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THE PEERS AND THE LAND.

Great play is being made with the plea that the house of lords is to be referred for judgment to the electors as governed by sound democratic principle and should in this be commended rather than attacked. Were the upper house differently constituted or were its record other than that is the contention would be unchallengeable. To suspend a measure passed by a large majority of the representative house, particularly one concerning fiscal affairs, admittedly under its control, would even, if done by a non-partisan second chamber, be a step justifiable only by the strongest reasons. But the house of lords is not a second chamber of that kind. It is partisan in the worst sense and for a generation has made no pretension to impartiality. It has been influenced, not by public considerations, but by the private interests of its Conservative members or by the privileged interests with which it is intimate.

No difficulty can be had by able politicians in finding arguments of a public character to justify action really intended to support the existing order. No one who has followed the course of the budget controversy can doubt that its land valuation and taxation proposals were the head and front of its offending. Without these the peers might have winced, but they would have swallowed the dose, however otherwise unpleasant. The laying of rude hands on the sacred ark of territorial privilege alone could not be tolerated and it was the land question that dominated the earlier stages of the fight. But the peers soon discovered that by this course they were giving themselves away and more prudent counsels prevailed. Whatever be the issue of this election land taxation reform must come and the sooner the better for the social betterment of the poor.

OATHS AND PERJURY.

Among the acts passed by the British parliament during the session just prorogued which have received the royal assent is one amending the procedure connected with the administration of oaths. Objection to the practice of kissing the Book has long been made on sanitary and other grounds and some years ago relief was given to all who expressed their preference for the Scottish form. The new act now prescribes that form, but in addition to the uplifted right hand requires the Bible to be held.

Criticism is offered that the repetition of the words of the oath by the witness entails a certain loss of time which is obviated by the English custom. But there can be no doubt regarding the greater solemnity attaching to the Scottish method and it may perhaps tend to check the increase in the crime of perjury noted and commented upon from the bench and not confined to any one country. Whether this tendency be due to easier morals, weakened religious sense or the prevalence of false conventional codes of honor, it should receive closer attention and severer treatment from the judges in those cases where perjury has been manifestly committed.

ELIMINATION OF THE "SMOKE MISNASCENCE."

If Toronto is to retain its reputation as one of the cleanest and most beautiful cities on the continent, the authorities will have to take measures to eliminate the "smoke nuisance." In this matter, the owners and managers of office buildings are as remiss as the proprietors of manufacturing plants. Not only is the pollution of buildings by the smoke of hot coal a downright misdemeanor, it is also an economic waste, very easily prevented.

Recently The World examined the heating plant of the Bank of Nova Scotia. The furnace rooms, doors and walls were altogether free from soot. This was the result of employing a very simple apparatus, technically called an "underfeed" which keeps the furnace constantly supplied with an adequate amount of coal. The usual way is to throw coal into the furnace and upon the burning mass. Inevitably carbon dust and black sooty smoke must go unburned and pass up the flues into the free air in a smutty state. By the "underfeed" method, the coal is delivered beneath the burning mass, and the carbon dust and smoke in passing thru the live coals are consumed. Economically viewed, the "underfeed" method results in reducing the cost of fuel to about one-half of the expense entailed by the old-fashioned method of throwing dead coal upon live coal. One would think that there should be no need of municipal ordinances to eliminate the so-called "smoke nuisance"; that common sense ideas of practical economy would dictate to owners and proprietors of manufacturing plants and to managers of office buildings a remedial policy. But if or-

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AT OSGOODE HALL ANNOUNCEMENTS. Judge's Chambers will be held on Tuesday, 14th inst., at 11 a.m.: Peremptory list for divisional court for Tuesday, 14th inst., at 11 a.m.: 1. Re Martin and Garlow (to be continued). 2. Wood v. Cobourg. 3. Letcher v. Toronto Railway Co. 4. Re Perkins and Dowling. 5. General Com. Co. v. Ottawa. 6. Maynard v. Stauffer. 7. Pearman v. Sutcliffe.

Non-Jury Assize Court. Peremptory list for non-jury assize court for Tuesday, Dec. 14, at city hall at 10:30 a.m.: 112. McCready v. Owen. 58. Imperial Trusts v. New York Life. 121. Colonial v. Mitchell. 31. Beamish v. Bell.

Jury County Court. Peremptory list for jury county court before Judge Morgan Tuesday, Dec. 14, at city hall at 10:30 a.m.: 28. Ward v. Eastbury.

Master's Chambers. Before Cartwright, K.C. Master. Oakley v. Silver. W. McChuire, for third party, moved to discharge third party notice. E. P. Brown, for defendant, Silver, contra. Judgment: This action arises out of a sale of mining claims as to which Silver and one Bunker were original partners. Bunker sold to Silver and Silver sold to plaintiffs. They now allege misrepresentation of the nature of the claims, and also shortage and ask for judgment of the sale for the value of the claims, and also shortage and ask for judgment of the sale for the value of the claims, and also shortage and ask for judgment of the sale for the value of the claims.

THE C. N. R. AND THE DON IMPROVEMENT. Editor World: Mayor Oliver says in an evening paper that the Canadian Northern ought to be given a right of way down the east side of the Don River improvement. Will Mayor Oliver kindly look into the question whether this so-called right of way is to be for the radicals owned by Mr. Mackenzie's other companies rather than for the Canadian Northern, or to put it in another way, for both? And has the mayor considered what the Canadian Northern would charge for a right of way for the Bloor-street viaduct over Canadian Northern property in the Don valley? And has he considered whether that same Don improvement should not be kept at least for an up and down track in connection with the tube system that we hope soon to have installed? Fair play is bonnie play, and the city has got to take care of itself at every turn or else it will be crushed. Riverdale Business Man.

Christmas and New Year's Excursions via Grand Trunk Railway System, between all stations in Canada, also to Detroit and Port Huron, Mich., Buffalo, Black Rock and Suspension Bridge, N.Y. Single fare, good going Dec. 24 and 25, 1909, returning on or before Dec. 27, 1909; also good going Dec. 31, 1909, and Jan. 1, 1910, returning on or before Jan. 3, 1910. At fare and one-third, good going Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, or Dec. 28, 1909, to Jan. 1, 1910, returning not later than Jan. 5, 1910. Secure tickets at city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4208.

Iron Stairway Falls on Him. An iron stairway fell on Edward Mossett, 117 Bathurst-street, at the works of the Canadian Ornamental Iron Company, 120 East Richmond-street, yesterday afternoon, and when the cable which was supporting it broke, George Carter, a helper, had a finger caught in it and crushed. Mossett's injuries were not serious. A rib was broken, his head cut and arm bruised. Both were attended at St. Michael's Hospital.

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ville, two horses for \$540 and paid \$10 for him at his request. They also claim that defendant had a course account against them for \$377, and sue for the balance, \$160.41. Defendant counter-claimed for \$86.49 alleged to be due him beyond amount due plaintiffs. At the trial judgment was given dismissing plaintiffs' action with costs and giving judgment for defendant on his counter-claim for \$67.18 with costs. Plaintiffs' appeal from that judgment argued and judgment reserved.

Supreme Court Judgments. In the supreme court at Ottawa yesterday the following judgments were delivered: In steamship Marshall v. harbor commissioners at Montreal, appeal dismissed without costs. The City of Montreal v. the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co., appeal dismissed with costs.

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EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS

House Jackets and Lounging Robes Christmas Gifts That All Men Like.

THERE is so much comfort and quiet restfulness in these long, warm robes and the shorter sack coats that no man can fail to be highly gratified with so sumptuous a Christmas present. There is such a wealth of selection in pattern and color in the very extensive stocks we have gathered from the principal makers in Germany, New York and elsewhere that the thought of any difficulty in choosing to one's taste is out of the question.

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- Man's Belcher setting, one, reduced to \$78.00
- Turquoise and diamond, ruby and diamond
- Man's Belcher setting, one, reduced to \$72.00
- sapphire and diamond combination
- Woman's Tiffany setting... \$80.00, \$87.00
- rings, reduced to, each... \$20.00
- Woman's Tiffany setting... \$65.00, \$70.00
- Emerald, diamond, sapphire and diamond,
- Woman's Tiffany setting... \$200.00
- reduced to... \$8.95

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