

MEAT BOYCOTT MOVES ALONG CHATHAM NOW IN SWIM HASN'T REACHED LONDON

Prices of Eggs on the Boom in This City—Comparison of Figures Shows Big Boost in Meat Prices in Past Four Years—Local Doctor Tells What One May Eat in Lieu of Meat.

The meat boycott has at last gotten a firm footing in this district, and Chathamites are signing papers hitherto reserved to a vegetarian diet until meat prices return to the normal. So far the boycott has not obtained a footing in London, though it is a fact that the principles of the boycott are being enforced in a degree. For instance, people who were accustomed to eat meat three times a day, are, as a rule, now using it only once, and the result is that there is quite a decided falling off in the trade. In the shops there is some talk of a boycott.

Some people have a general impression that it is impossible for a man to do a hard day's work without stocking up with a plentiful supply of meat. In lieu of meat.

A local doctor propounds the following diet, however, which he guar-

PARKS EXPENSES TOTAL \$2,975 SYSTEM LIKELY TO BE CHANGED

Commissioner Is Badly Needed to Do the Work Which in the Past Was Done So Satisfactorily by the Late John S. Pearce—Some Facts and Figures.

The appointment of a parks commissioner will be taken up by the council in the near future, perhaps the council already information is being secured relative to the matter.

Last year an experiment was tried—that of having the parks cared for by tender. The result of this policy was that there was spent the sum of \$2,975 on the parks.

When Mr. Pearce was parks commissioner in 1908, the sum of \$3,745 was expended for this work. This included his salary, \$900, leaving the net amount spent on work, flowers, etc., \$2,845.

Tree Trimming. When there was a parks commissioner there was a considerable amount of money spent in tree trimming in the streets. The past year there was none of this work done, and according to information received from the city engineer's department, there are hundreds of trees in the city that need trimming at the present time, and some hundreds that are dead and should be removed.

While there has been an apparent saving of \$700 on the year, the city will have to pay a large sum of money to have the dead trees removed to clear the streets in the neighborhood, also for trimming.

In addition, had a parks commissioner been named last year, the trees would have been trimmed for the power lines, or at least a large number of them, and there would not have been any delay.

A number of the aldermen are not enamored of the method of dealing with the parks. Continued on Page Eight.

PARKS SUPERINTENDENT MAY BE APPOINTED

City Council Will Hold a Special Meeting to Consider the Matter.

A special meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday noon to consider the question of appointing a parks superintendent, and passing a bylaw to approve of the signing of the contract for the power station with Hon. Adam Beck.

No commissioner will be named tomorrow, but it is probable that the council will see advertisements shall be inserted in the newspapers asking for applicants for the position.

According to a resolution of last year's council, it is necessary to pass such a bylaw.

It will be only a formal matter as the contracts have been signed, and are in every way satisfactory to all parties concerned.

MR. BROWNLEE KNOWS NOTHING OF THE DEAL

G. T. R. Official Stated That He Was Not Aware Company Had Bought Property Here.

Manager Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, arrived in the city this morning on his way to Detroit.

When seen by The Advertiser he stated that there was nothing whatever to say regarding the company's intentions in London.

Mr. Brownlee stated that he had not heard of the purchase of the Southern property, and he asked if the deal were closed.

PRIEST FROM NEBRASKA SUCCEEDS FATHER FALLON

Father Kirwin, a Graduate of Ottawa University, To Be Pastor at Buffalo.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Father W. J. Kirwin, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Mead, Neb., will succeed the Rev. Father M. F. Fallon, recently appointed bishop of London, Ont., as the pastor of the Holy Angels' Church, Father Fallon, as provincial of the O. M. I., making the appointment. Father Kirwin is a native of Massachusetts, was educated here and in Ottawa, Ont., and the pastor of the Holy Angels' Church in London to assume the mitre in several weeks.

"Made in London" Exhibition

The women of London, who took such an interest and were instrumental in securing the linen for the tuberculosis sanatorium, and as many more as will join them, will meet on Friday, Jan. 28, at 3 o'clock, at the board of trade rooms, opposite the city hall, for the purpose of arranging the details for the intended "Made in London" Exhibition and Bazaar to be held some time the last of March or beginning of April during the proposed trades sale and buyers' excursion, the proceeds to be devoted to the purchase of furnishings for the sanatorium. As this will be a big undertaking and involve a great deal of work, it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

SPEECH IN THE LEGISLATURE ASKS FOR FOOD PRICE PROBE

Local House Opened This Afternoon for Winter Session With the Customary Ceremonial—The Lieutenant-Governor's Address.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The second session of the Twelfth Legislature of Ontario was opened this afternoon with the customary ceremonies. The social side was emphasized as usual, the brilliant weather making a fine background.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibson was in excellent form. The speech from the throne held nothing sensational, the most interesting item perhaps being the reference to the prices of foodstuffs. It was suggested that the Legislature ask the Dominion Government to investigate the cause of high prices prevailing throughout the country.

The Government programme is not deemed to be a heavy one, and it is anticipated that the session will not last longer than six or seven weeks.

NEW BLOOD FOR SEVENTH REGT. IMPORTANT CHANGES TO COME

Water Commissioner Pocock for Paymaster—Thos. W. Baker for Junior Major—Captain Graham Will Be the New Quarter-Master—A Big Shake Up in the Corps.

Many changes in the officers of the Seventh Regiment are being arranged, the details of which are coming out.

A number of leading citizens have consented to take commissions, and it is expected that the appointments will be gazetted shortly.

Mr. Thos. W. Baker, of the Dymont-Baker Company, has been approached and offered the junior majorship, made vacant by the promotion of Major McCrimmon, who will be senior major. Mr. Baker is now considering the matter, and it is confidently expected that he will accept the position.

Capt. H. Campbell Becher is next in line for promotion, but he prefers to remain with his company, and is one of the officers who are urging Mr. Baker to accept.

New Paymaster. Mr. Phil. Pocock, the water commissioner, has been offered the position of paymaster of the regiment to succeed Capt. W. G. Thomson, who will take charge of a company. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon Mr. Pocock, and he has consented to act. He will be given the rank of captain.

Capt. John Graham will be the new quarter-master, to succeed Capt. W. G. Thomson, who will take charge of a company.

A MEAT TRUST AND MEAT PRICES

It Is Said That This City Is in the Hands of a Big Concern.

Beef Is Shipped in Cattle Are Sent From London to Toronto and Slaughtered—People Pay the Cost of Shipping Both Ways.

Are London people at the mercy of an outside meat trust which is manipulating meat prices to suit itself? Some citizens who since the talk of forming a "No Meat" club began have been looking into the matter closely, believe the city is in the hands of a trust.

It was stated on excellent authority to The Advertiser this morning that many city butchers are selling large quantities of meat shipped into the city from Hamilton and Toronto.

It is stated, moreover, that the meat that is being sold is to a very large extent obtained from cattle raised around London, and bought by these outside firms, killed and prepared by them, and then shipped back at a greatly increased price.

Do Killing Here. It is pointed out that if the cattle were killed and prepared here there would be a decided drop in the present prices.

The statement was made by a gentleman who has proof, he said, of his statements that tons of beef and other meats arrive in the city every week in refrigerator cars to the Toronto and Hamilton to be resold by local butchers.

It is pointed out that it costs a great deal of money to ship meat in refrigerator cars, and that if the cattle were killed here all this expense, and the other expense of shipping the meat from London to Toronto, and then back again would be saved.

In addition the work would give employment to people of this city.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Seats in Commons 670
Seats decided 551

Contested Elections Yesterday.
Liberals 8
Laborites 1
Unionists 19
Nationalists 3

Gains Yesterday.
Liberals 0
Unionists 8
Laborites 0
Nationalists 0

Total Standing.
Liberals 207
Laborites 35
Nationalists 72
Unionists 237

ELECTION ECHOES

The Liberals now claim the Liberal-Laborite majority over the Conservatives and Nationalists combined.

The free traders are making much of the decision of the German Government to admit maize and syrup free of duty, as the German refiners are unable to compete abroad with the British, owing to the 25 per cent duty they pay on raw material.

The Liberal retention of Torquay, in Devon, came as a great surprise to the Unionists. They expected that the triumphal progress of victory for tariff reform through rural England, on the other hand, the Liberals hope that the black week is over.

An indissoluble bond between Nationalists and Liberals is the determination to reduce the veto power of the Lords. Mr. Redmond has asserted, in a speech, to the effect that nothing his party wants, and nothing the Liberals want, can be secured until the power of the Lords is curtailed on this issue.

As the Laborites already have 72 seats won, and are likely to capture a few more, it is apparent that they will wield a big influence over the Liberals. The Labor vote is counted wholly dependable, but it is taken for granted that the Labor members will hold out for a lot of radical legislation, which the Liberals are not prepared to make possible for them to force through.

At a meeting near Horsham, Earl Winterton, the Unionist candidate, was asked if he believed, as stated in his election address, that a tax of 2s a quarter on corn would make bread dearer. He replied that he believed it would. "Then," cried the triumphant questioner, "how much tax would you have to put on before we get bread for nothing?" Earl Winterton sat down.

The Liberals are charging that the ballot boxes were tampered with by the Unionists, for the purpose of making it appear that the chancellor's popularity is waning, thereby influencing subsequent voting.

That is why the vote in Cornwall was not announced until Monday, the Liberals say. The delay was ostensibly to prevent the announcement of the vote aggravating the rioting in Cornwall. The charge of ballot box tampering has been made, and the police reinforcements have been rushed to the scene to prevent an outbreak.

In a recent speech, Mr. Lloyd-George declared he had never said that purely because peers were peers they should have nothing to say at all about taxes. They should have exactly the same right as anyone else, but nothing more. Give them the same voice, but no veto. If they were men of intelligence, ability, and experience and achievement, they would deserve weight, peer or no peer. (Cheers.)

What he objected to was 500 or 600 peers coming from heaven knew where (laughter and cheers)—not even the attendants of the House of Lords knowing some of them. He objected to these men suddenly turning up, saying, "I am my father's eldest son." (Laughter.) "Well," exclaimed the chancellor, "so am I—more in the House of Commons; that is not why I am chancellor of the exchequer." (Cheers.)

It is admitted that the King has a difficult part to play. A government fresh from the polls, able to line up with 100 majority, cannot, while holding its position, be again flouted by a hereditary second chamber.

The Unionists argue that the King cannot recognize as conclusive a verdict largely dependent on Irish votes, and that this is described as language not of real Unionists, but of real separatists, for the King knows nothing of parties, and would involve himself in an impossible position if he began to discriminate. The King cannot, the London News says, without grave peril, get behind the results to attach different valuations to the verdicts of Lancashire and Sussex, Aberdeenshire and Somerset, Kerry and Kent.

It is evident, says the Sunday Times, Unionist, that large industrial centres are not yet prepared for the wholesale form of protection imposed by the Birmingham party, and that the caution, which has been all along shown by Mr. Balfour in dealing with the question, has been justified by the sacrificing of such hot protectionists as Hewings, Amery and Jelb, in hopeless contests, which may not have been successful.

The Post-Unionist, protests against men receiving impossible tasks, and Labor Unionists, being sent on forlorn hopes, and promises to say more on these points at a more suitable time.

John Redmond, the Irish leader, said in a speech on Saturday: "We in Ireland are not sure of food or of ourselves, and we are asking Mr. Asquith and the Liberal party to introduce a home rule bill before they have dealt with the veto of the House of Lords. When that great obstacle is removed there is no fear for the future of the Irish question. Abolish or limit the Lords' veto, and I would like to see a Liberal party, and I care not what its majority, that would be a great step forward."

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UNIONISTS GAIN EIGHT SEATS MONDAY'S BRITISH ELECTIONS TIMES IS FOR COMPROMISE

Thunderer Confesses That Unionist Leaders Are Now Willing to Reform the House of Lords and Counsels Asquith to Confer With Them—London News Outlines the Government's Future Course—Today's Polling.

[Special to The Advertiser.] London, Jan. 25.—The complete returns for Monday show eight Unionist gains. The Unionists take 19, the Liberals 8, the Nationalists 3 and the Laborites 1.

The standing of the parties as known this afternoon is: Government Coalition—Liberals, 207, Irish Nationalists 72, Laborites 35—Total, 314.

Opposition—Unionists, 237.

AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN RE-ELECTED. London, Jan. 25.—Austin Chamberlain, for Worcestershire East, and Sir A. F. Acland-Hood, for the west division of Somersetshire, the chief Unionist whip, are among the more prominent tariff reformers whose elections by increased majorities were announced today.

Sir Charles D. Rose, a prominent sportsman, was defeated in the Newmarket division of Cambridgeshire, by the Unionist candidate, G. H. Ver-rail.

F. H. Newnes, the newspaper proprietor and director of the Westminster Gazette, was defeated in the Bassetlaw division of Nottinghamshire by Barrister Edmund Williams, a Unionist.

The Unionists also succeeded in making inroads upon the Nationalist phalanx, capturing Mid-Tyrone, where a Healyite and a Redmondite candidate divided the Nationalist vote.

The balloting today is in forty-nine constituencies, including that of Premier Asquith in Fife, East, and of War Secretary Haldane in Haddingtonshire.

TODAY'S VOTING. London, Jan. 25.—Forty-nine constituencies will vote today. At the last election they stood: Liberals 32, Unionists 13, Nationalists 4. The bulk of the Scottish constituencies will vote today and the remainder of the week.

ASQUITH AND LLOYD-GEORGE SPEAK. London, Jan. 25.—Premier Asquith and Chancellor Lloyd-George in their speeches last night, said they were convinced that the Government would have an ample majority to carry through the Liberal programme.

Lloyd-George, in Mid-Derbyshire, said he was proud of the Liberal platform. He referred to the Conservative whip's statement of the effect that the Unionists governed the House of Commons' policy in the country, and said it was true, though never expressed before with such arrogance. With the majority they would get the Liberals would make it clear that England was a land of free institutions.

TIMES PLEADS FOR COMPROMISE. London, Jan. 25.—The Times, in an editorial today, commenting on the conditions of stalemate between the parties produced by the elections, suggests a round-table conference between the leaders of the opposing parties, and a policy of compromise upon some subjects and abstention upon others.

It declares that Premier Asquith is in no position to carry the great constitutional change by main force, while the Unionist party is ready for a reasonable reform of the House of Lords.

And herein lie the possibilities, says the Times, for a statesman who is able to rise above the party spirit and make an effort to reach an understanding by consent, thus solving the problem of the Lords versus the Commons and the financial question.

SERVED HIM RIGHT, SAYS JOE MARTIN. London, Eng., Jan. 25.—Joseph Martin, the former Canadian, speaking at St. Pancras, referred to the defeat of Pease, the effort made to find another seat for the man, who, after the leader of the party had said that he intended to give home rule to Ireland, dared to get up and say that the impression was that the promise was a false one.

WHAT ASQUITH WILL DEMAND. The London News, estimating the present majority at 100, including Nationalists, discusses the situation which will arise, should the King refuse the guarantee that Premier Asquith will demand for dealing with the Lords' veto, either by refusing to issue writs or by the creation of new peers. Premier Asquith, says the News, would firmly refuse office unless Mr. Balfour would be unable to assume the reins of government with a minority. Asquith would again be called upon to form a government and would again demand the guarantees which the King must grant, or else insist that a new appeal to the electorate be made, in which case Mr. Balfour could not but lose 20 seats more than he now has, and four could not but result in a deadlock would again occur with disastrous results to the country. The News continues: "The Liberal party has no reason to fear a prolongation of the struggle. The longer the fight continues, the clearer will loom out the central issue and the clearer will become the more certain will be the final judgment. The seventeenth century settled the divine right of kings, but the twentieth century will not tolerate the divine right of Lord Lansdowne."

CHAMBERLAIN VOTES. London, Jan. 24.—Joseph Chamberlain came out of the retirement into which ill-health had driven him today, and went to the House of Commons, where he contested the seat for Kings Norton division of Worcestershire against the Liberal candidate, Hilton Young. Mr. Chamberlain required the assistance of both Mrs. Chamberlain and the footman in getting from his carriage to the polling place, but appeared to be in excellent spirits, and his vote for his son, heartily acknowledged the greetings of the crowd.

RECORD VOTE POLLED. The wonderful thing is the size of the poll. The percentage of voters in 1906 was 48.7; in 1906 it was 77.7, which was supposed to be a record for enthusiasm. Up to its date the percentage for 1910 is 86.5. Lancashire polled nearly 92 per cent; the Midlands 91.4; Yorkshire and the home counties over 87; Wales 90.2; and Scotland 86.3. Grantham and Salisbury polled over 97 per cent, and many of the sleepiest country towns recorded over 90, while only eight London divisions polled below 80. The total votes polled for the Unionists is 2,565,627; for the Liberals 2,324,315; and for Labor 393,115.

CHURCHILL STILL HOPEFUL. Winston Churchill, speaking in Cornwall, said he knew no cause whereof the Democracy of Yorkshire and Lancashire had given their support, which had not been carried to speedy success. He anticipated a series of victories in Cornwall, and that the Liberals would ultimately be returned to power by a majority greater than any Conservative leader ever had.

Sir Henry Norman, speaking in Staffordshire, estimated that the Liberals would get a majority of between 60 and 120. When returned, he would deal with the House of Lords, pass the budget, pass a bill providing for one man one vote, pass a bill providing for all elections on one day, and make the corrupt practices act much stronger.

C. F. G. Masterman at Redhill anticipated another appeal to the country before many months. No power on earth could give the Unionists a majority in the Parliament which was coming. They only hoped to reduce the Liberal majority to a hundred.

Right Hon. Sir A. F. Acland-Hood at Taunton maintained that the results of the elections in the counties had shown the Lords to have been absolutely justified in referring the budget to the people.

MACNAMARA'S PROPHECY. Dr. Macnamara at Salop prophesied that the Unionist state of hysterical joy would suffer a painful change before the story ended. Radicalism would beat the lot before it was all over.

Right Hon. Asquith, Birrell at Swindon wished that things had gone better in some places. A big majority was wanted to enable the Government to deal, not only with the budget, but to maintain the power of the people in repelling usurpation by the Lords.

WHERE POLLING TAKES PLACE TODAY. London, Jan. 25.—Polling will take place today in the following constituencies: England and Wales counties—Luton, Bedfordshire; Wokingham, Berkshire; Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire; Arfon, Carmarthen, North Wales, Cheshire; Camber, Cornwall; Truro, Cornwall; Eilean, Dorsetshire; Ash, Dorset; Dorset West; Wiltshire; Essex; Glamorganshire; Mid Glamorganshire South; Chichester, Gloucestershire; New Forest, Hampshire; St. Alban's, Hertfordshire; Thanet, Kent; Isle, North Londale, Lancashire North; Darwen, Lancashire North East; Widnes, Lancashire North West; Monmouthshire, Leicestershire; Herefordshire; Lancashire South; Northumberland; Ludlow, Shropshire; Staffordshire West; Stowmarket, Suffolk; Horsham, Sussex; Evesham, Worcestershire; Barking, Essex; Yorkshire West; Skipton, Yorkshire West; Morley, Yorkshire West.

Scotland counties—Elgin and Nairn, Argyllshire South; Fife East; Haddingtonshire; Gowan, Lanarkshire; Lanarkshire North West; Patrick, Lanarkshire; Perthshire East; Renfrewshire East; Sutherland; Moray; Perthshire North; Down South; Limerick West; Monaghan North; Waterford West.

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