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NO LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL AGAIN TAKE OFFICE TILL FREE OF THE LORDS

High Chancellor's Serious Declaration in Reply to Lansdowne's Rejection of the Budget.

INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN IN DEBATE

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The main interest in the historical debate today in the House of Lords in the budget centre in a grave declaration of the Liberal policy which fell from Lord Loreburn, lord high chancellor, in the course of an eloquent oration.

It is my opinion that it is impossible that any new Liberal government can ever again bear the heavy burden of office unless it is secured against a repetition of treatment such as our measures have had to undergo for the last four years.

This statement had an electrical effect upon the Liberal members of the House of Commons, who surged from the public galleries into the lobbies in a state of excitement under the conviction that they had heard the government's last word before the general election, that Premier Asquith will make a similar declaration in the House of Commons next week, and that the long delayed campaign against the lords has now begun in real earnest.

It was held that Lord Loreburn's statement could only mean that no Liberal leader will henceforth accept office unless he receives a pledge from the crown that sufficient peers will be appointed on the premier's nomination to secure the House of Commons against interference by the House of Lords in financial matters.

After the Earl of Crewe, lord privy seal, had formally moved the second reading of the budget bill, without comment, Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, immediately moved its rejection.

Rights of the Lords. He quoted precedents to show that although the House of Lords could not amend a finance bill, it had full power to discuss it and to throw it out if it so willed.

Besides, the present bill, he argued, had lacked on it legislation, such as land taxation and increased license duties, which the House of Lords had already rejected, and which had been placed in the bill with a view to ousting the Lords from their legitimate opportunity of dealing with these measures.

No self-respecting second chamber would tolerate such treatment. What he asked, was to prevent a homerule from being introduced in the finance bill? There was no limit to such abuses. The Lords had refused to perform their duties because they were crushing in their severity; the same applied to land taxes.

The people, he said, not having been consulted, the Lords had a clear duty, not to decree the final extinction of the bill, but to insist that before it became law, the long roll of grievances, with side of good government, be carefully considered and the consequences of the rejection of the bill and were ready to face them.

Constitutional Revolution. Lord Loreburn replied, contending that there was nothing to the bill foreign to finance, with which the House of Commons had the exclusive right to deal.

The attempt of the Lords to interfere, he declared, was the beginning of a system which would lead to constitutional revolution. What was embodied in the bill was not new either in the United States or Germany, and had been approved not only by the present but the late House of Commons.

After the lord high chancellor, many peers addressed the House, but interest was at a low ebb.

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PRESTON IN JAPAN

F. D. Monk Will See the Papers in the Case.

OTTAWA, Nov. 22.—(Special)—F. D. Monk, in moving in the House today for papers relating to the case of F. D. Monk, a resident of Preston, Ontario, who was arrested in Japan, and who was held in custody there for several months, stated that the government had recalled Mr. Preston at the request of the foreign trade agents in that country. It would be interesting to know how W. S. Harding, in consenting to the action, reserved to the government the right to withhold any papers of a confidential nature which would not be in the interests of the public to produce. He said that he did not take the reservation as a reflection on the knowledge that there were such documents relating to the Preston matter, but simply in case there should be papers of this character.

WOULD LEASE I.C.R.

Black (of Hants) Says 'Twould Be a Benefit.

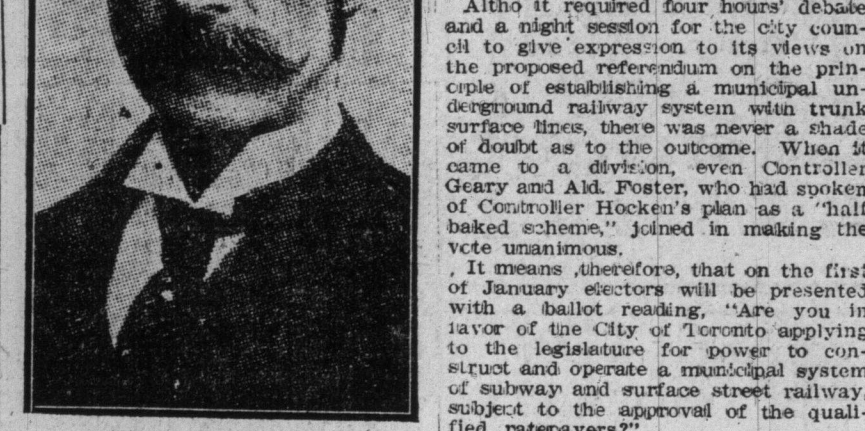
OTTAWA, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Black (Hants, N.S.) has given notice of the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House it would be in the best interests of the Maritime Provinces, and for the general good of Canada, that the Intercolonial Railway be operated and controlled by one of the companies controlling the Canada Transcontinental lines."

15 HOUSES WRECKED.

DEXTER, Mo., Nov. 22.—A tornado struck Dexter today and demolished fifteen houses and wrecked the Standard County Fair Buildings, including the amphitheatre. Two women and the children were injured. The damage is \$7000.

GEARY, FOSTER ALONE OPPOSE OBES

But Join in Unanimous Vote in City Council to Submit Referendum to People — Hocken Shows Scheme Worthy of Support.



LORD LANSDOWNE, Leader of the House of Lords, who moved rejection of the budget.

SLEET STORM PLAYS HAVOC

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down in Many Sections, Toronto Being Partially Shut Off From Outside.

Toronto was last night cut off from communication with a good deal of the outside world. The rain and sleet storm which was incessant throughout the day played havoc with telegraph and telephone wires in many sections of the city.

The general discussion was interesting, as it brought into the open the opinion regarding the manner in which the street railway situation should be handled. Several opinions were expressed, while others, including Controller Hocken's case.

Controller Hocken devoted the out-let to the subject of the street railway. He emphasized the fact that the 5000 acres had been added since the street railway agreement of 1881; that this big tract was not included in the street railway had no real effect on this area. He didn't blame the company for not breaking out into it, as his own investigations were not considered profitable.

The controller, in declaring that the underground railway was the only way to prevent central congestion, declared that the speed of transportation would enable workmen to build houses in the suburbs. Underground cars could travel at 30 miles an hour. By 1921 there might be 100,000 people in the area not included in the city.

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LEGAL FIREWORKS?



Or is Uncle Sam really celebrating a new Independence day?

CONSERVATIVES ASKED TO SMASH THE POWER POLICY.

The World pointed out yesterday that Mr. Geary, already a candidate for the mayoralty, is a declared opponent of a municipal system of tube railways and surface lines, although everybody knows that such a service would regulate the Toronto Railway Company, improve travelling, and would be for the city a most profitable proposition.

Notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Geary is supported by The Star, which is one of the electric and traction organs in this city, a determined effort is being made to split the Conservative party in Toronto, so that Mr. Geary may have a chance of being elected, or some other man, perhaps a Liberal, on whom these interests could have some pull, might be elected.

It therefore behooves Hon. J. J. Foy, who is attorney-general in the Whitney government and sits for Toronto; the Hon. Dr. Pym, who is in the Whitney government, and who sits for Toronto; the Hon. Mr. Speaker Crawford, who is the nominee in that office of the Whitney government, and who sits for Toronto; and Mr. W. K. McNaught, who is in the hydro-electric power commission of the Whitney government—the very commission that is working out the Whitney power policy—and who sits for Toronto, not to mention Messrs. Goodham, McPherson, Whiteside and Shaw, who all also sit for Toronto, that all these gentlemen see that the Conservative organization in Toronto is not used to elect a man as mayor who is openly supported for such office by The Star, the out-and-out organ of the electric and traction interests.

It would be a queer thing if the Conservatives of Toronto were to elect a man for mayor who had the support of the opponents of cheap power for the people, and against the city having its independence in regard to the street railway, and who would like to smash into atoms the Whitney-Beck power proposition.

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VERDI'S AIDA CAPTIVATES TORONTO

Grand Opera Production Gives Principals Great Dramatic Possibilities — Brilliant Vocalism, Superb Acting.

Very great public interest has been aroused over the appearance at the Royal Alexandra during the current week of a grand opera company which achieved a remarkable reputation while in New York. Carrying a hundred performers and a picked orchestra of half that number, the visit must be regarded as an earnest of what the Shubert organization is prepared to do in order to fulfill its engagement.

On the artistic side the company comes heralded by many encomiums and the general verdict will emphatically confirm the anticipation raised by the advance notices, which in this instance have not erred on the side of extravagance. Nor were the accessories out of harmony with the main attraction. Scenery, costumes and ballet were reproduced exactly as in the New York engagement, and the result greatly assisted the high standard reached in every detail of the production.

For the initial offering Aida, by Giuseppe Verdi, was selected. This opera was written to the order of the late Khedive of Egypt, who commissioned it in honor of the festivities connected with the opening of the Suez Canal in December, 1871. In keeping with the occasion the Khedive required an opera reflecting the national environment, and the composer was fully equal to the request. Artistic ideas are not always at their best in the execution of works of this class, but Aida bears no trace of its originator. It is rightly regarded as a masterpiece. Artistic ideas are not always at their best in the execution of works of this class, but Aida bears no trace of its originator. It is rightly regarded as a masterpiece.

Aida, a captive and in bondage among the Egyptians, loves an Egyptian warrior, whose name she has already gained fame and honor, and is also beloved of Amneris, daughter of the Pharaoh. Rhadamès is chosen to lead an expedition directed against the invading Ethiopians under Amneris, Aida's father, and departs. But Amneris already suspects that she has a rival in Rhadamès' heart, and she is of the great scenes in the opera. It is that of her interview with Aida, where she wrests from the captive the secrets of her heart. Grief, anger and jealousy burn within her breast, and she awaits the return of Rhadamès. He is victorious, and brings with him much spoil and many captives, among whom is Aida's father.

In response to his appeal Rhadamès liberates all the captives except Aida and Amneris, and then announces that Rhadamès shall have the hand of Amneris as the reward of his great

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WHO'S TO BLAME FOR HESTIA WRECK?

Marine Department Accused of Neglect That Cost 36 Lives—Information Furnished to Members.

OTTAWA, Nov. 22.—(Special)—The incapacity of the marine department was dilated upon in the commons today when the recent wreck of the steamer Hestia in the Bay of Fundy came under review. The vessel was wrecked on an old ledge where the light went out in January last and was allowed to remain out for ten months, thus rendering disaster certain. No notice was given to mariners that the light had gone out.

Mr. L. P. Brodeur made the excuse that for some months the weather was so stormy that they could not get near the buoy to relight it, and that when they found that it required repairs it took some months more to put it in order again. Mr. Todd delivered an extraordinarily caustic speech, in which he sneered at the two Scottish boys whose dying cry was for their mother, and blamed the official for not relighting the buoy. He also attached much importance to the fact that the gas buoy at Proprietor's Lodge was not in working order.

In reply, the minister said it was not customary for mariners in any part of the world to rely entirely on lights, as it was impossible to keep them always in order. Official warning had been given that light gas buoys were not to be entirely depended upon. No charges against the department had been made by the Donaldson Company or its agents in Montreal. If the vessel had followed the proper course or taken into consideration the error of compass there would have been no error and no loss of life. If, however, it was true that officers of the department had been negligent, he would take severe action.

Mr. Crockett (York, N.B.) pointed out that no notice had been given to street railway companies to say that the light was out. The Hestia was wrecked on the very ledge the buoy was to protect. The minister's excuse there would have been no error and no loss of life. If, however, it was true that officers of the department had been negligent, he would take severe action.

Mr. Todd (Charlotte, N.B.) said that most of the blame belonged to the captain of the ill-fated ship. Something was vitally wrong with the compass. Dr. Daniel, instead of exposing the fact that the light was out, should have said nothing about it, in the interest of St. John.

R. L. Forden deprecated the attempt to ensure the captain and crew, who were not here to defend themselves. Lives would have been lost if the light had been in proper working order. The minister had given an assurance that the light could not be repaired.

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SALE OF MEN'S FURS.

It is a Good Time to Buy Them Now.

On the second page of to-day's World we print a list of the fur coats and men in the showrooms of the Dineen Company. It is really a fact that Toronto men are considerably off in their dress for the frigid air outside. Wearing very heavy suits and very heavy underwear, and a medium weight overcoat is a precarious practice, simply because our homes and offices are heated generally above summer temperature. We are so clothed that we get specially overheated within doors, and a change to the frigid air outside is sure to give us a chill, which is always a good foundation for something more severe. Dineen is putting on sale today a splendid assortment of fur and fur-lined coats, just turned out of the workrooms.

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CANADA AND DENMARK "SWAP" FOR GREENLAND

Captain Bernier Says It Would Give Us Control of Great Northern Fisheries.

MONTREAL, Nov. 22.—(Special)—Capt. Bernier of Arctic fame spoke today before the Canadian Club, saying, amongst other things, that the whole of the northern archipelago has been annexed by him as a result of his trip, a territory of not less than 500,000 square miles in extent. He had left a slab on Montville Island announcing the formal taking possession of the whole of this archipelago.

He spoke of the tremendous value of the fisheries in the north, saying if Newfoundland came into the Canadian federation, as she ought to do, Canada would be able to control the fish market of the world. What Canada ought also to have was the Greenland coast, now belonging to Denmark, which would secure the full control of the northern fishing grounds. He thought if the matter were put before the British Government by Canada it might easily be obtained by means of negotiations, by which Denmark would be offered other land in the Pacific in exchange.

A bylaw authorizing a referendum on the question of return to the system of electing school trustees by wards was carried yesterday.

A STRANGE REQUEST

\$150,000 Trust Fund For Non-Religious Destitute Women.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 22.—(Special)—Dr. E. Stevenson, an aged physician, known as an eccentric, who died recently, left an estate of \$150,000 to constitute a trust fund to be given to destitute women, but the beneficiaries must not be connected directly or indirectly with any church or religious organization.

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