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LONDON, TUESDAY, APRIL 26.

THE BRITISH SITUATION.

The finance bill, which is virtually the budget, passed its second reading last night in the House of Commons. It is in the committee stage today, and its third reading will conclude tomorrow at 8 p.m., when the closure will be moved. It will be brought before the House probably this week, and be accepted in obedience to antielection pledges. The collection of taxes in arrears has already begun on the strength of this assurance. The budget has done all that has been claimed for it as a revenue-producer, and the chancellor would have had a surplus of \$20,000,000 but for the interference of the upper chamber. As it is, nearly the whole of this amount may be lost through inability to reach defaulting taxpayers.

The docks are now cleared for the constitutional battle. The anti-Lords resolutions have gone to the upper chamber, but may be suspended there until the end of June. That month is the London "season," in which the King and Queen and the aristocracy arrange and attend all sorts of functions in the metropolis. These activities are almost indispensable to a large section of the retail trade. An election campaign in June would bring a wall from commercial London, and would seriously interfere with the routine of the court and of "society." The height of the crisis will therefore, probably not be reached until July or August.

The anti-Lords resolutions are to be embodied in a Government bill which will be introduced after the budget is out of the way. It is possible, the resolutions may be held up in the House of Lords until the bill, which covers the same ground, passes the House of Commons. Upon the rejection of either the resolutions or the bill, the Government will be at once obliged to tender advice to the sovereign, with the object of giving statutory effect to the will of the House of Commons. Presumably the prime minister will ask the King to create a sufficient number of Liberal peers to override the obstruction of the Unionist peers. An alternative would be a referendum, but Mr. Asquith and Mr. Redmond do not appear to favor it. It is perhaps hoped that the decision of the Government to take heroic measures will induce the peers to pass the anti-Lords resolutions and so spare the King an unpleasant dilemma. If the Lords are recalcitrant will the King act on his ministers' advice? This element of conjecture, involving the crown, deepens the interest and gravity of the situation. The refusal of the sovereign to create new peers could, of course, be used as party capital. The loyalty cry would be worked by the Unionists for all it was worth—and it would be worth a great deal, in view of the King's unique popularity. It might be that the King would compromise by agreeing to give effect to the Government policy if it were submitted to the people by means of a referendum or a general election. In that event the crown would be able to maintain its traditional attitude of impartiality, which is the condition of its authority and even of its safety.

The Unionists contend that the Government's resolutions aim at reducing the House of Lords to the simulacrum of a second chamber, in which no so-called men of eminence would care to serve. The House would continue to exercise all the functions that can properly be entrusted to a second chamber under democratic institutions, and consistent with the supremacy of the House of Commons. The power of the House of Lords to suspend any measure for two years will serve all the purposes of a revising but subordinate chamber. Mr. Churchill said in a recent debate:

"The House of Lords will have immense power, not to arrest legislation, but to modify legislation if they use their power wisely. They will have immense power during two years to modify legislation, because it will be the desire of every Government to get their bills through and allay the opposition which all great measures excite and keep alive in the country while they are under discussion. Time is a tremendous lever and a tremendous weapon either in peace or war. We are providing the House of Lords with the means of delaying measures they do not like for two whole years and three successive sessions. That is giving to the House of Lords enormous power, and all this nonsense talk so loudly put forward by so many who agree with the right hon. gentlemen opposite

that we are going to set up a single chamber system may now be relegated to the limbo of worthless and exploded political arguments."

The House of Lords should derive an authority, independent of its veto power, from its personnel. While it contains great men, unfortunately for its reputation and influence the majority have no talent for public service, being selected only by the accident of birth. They represent mainly one interest—the land—and they have only one political idea—the preservation of their privileges. The abolition of the hereditary principle is essential to the reputation of the House of Lords as a legislative body, and this is the reform which ought logically to follow the limitation of its veto. Anything it will lose as a result of the restriction of its legislative powers will be more than compensated by its gain in personal prestige through the disappearance of the "backwoodsmen" who bring it into disrepute.

VOLUNTEERS' BOUNTIES.

The action of the Dominion Government in securing the extension of one year for the location of bounty warrants, the issue of which was authorized under the volunteer bounty act of 1905, will be generally commended. Under that act the location of bounty warrants was authorized up to the end of the present year; but as the men entitled to the bounty are scattered all over the world, it was a considerable time before they all heard of the rights that had been accorded them under the act. In some cases much time was consumed in establishing rights, and it is therefore felt that the time allowed for the exercise of those rights is hardly sufficient to do justice to the case.

In addition there is the precedent that in no previous case has the right to bounties granted by Parliament been terminated at the end of the first term of the grant. In the case of the volunteers of the three Red River expeditions the rights which were terminable on a certain date were extended from year to year by further acts of Parliament, and in every case there was a number of extensions. The object on the present as on former occasions is to remove any claim of hardship that might possibly exist and yet give no longer time than is absolutely necessary to enable grantees to get the full benefits of their grants.

The only other amendment of importance provided for in the bill, as explained by Hon. Mr. Oliver, is that in specific cases in which scrip has been lost and a guarantee bond has been put up with the department of the Interior, the particular scrip shall not be valid after the end of the present year, thus shortening the period during which the grantees are required to bear the expense of carrying a bond.

Our local contemporary favors legalized gambling on race-tracks, and denounces the Minister of Justice as "a friend of gambling," because he opposes the same view. Ergo, our local contemporary is also a friend of gambling.

The new Bishop of London asserts that all men who love God should work together in the things on which they agree; and not look for occasions of discord. This is a good working creed. Let us all hope it will become a more popular one.

Mrs. McCully, of this city, who died yesterday, saw the Chesapeake towed to the Halifax harbor after her battle with the Shannon in 1812. A lifetime is a moment measured by eternity, but that of a centenarian seems an eternity measured by the progress of events in this rapidly-moving age.

Major Currie, M. P., argues that, in virtue of a statute of 1861, the supreme command and disposition of all the land and sea forces of the Empire is the right of the King, and the Canadian Parliament has therefore nothing to say about the Canadian forces. Major Currie's political ideas belong to about 1861. He would have qualified for a sinecure under the Merry Monarch, who made a mess of the naval business.

Sir William Van Horne has resigned the chairmanship of the C. P. R. board of directors on the plea of advancing age, and the desire to shake off business cares that encroach on his time and freedom. Sir William is one of the happily constituted men of affairs who have cultivated interests which render leisure a delight and not a bore. It is pretty well known that he is one of the greatest art connoisseurs in the country. Perhaps Sir William will now enjoy life as never before.

The Brantford license commissioners have renewed the licenses of two men whose hotels are so inadequate that they have been ordered to secure new premises. The commissioners have refused licenses to three men who have large and well-appointed hotels, upon which they have spent considerable money. The two lucky men can have a strong party pull, of course. Evidently it is not necessary to "keep hotel" in order to keep a license, in spite of the Provincial Secretary's professions to the contrary.

GOOD ADVICE.

If the (Conservative) party would listen to good advice from a reliable source, it might be informed that its weakness is not so much in its leaders or its lieutenants as in its inordinate desire for office and the perquisites of office. It has been out of office for thirteen years, and it has become absolutely ravenous. In its savagery, being helpless to tear the Grits, it turns upon and rends itself. It is looking wildly for someone to hold responsible



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for its condition, and in its blindness it accuses its leaders. It cannot see that the people of Canada will never have confidence in a party that has no policy but an appetite for office.

QUEER PHILANTHROPY.

(Ottawa Journal.)
 Whether or not there is anything inherently immoral in a stock exchange "corner" of wheat, of necessity, each man must decide for himself. But when a man like Patten, the Chicago operator of the most recent corner, intimates in a magazine article that his action was the result of a philanthropic desire for the welfare of humanity, one feels a keen desire to beat him with the flat side of a cricket bat till he howls for mercy.

WE SHALL SEE.

(Montreal Star.)
 If it is true that the increased cost of living is sending people to the country earlier than usual this spring, it will be interesting to know what districts are classified as economical by the end of the summer.

BOTH UNSETTLED.

(Montreal Star.)
 Mrs. Briggs—A safe conversational rule is, when in doubt talk of the weather.
 Mr. Briggs—Surely, Well, I was just yesterday, and on my speaking of the weather, he replied: "Yes, it is unsettled and that reminds me of that bill of yours."

INQUISITIVE.

(Halifax Express.)
 "Where does the cold water come from?" asked a frowdy, small visitor from the country.
 "From the river," he was told.
 "And where does the hot water come from?" he pursued, with a strange air in his voice.

A REAL HUSTLER.

(St. Louis Magazine.)
 Lady to a suitor—Yes, I advertised for a maid of all work. Are you an early riser?
 Applicant—Indeed, an Oil and milk man. At last place of work was an oil and milk man. I was not used to the work, but I put away all the milk and butter and any other thing in the house was up.

AN EXPENSIVE PRODUCT.

(Chicago Tribune.)
 Customer—Mr. Wilford, why do you charge such an enormous price for a pound and a half of oat chops?
 Butcher—Mrs. Bartleson, think of the gallons and gallons of sweet milk it has taken to grow that calf.

CHARGED FOR CURIOSITY.

(St. Louis Moments.)
 Rich—What is the reason you charge twice as much for my cuffs as you did formerly?
 Landlady—Because you have begun making pencil notes on them.

TRIAL BEFORE PURCHASE.

(Pittsboro News.)
 "I'd like that sawn-up tin there, but do you think it's large enough to take a pig's head?"
 "I'll take it down, madam, and then you'll be able to see for yourself."

A REMINDER.

(Detroit News.)
 At last the time has rolled around. When angleworms peer from the ground, so get your fishing tackle out. And catch once more that whooper trout. The one you told your fellow-men you'd landed time and time again. But when you took him off the hook, had let him flop back in the brook.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE, ETC.

(Life.)
 Wife—What sort of a play would you like to see?
 Husband—Something lively, that keeps you awake, and has plenty of music in it.
 "I'm! You'd better stay at home and take care of the baby."

BETTER TIMES COMING.

Enraged Creditor—I've had enough of mounting all these stairs every day to collect this bill.
 Debtor—Well, I can tell you a piece of news that will please you. After tomorrow I'm going to live in the basement.

DEVONSHIRE DITTY.

(Aired News.)
 When we die—we'll think of Devon. Where the garden's all glow. With the flowers that stray across the grey old wall.
 Then we'll climb it, out of heaven, From the other side, you know, Struggle over it from heaven. With the apple-blossom snow, Tumble back again to Devon. Laugh and love as long ago, Where there isn't any fiery sword at all.

YOUNG TYRANTS.

(Punch.)
 A charming young mother visits her son at a preparatory school. She finds him in the playground, where other boys

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200 Boys' Jummy Tweed Suits, in Norfolk and double-breasted styles, good strong tweeds, well lined and fit perfectly. Sizes 8 to 15 years. Regular price, \$4.00. Wednesday for **\$2.19**

15 dozen Moire Petticoats, in black, navy and brown colors, deep flounce effect, neatly finished with tucks and cording. Splendid wearing material, with bright, silky finish. On sale Wednesday at 9 a.m., for **98c**

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are walking about, and approaches him with open arms.
 Mother—Well, my darling!
 Son—Swiftly extending two fingers—I say, mother, don't look so glaucously pleased before all these fellows.

THE MODERN CATECHISM.

(S. E. Kisor.)
 Give a definition of success—
 "Money."
 Give a synonym for happiness—
 "Money."
 What attracts honor to a name?
 "Money."
 What produces privilege and fame?
 "Money."
 What reflects the splendor of all brains?
 "Money."

GIVE A DEFINITION OF RESPECT—

"Money."
 What enables people to "connect"?
 "Money."
 What brings haughty monarchs to their knees?
 "Money."
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QUEBEC LIBERALS AND EMPIRE.
 (Canadian Correspondence London Times.)
 Nothing is more striking than the species of the Quebec Liberal members who have taken part in the debate. While they have expressed loyalty to Great Britain and concern for the empire in language as clear and as unequivocal as any uttered by English-speaking representatives. In this city they are supported by the French Liberal members with discreet, moderate, straightforward acceptance of the obligation of Canada to protect her own ports, and contribute something towards the defence of the empire.

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GRAINER GROUNDED

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 [Special to The Advertiser.]

Godrich, April 25.—As the steamer Turret Chief was entering the harbor lately she grounded about 100 yards from the end of the pier. The tug Horton of the Godrich Docking Company went to her assistance, but was unable to release her. The wrecking tug Winslow of Sarnia arrived Sunday morning and succeeded in releasing her after about an hour's work. A lighted buoy was placed at the point where the cargo of wheat, but this was not necessary. About 15,000 bushels of grain were removed from the steamer. There is a hole of considerable size in her bottom, and it is expected she will have to go into drydock for repairs. The causes of the accident were the low water on account of the easterly wind, and the course not being clearly buoyed.

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QUIET AT CHANGSHA

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 Changsha, China, April 25.—The city is quiet today and the rioting at the inland towns throughout the province of Hunan appears to be subsiding. Nevertheless, as a measure of precaution practically all of the foreigners have left the capital and gone to Hankow.

The new governor, Yang Wen Ting, has arrived and taken charge of affairs. He was appointed to succeed Tse, Tuhing Ming, whom it had been said was murdered by the native rioters, but who as a matter of fact

SHIFT IN OFFICERS.

Ottawa, April 25.—Major C. F. Winter, D. A. A. G. of the headquarters staff, will be transferred to Montreal, to become D. A. A. G. of the Quebec command. Lieut.-Col. Dunbar, of the Quebec command, is to succeed him.