maxwell, Ont., Dec. 2.—Sadie Counts, 6 years old, only daughter of William Counts, was burned to death yesterday. No one was in the house with the child at the time except her aged grandmother, Mrs. McFadden, who was unable to render any assistance.

The little girl, it appears, was playing with a bunch of parlor matches, when the matches became ignited, and set fire to her dress. When her mother, who was outside, came in, she was outside, she found her in a mass of flames. She succeeded in extinguishing the fire, but was too late to save the child's life, the little one succumbing to her injuries within a short time.

WITH CLOTHING AFIRE PLUNGES INTO LAKE

Then Hurries Back to Stamp Out Fire in Her Home.

Walkerville, Ont., Dec. 2.—After risking her life to save her 6-year-old son from a blaze, following a gasoline explosion at her home on the lake shore, above here, Mrs. Arzos Drouillard rushed from her house enveloped in flames and escaped death by plunging into the lake. Then she made her way to the burning house and saved it from total destruction by stamping out the fire. She was severely burned about the arms and face. Mrs. Drouillard was using the gasoline in her housework and the explosion was caused by the child bringing a quantity into contact with the fire.

MR. MEVOY PRESENTS TWO STATED CASES

In Regard to a Charge of Selling Cigars on the Lord's Day.

In connection with the case of a local restaurant-keeper charged with breaking the law by selling cigars on Sunday, Mr. M. Mevoy, who is appearing for the defendant, has presented two stated cases through Magistrate Love to the court of appeal. The first supposed case is that of a man going into a restaurant on Sunday and merely asking for a cigar without buying anything else.

The other is that of a person having a meal at the restaurant, and then at its conclusion asking the waiter to bring him a cigar. The court of appeal will be asked to decide whether or not the cigar is part of the food. Magistrate Love contends that it is not, and pending the decision of the court of appeal has warned the restaurant-keeper that he must not sell cigars on Sunday at all.

POLICE DEPARTMENT LOOKING FOR MEN

Strapping Big Fellows Are Wanted for the Local Force.

Owing to a number of changes that have taken place in the police department there will within the next few weeks be vacancies for several good men. The new regulations which are passed at the last meeting of the board require that candidates be over 21 years of age and under 28. All candidates must be 5 feet 10 inches in height and proportionately built.

REAL ESTATE MAY HAVE OWN SLATE

Matter Is To Come Up at Meeting Scheduled for Friday Night.

The Real Estate Owners' Association may nominate a slate of their own tomorrow evening.

At the regular meeting of the association the matter will be brought up, and it is quite probable that some names will be submitted to the electorate.

Mr. Joseph Lawrence, vice-president of the association, stated today that the R. E. O. A. would run a slate of their own. He had talked the question over with a number of the members, and they were pleased with the idea, and he was confident such a slate would be put in the field. He would not say who would be on the slate, but it is quite probable that some of the members of the association would be named with some others.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he would be a candidate, but did not decide to put up a slate; in fact, he thought he might be a candidate under any circumstances.

A BUSY WEEK IN CITY HALL AFFAIRS

Many Meetings Are Scheduled To Take Place.

This will be somewhat of a busy week in city hall affairs.

Tonight the board of works and No. 3 committee will meet. Tomorrow the finance committee and the power committee will hold sessions.

There is very little to be done at the moment, it is thought. It is expected that there will be some action on the purchase of City Engineer Graydon's new steed. However, this may not pan out.

The power committee will award the contracts for the powerhouse equipment on Friday evening. Electrical Engineer Sifton has tabulated the tenders, and they will be awarded. The total amount will probably be approximately \$30,000, so Mayor Stevely stated.

On Monday next the council will meet.

TWO NEW STEAMERS

The C. P. R. to Add to Its Pacific Coast Fleet.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—A decision has been reached by the Canadian Pacific Railway to at once order two new first-class steamships for the Pacific coast service. The vessels will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200,000 and will be of similar or better type to the Princesses Victoria and Charlotte.

Capt. J. W. Tramp, manager of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service, arrived in the city yesterday, and secured an appropriation for the boats. He will sail for England to make arrangements for their construction and delivery at Vancouver by the spring of 1911. When they arrive, the C. P. R. coast service, which already consists of eighteen vessels, will be reorganized, so as to provide for a better passenger and freight service to Starway, the Yukon, and Prince Rupert, from Vancouver.

ALEX. WATSON RECOMMENDED
Will Likely Be Made Deputy Collector at Woodstock.

Woodstock, Dec. 1.—Alex. Watson, jun., of this city, will in all likelihood receive the appointment of deputy collector of customs in Woodstock to succeed the late Charles Banting. The executive of the Reform Association of North Oxford met this forenoon for the purpose of making a recommendation in regard to this appointment. E. W. Nesbitt, member for North Oxford, was present. A vote of the executive was taken, which resulted in the selection of Mr. Alex. Watson, jun., as the person to be recommended for the position.