

SCOTLAND WITH GEORGE

Will Send Great Liberal Majority to Parliament.

Liberals Laugh at Chamberlain's Latest Manifesto.

Balfour on Tar f Reform and Unemployment.

London, Dec. 30.—(G. A. P. Globe).—No single issue can be said to dominate the campaign. Yet Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's manifesto is striking because it brushes aside the constitutional question as non-existent and concentrates its power on tariff reform. Here it is recognized Mr. Chamberlain displays his old-time capacity for going to the root of things. A year back tariff reform would have been the great issue, and the result, judging from all the signs available, would not have been doubtful. The astute Ministers produced the budget, and scooped fiscal change for the time. It now remains for the Unionists to follow their great leader and endeavor again to make every other issue of secondary importance.

The Liberals laugh at Chamberlain's "attempt to revive the colonial aspect of tariff reform." They maintain that what started as a great imperial movement has become purely a domestic campaign in favor of protection, and demand the particulars of the tariff scheme which is to save the dukes the necessity of paying out. They also profess to be grateful to those peers who are defending the rejection of the budget for helping to keep the constitutional issue to the fore, and jestingly declare that the Government postponed polling for two days to allow at least one more speech from Lord Curzon.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Haddington, said the Unionist party were confident in its cause. It represented the maintenance of institutions which must be preserved, and stood for security and enterprise in the maintenance of the fleet. While refusing to draw the colonies closer, the Government has reintroduced home rule, which would be utterly subversive to Britain's position among the nations of the world. The Unionists also stood for fiscal reform. He would not say the whole difficulty of unemployment would be solved by tariff reform, but the really serious part, the unemployment of competent workmen, would be diminished.

SCOTLAND AND THE LORDS.

Glasgow, Dec. 30.—(Globe cable).—If Britain votes for tariff reform it will not be because of the idea that such a step is necessary to hold the colonies loyal to the Empire. Men of all shades of political opinion assure me that no one of importance is now presenting that argument. The farthest they go is to say, as does Mr. Chamberlain in his manifesto, that this is probably the best chance of entering into closer relations, because before the next election the colonies may enter into commercial treaties that would make a preferential trade system impossible.

Scotland is likely to be as strongly Liberal in the near future as it is in the present one. The representative of a leading Unionist newspaper, who has been chronicling the progress of the campaign in Scotland, tells me that the people are showing intense anti-Lords feeling. Scotland in 1906 returned 61 Government supporters and 11 Opposition members.

The chief Liberal organizer says that Scotland will send to the House of Commons more than fourteen Conservatives out of the seventy-two members who are entitled to elect. The only sections that are wavering, he adds, are London and the home counties, but they cannot overcome the free trade faith of the north of England and of Scotland. The Government, in his opinion, is certain to be returned.

A "WILD PEER'S" ORATION.

In his previous cable dispatches Mr. Stewart Lyon has referred to the "Wild Peers," a popular phrase used by the Liberal press and speakers in Britain descriptive of the eccentricities of some of the Lords who are stumping the country. An English paper recently thus reported one of them:

"Lord Kesteven, one of the 'Wild Peers,' and owner of 10,000 acres, came out on the warpath at Wellington, and unconsciously furnished a striking illustration of the type of men who helped to destroy the budget."

"He said he had never been a keen party politician, but he had felt compelled to come out of his shell. (A voice: 'A good many have.') 'Yes,' replied Lord Kesteven, 'and some of you will go back again.'"

"We are threatened with danger from within by Socialism, and from without by Germany. (Laughter and applause.) You won't believe it till they are here, driving their bayonets into your stomachs, and then you will. As to the budget, it is a defunct budget. (T uproar.) If that budget would not make you sick nothing else will."

"There were two good points in the budget, added His Lordship—the taxes on motor-cars and petrol. There was one other thing that was said to be good—the allowance for every child to people who possess an income of only £500 a year. A statistical friend of his had worked it out at the price of a dog tax. As an old bachelor, he did not know what it cost to keep a child, but it struck him it came to more than that in the budget."

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Razor strops and shaving brushes are very suitable for Christmas presents. Probably the finest stock in Ontario of these lines is kept at Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north. Beautiful razor strops, varying in price from 25c to \$2.50 each, and shaving brushes from 15c to \$3 each are shown. Do not buy without seeing this stock.

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CANADIAN NORTHERN.

Rapid Extension of the Line in the Great Northwest.

Branches Built and Towns Springing Up All Over.

The Work in British Columbia and Eastern Ontario.

There could not be a better indication of the great outlook for business in Canada in 1910 than the progress made during 1909 by the Canadian Northern Railway, which has completed and brought into use four hundred and eighty-two miles of line in five provinces, and has graded three hundred and ninety-eight miles ready for steel at the opening of next season.

What this kind of railway extension means to the eastern manufacturer and trader may be gauged by the case of Kindsley, the first individual point on the Saskatoon-Calgary line, which came into existence early in October. Within nine days of the first sale of townsite lots a Board of Trade was organized to promote the business interests of the district, and a month afterwards there were one hundred and twenty-five buildings in the town, with the following businesses established: Four general stores, two hardware, three restaurants, one blacksmith, six lumber yards, barber, poolroom, laundry, two real estate dealers, two machine men, four coal dealers, three livery barns, two doctors, two druggists and an hotel almost completed, which when finished will accommodate two hundred people.

The town of Zealandia, which did not exist in September, 1908, has four elevators for the accommodation of the 1909 crop; and Rosetown, which only received regular railway service in October last, has three grain elevators.

The three hundred and five miles of track that have been laid in the prairie provinces are distributed over seven branches, and grading has been finished on seven others, the most notable of which are the lines (1) from Prince Albert to Shellbrook, to be extended later to North Battleford and to Crooked Lake, one hundred miles northwest of Prince Albert where immense lumber mills are being built; (2) the branch from North Battleford to Jackfield Lake and Turtle River, north of the Saskatchewan; and the line from Vegreville southward, which will in 1910 reach Calgary, joining the Saskatoon-Calgary line about eighty miles north-west of the famous Alberta city.

At Shellbrook a considerable town has already grown up, in anticipation of the arrival of steel, and at Jackfield Lake there is a similar development.

Twenty-two miles of grading on the Edmonton to Athabasca Landing line were completed in 1909. In south-eastern Saskatchewan ninety miles of steel have been laid westerly from Maryfield, near the Manitoba boundary; and seventy-five additional miles have been graded making one hundred and sixty-five miles of the line which is to be extended to Lethbridge, giving transportation facilities to the rich country that extends for forty miles northward from the international boundary. In Saskatchewan, also ten miles have been graded on the westward extension of the

Thunderhill branch from the Manitoba boundary.

In Manitoba the Rosburn branch has been carried from near Russell for fifty miles, whence it will be carried to the main line near Buchanan. Seventy miles have already been completed from Hallboro, and through Rapid City to the Saskatchewan boundary. The St. Rose du Lac district southeast of Lake Dauphin now has a fifteen miles branch; and in southern Manitoba ten miles have been graded in the Turtle Mountain district. Between Lake Manitoba and Lake Winnipeg, the Oak Point branch has thirty-six miles ready for steel.

To facilitate the delivery of grain to Port Arthur next season the six-mile cut-off and grade-improvement at Kakabeka Falls, on which much progress was made last season, will be completed next summer.

For Garry station at Winnipeg, the finest railway depot in Canada, which is being built by the Canadian Northern Railway, and of which the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be a tenant, will be opened in the spring.

The construction programme for 1910 has, of course, not yet been determined, but the indications are that the year will be a record one for the Canadian Northern. The line from Saskatoon to Calgary will, no doubt, be completed, and also the Vegreville to Calgary line, which will be joined at Camrose with the extension from Edmonton.

The guarantees of the Saskatchewan and Calgary Governments voted last winter provide for several hundred miles in addition to those already undertaken; and especially for extensions into Southern Alberta. Then, of course, the recent British Columbia elections have made the Canadian Northern a live transportation factor on the Pacific slope. According to the anti-election agreement, made by Mr. D. D. Mann with the British Columbia Government, construction of the line from Yellowhead Pass to the coast will begin within three months of the passing of the Act of the Legislature implementing the agreement.

The year has also been notable in Eastern Canada. The Canadian Northern Ontario Sudbury-Port Arthur line has been extended thirty miles beyond Selkirk, so as to give better access to the Gowanda silver land than has hitherto been possible. Ottawa has been connected with the Canadian Northern Quebec line by fifty-eight miles of railway to Hawkesbury, constructed under the charter of the Canadian Northern, because it is on the south side of the Ottawa River.

There has also been completed eleven miles from St. Jacques to Rawdon. The completion of the eighty-nine miles in Quebec is the largest addition that has been made to the mileage of the French Province, during the last ten years.

The year has also seen the commencement of the second Canadian Northern Ontario line out of Toronto, the hundred miles of the Toronto-Ottawa line being now in the contractor's hands. This line is to form part of the Canadian Northern connection between Montreal, Ottawa and Buffalo, and will, it is expected, be ready for operation early in the fall of 1910.

Uninvited Club Visitor.

When some of the coolies of the Bangkok United Club opened a door in a small room under the ladies' staircase the other morning they found that a large python had taken up its abode within. There was a stampee immediately, and some members of the club, hearing the noise, went to investigate the cause. By this time the snake was aroused and glided away down a large ventilating shaft. The python was between ten and twelve feet in length. From the Java Times.

A Bright and Happy New Year to You

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Great Annual White Goods Sale Starts On Monday

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Altogether this sale will be the most remarkable The Right House has ever held. And when this statement is made, the experienced Hamilton shopper will understand that we mean the greatest sale of this kind that the city has ever seen.

We have been preparing for this great event for seven months. For seven months, abroad and at home, our buyers, who are now on the ocean en route to the manufactories, where they will secure our fine Spring and Summer stock—for seven months these men have been planning and bargaining for this great under-price sale. Everything offered is in every way up to the high standards which have made The Right House the Hamilton Home of Quality. You may come here on Monday then, expecting great bargain values in White Goods and we are sure you will not go home disappointed. See our window displays.

THIS has been a wonderful year for The Right House—quite the greatest in the volume of business and in the increase in the number of its patrons and friends that has come in all the 66 years of its existence. The great sales for which we have been preparing for more than half a year are to start on Monday. An enormous Christmas trade was handled with our usual promptness and courtesy.

Our buyers are speeding across the Atlantic to secure our Spring and Summer stock. All Hamilton seems to catch our "Watch-us-grow!" spirit and with a wonderful glowing prospect for even more extensive co-operation with the shoppers of Hamilton and vicinity before us, we wish our patrons and employees

A BRIGHT AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

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News in Brief

School inspectors have asked the Provincial Government for pensions.

John F. Vandaleur, of Toronto, was married on Thursday at Christ Church, East Sheen, to Mary, granddaughter of Sir Richard Owen.

The Montreal council on Thursday cut the salaries of the controllers from \$10,000 a year, proposed by the Finance Committee, to \$8,500.

The falling off in earnings of the London & Port Stanley Railway has reduced the percentage received by the city of London about one-half.

Berlin newspapers state China is sending technically trained officers to Europe to exhaustively study everything connected with aerostation.

Mrs. Emma Yeomans, of 32 St. Paul street, Toronto, who tried to end her life Monday evening by taking laudanum, has been arrested for attempted suicide.

Plans for a national boycott of those commodities that increase the cost of living were laid at Washington on Thursday night, when the National Anti-trust League was launched.

The fire which originated among bales of cotton in the hold of the White Star liner Celtic when the steamer was at sea, Dec. 22, has been extinguished. The vessel was not damaged.

The death occurred at Windsor of Mr. Alexander Northwood, who was well known between Windsor and Toronto, as one of the oldest mail clerks on the Grand Trunk Railway.

Twenty-two women from the segregated area in Winnipeg were arrested on Thursday in a raid by the Liquor License Department, and were each fined one hundred dollars and costs.

A sudden death befell Andrew McCall, a young Quebec carter, through being thrown out of his sleigh, against a telegraph pole, striking his head, fracturing his skull and also breaking his ribs.

The death occurred on Thursday of Rev. John Currie, professor of Hebrew and Exegesis in Pine Hill Presbyterian Theological College. He was a native of Tatamagouche, N. S., and educated in Scotland.

A Vienna special to the London Standard says that twenty-three Croatian peasants, including seventeen young women, were drowned in a boating accident near Karlowitz, in Austria-Hungary, on Christmas day.

Mrs. Mary Lipp, of Cincinnati, who cremated two dozen chickens, four rabbits and a pet dog, and then attempted to burn her two children in her home last Tuesday, was committed to the Longview Insane Asylum.

Dr. L. J. Lemieux, M. P. for Gaspe, will, it is learned, be appointed Sheriff for the district of Montreal after the holidays. Dr. Lemieux is the son of Mr. H. A. Lemieux, Inspector of Customs, and a brother of the Postmaster-General.

The Rev. W. W. Wingfield, vicar of Guisay, Cornwall, Eng., celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday this week. He has been vicar of the parish for seventy-one years, and is still able to preach and write, although with somewhat impaired vigor.

A committee from the Grain Growers' Association will meet in conference with the Government on January 8, to frame

the scheme for the inauguration of State owned elevators, which will be submitted to the Legislature when it convenes on February 17.

Wm. Bower and Wm. Wilson, boys of sixteen years, were sentenced at Montreal by Judge Choquet to three years in the penitentiary. They were found guilty of having stolen numerous articles from different departmental stores on St. Catherine street.

Nine men of the crew of the Portuguese bark Fortuna were drowned in the storms which have been ravaging the Atlantic in the past ten days. The Fortuna was bound from New Orleans for Oporto, and was towed into Fayal, totally dismantled, her deck load washed away and half of her crew lost.

It is reported at Winnipeg that the hierarchy in Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the Canadian Order of Elks had many members attached to the Roman Catholic Church, has been mainly instrumental in crushing the order which will go out of existence to-day. The priesthood insisted upon the ritual being submitted to them for approval.

Frances Beverstock, of Tyendinaga, the young woman who was arrested some weeks ago on a charge of concealment of birth, was tried before Judge Deroche at Belleville and found guilty. Owing to the fact that she is of a weak mind, His Honor dealt leniently in the matter, and sentenced her to 18 months in the Mercer Reformatory.

Baron Macnaghten, ex-Lord of Appeal in Ordinary, is mentioned as likely to be delegated by King Edward to investigate the respective cases of the United States and Chile in the Alsop claim dispute, of which His Majesty is the arbitrator. Chilean Minister Sana is busily engaged in the preparation of his own country's brief.

George Whitfield, of Montreal, was arraigned in the Bow street Police Court, London, on Thursday on a charge of forgery. Mr. Whitfield told the Magistrate that the proceedings were part of a scheme of his present opponents in Canada. The charge against him, he said, referred to an overdrawn cheque for \$50, which he met three months ago. Whitfield was remanded.

The Nicaragua Congress has conferred authority upon the executive to abolish the tobacco and alcohol monopolies, indemnifying private stockholders for the loss of their holdings, which now become the property of the State. The revenues from these monopolies, which net as high as fourteen per cent. monthly, are to be used for the payment of interest on the English loan.

At the Juvisy, France, aerodrome, in the presence of the official timekeeper of the Aero Club of France, M. Delagrangue, aboard a Blériot cross-channel type monoplane, beat all records for speed and established a new monoplane record. Delagrangue covered a distance of 20 kilometres (12½ miles), and the flight lasted exactly two hours 32 minutes, making an average speed of 78.9 kilometres (48.9 miles) an hour.

Promoters of the Montreal Winter Carnival, which it is proposed to hold there this winter, on Thursday met representatives of the Canadian railways. The railways absolutely refused to have anything to do with the affair or to grant excursion rates, holding that the erection of an ice palace was being used already as an argument in the Western States to head off emigration to the Canadian Northwest.

Mrs. Jankins—I don't feel like myself to-night. Mr. Jankins: Then p'raps we shall have a pleasant evening.—Newark Star.

Tapleystown

The snow that came last week made Christmas a very bright day. Although the morning was stormy, it did not prevent the merry bells from ringing.

Miss F. Fields gave an entertainment to her scholars on Monday evening, which was greatly appreciated by all, and much credit is given her in her new school. All wish her success for the coming year.

Mr. T. Kenion's auction sale was well attended on Wednesday last. He has decided to take up a new home in the early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Land spent Christmas Day at the home of Mr. Land's mother at Beamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lansbury, of East Seneca are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Prudence Ptolemy.

Mr. and Mrs. Laidman and daughter Laura were guests with their mother, Mrs. Norton, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have gone to their home in Michigan for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson and family spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hall at Blackheath.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kratz, of Jordan, were renewing old acquaintances here last week.

Fisherville

There is excellent sleighing in this locality and just enough snow to make it so.

Among the holiday visitors were Oscar and Carrie Nablo, of New Hamburg; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huffman, of Dunnville; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Baehar, of Berlin; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Tillsonburg, and others.

Reeve C. Smelser was returned by acclamation, but there will be a contest for the council in the Township of Rainham.

Hockey playing is all the rage now. The Fisherville Club has been victorious in three out of four contests.

The Christmas tree entertainment in the Lutheran Church on Christmas eve and in the Evangelical Church on Monday evening were well attended.

At the school meeting on Wednesday Mr. Christian Gerber was elected as trustee in the place of Allan Hedden, resigned.

In the Township of Walpole the council and reeve were elected by acclamation, while in the Township of North Cayuga a contest will take place.

Bethesda

Rev. Mr. Hassard preached a good sermon on Sunday to a very attentive congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shaver had their family reunion on Christmas day.

Mrs. T. M. Brown's family met at her home on Christmas day.

Mr. Egerton Shaver and family spent Christmas day at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Whitfield, in Hamilton.

Mr. George Kendrick and Misses Maggie and Anna spent Christmas day at the home of his father, Mr. J. Kendrick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Brett spent Christmas with her father, Mr. Jacob Olmstead.

Aggie, Grace, and Mr. Eddie Kendrick visited their grandfather, Mr. Joseph Kendrick, on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Book spent

Christmas day with her father, Mr. E. ers, in Glanford.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam and baby Fr Lenora took in the Thursday excursion at Christmas and went to Tonaawa to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. A. Almas. Mrs. Smith's mother, George Bristol, stayed with their Sberman, during their absence.

Mrs. Isaac Dockstader, Dunnville, visited her son, Bernie, and family, at days at Christmas time.

Miss Norah Conner, Brantford, visited at Christmas time at Mr. J. Brad and other friends.

Mr. Shaw, who is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Charles Shaver, is very sick. Miss Morton is the school teacher the coming year.

Miss Sheldrick has given up teaching school. Her scholars gave her a beautiful rocking chair.

Miss Octavia Shaver entertained Sunday school class on Tuesday evening. To all the readers of the Times happy New Year.

THREE SISTERS

Must Stand Trial For Murder Ocey Sneed.

New York, Dec. 30.—Bundled in an automobile, the two strange old men, Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother Mrs. Ocey Sneed, the bathtub victim and Mrs. Mary Sneed, were taken away from the Tombs prison to-day to Newark, N. J., where they are under indictment for having caused the death of Ocey Sneed. Miss Virginia Ward, aunt of the dead girl, has been arrested in New Jersey for some time.

IMPALED ON A FENCE

Mr. Zinck, of Chester, N. Killed.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—While his father thought him still in Halifax, while he had gone on the previous day, Stanley Zinck, a prominent merchant of Chester, lay dying under the II. S. Railway trestle here last night. While coming home about 7 o'clock Mr. Zinck fell on the slippery trestle and was precipitated to the ground below. Today he was found dead, impaled on a barb wire fence. When he was still holding a parcel that he had in his hand when he stepped from the train. Mr. Zinck was a very well-known business man, and was also prominent fraternal circles.

SALTLEET ELECTIONS.

Following is a correct list of candidates for Saltleet Council:

For Reeve—Wm. B. Bridgman, Geo. Milles.

For Deputy Reeve—R. H. Den George W. Milles.

For Councillors—Hugh Bertram, Homer Carpenter, J. J. Dean, V. Gunning, Geo. M. Hillman, J. Moore, Anson Pottruff, Arthur Smith.

PEREGRINE ON POWER.

The records of the Council show that the power question is settled, and "Hydro" and "Coal" are election cries to the voters.—Ald. Peregrine.