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George Knowling.

W. J. HERDER, Proprietor. . . W. F. LLOYD, Editor.

St. John's, Newfoundland, January 13, 1910.

LORDS VS. COMMONS.

Yesterday we dwelt upon that aspect of the House of Lords which is not often properly emphasized. The House is often looked upon as the legislative hall of the lords of the land. Of course, this is true in a certain measure. The Dukes and many lords of inferior degree own immense tracts of land, and a goodly portion of the soil of England is under their control. Nowadays magnates not only of land but of almost all forms of industry and influence have seats in the House of Lords. There you find the great bankers, shipbuilders, shipowners, brewers, distillers, mine workers, cotton manufacturers, woolen manufacturers. Most men of great wealth or exceptional eminence in medicine, surgery, law, navy, army, administration, science and learning are called to the House of Lords. Although it is called by men of science and learning, its chief characteristic is its wealth. It is essentially a plutocratic assembly, and it is becoming more and more so each succeeding generation.

The House of Lords no longer consists of a handful of privileged men. Its membership has been increased out of all proportion to the increase in population. A few facts will make this clear.

Before the Wars of the Roses there were 53 lay peers. After this struggle there were 20.

The Tudor Sovereigns strengthened it by adding new men to the nobility, whom they knitted in loyalty to themselves by the grant of confiscated land of the Monasteries which were abolished.

A WOMAN DOCTOR
 Was Quick to See that Coffee was Doing the Mischief.

A lady tells of a bad case of coffee poisoning and tells it in a way so simple and straightforward that literary skill could not improve it.

"I had neuralgic headaches for 12 years," she says, "and suffered untold agony. When I first began to take them I weighed 140 pounds, but they brought me down to 110. I went to many doctors and they gave me only temporary relief. So I suffered on, till one day a woman doctor told me to use Postum. She said I looked like I was coffee poisoned."

"So I began to drink Postum and I gained 15 pounds in the first few weeks and continued to gain, but not so fast as at first. My headaches began to leave me after I had used Postum about two weeks—long enough to get the coffee poison out of my system."

"Since I began to use Postum I can gladly say that I never know what a neuralgic headache is like any more, and it was nothing but Postum that made me well. Before I used Postum I never went out alone; I would get bewildered and would not know which way to turn. Now I go alone and my head is as clear as a bell. My brain and nerves are stronger than they have been for years."

"Read the little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in pkgs. 'There's a Reason.'"

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

In the time of Henry VIII. the greatest number of lay peers was 51; in the time of Elizabeth 59.

Great additions were made by the Stuart Kings, but at the end of their time the number stood only at 149.

During the reign of Anne, the Lords themselves began to look askance at the increase in the membership of their house.

In those days the germs of the present party system were beginning to fructuate. The parties were roughly those who sided with Royalty and those who sided with the big Lords. Many of the political fights took place in the House of Commons, but the members of that House, through rotten boroughs, were little more than nominees of either the King or the great magnates who had seats in the House of Lords. There were, of course, King's friends among the peers, but the majority were not King's friends. As, however, the number of Lords was comparatively small, it was no difficult matter for the King to swamp opposition in the House of Lords by the creation of a small number of new peers. The limit of this exercise of the Royal Prerogative was the risk of a counter-revolution in favour of the Stuarts. The Lords, however, were alive to the danger, and on two occasions, the Whig lords endeavoured to limit by statute the King's prerogative to create new peers. Their object was to prevent the creation of Tory peers who would be King's friends and opponents of the Great Whig Lords.

At this time there were 178 peers, the Duke of Somerset in 1739, and the Duke of Buckingham introduced bills to restrain the King from increasing the peerage to more than 184. The object was to insure by legislation a permanent Whig majority in the House of Lords. Luckily the attempts failed. If success had attended their attempts, the party system of Government would have been strangled in its infancy. The Tory party in the House of Commons was strong enough to throw out the bill, and this insidious proposal was defeated.

It is curious that the whirligig of time has put the boot on the other foot. What the Liberals of those days tried to insure for themselves, the extraordinary creation of peers by both parties has effected for the Tories. What threatened the party system then, now threatens the party system to-day. The problem of the day is how to break the permanent majority of the Tory party in the House of Lords, and how to arrange that the party which is successful at the polls and has a majority in the House of Commons, shall also have a majority in the House of Lords, whether that party be Liberal or Tory. In the reign of George III. Pitt revolutionized the House of Lords, by making it the stronghold not of blood but of property, and since his days this characteristic has become its chief feature. Under Pitt 141 new peers were created. Since the Reform Bills of the Thirties, about 320 peers have been created, and much more than half of them on the recommendation of Liberal ministers.

In the atmosphere of the House of Lords, the new Liberal peers are soon converted into Tory partisans, and the conversions are so constant, that it may almost be regarded as a political law. Increases in Liberal peers soon furnish overwhelming Tory majorities. Every addition makes the situation more difficult.

From this it follows that the Royal Prerogative should not be used to create a majority of peers to pass any ordinary non-constitutional legislation, but should be utilized once for all to bring about such an organic change in the constitution of the House of Lords that will bring it in harmony with the electorate automatically after a General Election. It must insure a majority for a new Government in the House of Lords, so that a new Government may carry out the mandate of the Electorate in the House of Lords as well as in the House of Commons. It must more particularly insure to the House of Commons the sole control of finance. If this is not done, the tremendous influence of a House of the Magnates of Money and Property will inevitably shift the dominating power in Parliament to their own Chamber. At all costs the House of Commons must retain control of the Purse. Otherwise the House of Mammon will have it.

International Record of Justice.

Special to Evening Telegram.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.

State Department officials have received, with much satisfaction, during the past few days, tidings leading them to believe that several of the Powers of Europe are considering favourably Secretary Knox's proposal to the nations, looking to the establishment of a permanent international court of arbitration and justice. Diplomats here and abroad recognize the great importance of the proposition from an international peace standpoint. The proposal is simply to enlarge the scope and character of the present international court. Secretary Knox considers its composition satisfactory, if not ideal, and he proposes to invest it with the jurisdiction and functions of a court of arbitration and justice, thus securing the adoption of the Court as a Chamber of the prize Court by a single negotiation.

"Thelma."

Carpenters, scenic artists and electricians are busy at the People's Theatre getting ready for the production of "Thelma," which the Robinson-Allworth Dramatic Co. are to present to-night. The management will introduce a spectacle of the burning of the ship "Falcon" at sea. All those who are familiar with the story will readily call to mind this stirring incident, and this little piece of stagecraft should have a great effect as the finishing touch to one of the most interesting stories ever dramatized. The presenting of this piece by the Robinson-Allworth Dramatic Co. has created a great deal of interest among the dramatic loving patrons of the People's Theatre, and a very critical audience is expected. The piece abounds in stirring situations, and the heart interest is well followed. This organization should be able to bring out new beauties heretofore undeveloped. There will be three specialties between the acts by the Crowleys, Miss Ardis Allworth and Mr. Jess Sydney, who will repeat his very clever, Italian character song, "My Brud Sylvest." Taking all in all, this is one of the best bills yet produced by the company, and is deserving of capacity audiences.

JOINED THE FORCE. John Colford, of Carbonar, has joined the police force, and will be stationed in the East End.

FIND OUT
 The Kind of Food that Will Keep You Well.

The true way is to find out what is best to eat and drink, and then cultivate a taste for those things instead of poisoning ourselves with improper, indigestible food, etc.

A conservative Mass. woman writes: "I have used Grape-Nuts 5 years for the young and for the aged; in sickness and in health; at first following directions carefully, later in a variety of ways as my taste and judgment suggested."

"But its most special, personal benefit has been as a substitute for meat, and served dry with cream when rheumatic troubles made it important for me to change diet."

"Served in this way with the addition of a cup of hot Postum and a little fruit it has been used at my morning meal for six months, during which time my health has much improved, my nerves have grown steadier, and a gradual decrease in my excessive weight adds greatly to my comfort."

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Reform of the Lords.

Mr. Balfour recently at Ipswich, followed Lord Lansdowne with regard to the reform of the House of Lords. "By all means," he said, "let us reform the House of Lords, in order to strengthen it." He proceeded to let us ask any American citizen whether he thought life would be worth living if the elaborate precautions taken by the framers of the constitution were disregarded and only the House of Representatives should rule.

OBITUARY.

Mr. John McCarthy.
 Mr. John McCarthy died at his late residence, Leslie Street, at 12.30 this morning, having been ill the past two months. Deceased was born in this city in 1837 and during the past forty years carried on a provision and grocery business in the West End. He leaves six sons and three daughters; his wife having died about two years ago. The Telegram extends its sympathy.

Wedding Next Week.

The marriage of Miss Belle Haddon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Haddon, to Mr. W. A. Strong, of Little Bay Islands, takes place at the residence of the bride's parents the early part of next week, leaving for their future home by the s.s. Prospero.

POLICE COURT NEWS.

A resident of Barter's Hill, drunk and disorderly was fined \$5 or 14 days.

A young man who was arrested for indecent exposure on Bond Street and for following and annoying a young lady going in Barnes' Road last evening. The judge ordered that a doctor examine him to determine whether he is insane or not.

Sale of Papers and Magazines
 in connection with B. I. S. Reading Room for the year 1910, will be held at the Reading Room Thursday Evening, January 13th, at 8.30. W. S. DUNPHY, Sec. R. R., Jan. 13, 1910.

Train Notes.

The shore train reached town at 9.35 last night bringing Capt. English, W. J. Ellis, C. R. Rendell, W. Taylor, A. Abbott and T. R. Hanrahan and 29 others.

The shore train last evening took out H. Brown, J. Miller, J. Costello, J. Eckel, Hon. D. Morrison, J. Woodman, Capt. W. Higgins, and P. Moore.

The local arrived at 12.30 p.m. to-day bringing about 30 passengers including Rev. John Roe, J. R. Bancroft, Geo. Grant, Miss Bartlett, Constables Benson and Wells.

The west bound express arrived at St. George's at 8.30 a.m. to-day.

The incoming express left Benton at 9.30 a.m. and is due at St. John's at 7.30 p.m. to-day.

Personal Notes.

Mr. T. Hanrahan, Supt. R. C. Schools, arrived in town last night.

W. J. Ellis returned to town by last night's train.

Mr. C. R. Rendell, of Taleville, is in town.

Mr. A. Abbott returned to town last night.

Mr. W. F. Butt, of Carbonar, is in town.

Mr. J. B. Green came in from Wabana yesterday.

Capt. W. Kennedy went to Holyrood by train last evening.

Rev. Father Roe, P.P. Harbor Main, came in by to-day's train.

Mr. J. R. Bancroft returned to town by train to-day.

C. E. I.—The members of the Church Institute are holding a card tournament in their rooms to-night at 8 o'clock. A prize has been donated by the President.

GONE TO SYDNEY.—About 150 men from Conception Bay went to Placentia yesterday and joined the Coban for Sydney where they will work at the mines, etc. till spring.

DIED.

This morning, January 13th, Lewis Haddon, of Tillicoultry, Scotland, aged 58 years. Funeral at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday from his late residence, 26 Power Street. No flowers.

At 12.30 this morning, after a brief illness, John McCarthy, aged 72 years, leaving 6 sons and 3 daughters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, Leslie Street.



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REID BOATS.
 The Argyle arrived at St. John's at 10.50 a.m. yesterday for repairs.
 The Clyde left Lewisport at 2.15 p.m. yesterday for the south.
 The Dundee arrived at St. John's at 8.30 p.m. yesterday.
 The Ethel is in port.
 The Glenoe left Port aux Basques at 7.15 a.m. to-day.
 The Home left Sound Island at 8.15 p.m. yesterday and arrived at Placentia this morning.
 The Invermore will leave Port aux Basques after the arrival of No. 1 train.

Supreme Court.

The case of Horwood vs. Milligan was continued before the full bench to-day.
 In chambers the insolvency case of Jesse Patey, of River of Ponds, St. Barbe District, brought on by petition of R. M. Bishop, will be resumed at 5 o'clock.

Broke Her Leg.

While skating over Barter's Hill yesterday afternoon a little girl named Morgan, a resident of Cabot Street, broke her leg by collision with a fence. The fracture occurred just above the ankle. The children, playmates of the little girl, conveyed her home when a doctor was called in and set the bone.

Prisoner Brought In.

A resident of Freshwater, Carbonar, named Butt, was brought in by train to-day by Constables Benson and Wells, of Carbonar. He was sentenced to two months imprisonment at that town last night by Judge Penny for being the instigator of the riot at the railway station. Four other prisoners are at Harbor Grace jail.

Schooners Arrived.

Seven schooners arrived from Notre Dame Bay with loads of fish this morning, including the Lotus, Capt. Strong, from Little Bay, with fish to Bishop & Sons; the D.M. Hilton from Nipper's Harbor with a load of fish to A. Goodridge & Sons; the Nereld and Humming Bird, also from Nipper's Harbor with loads of fish to Goodridge's; the Garnet and Ethel E. from J. Earle and W. Ashbourne, respectively; the Samuel R. Crowe with a load of fish for Thos. Thistle, Little Bay; the Olive this afternoon also from Nipper's Harbor with a load of fish to A. Goodridge & Sons.

CAPE REPORT.

Special to Evening Telegram.
CAPE RACE, To-Day.
 Wind north north west, strong, with snow showers. A steamer passed in at 11 p.m. yesterday, and a small schooner west at 8 a.m. to-day. Bar. 29.80; ther. 22.

Here and There.

The Golden Hind is at Barr's wharf to-day loading for market.
 The Kohler Piano is represented the world over. Over 100,000 in use. CHESLEY WOODS, Sole Agent for Nfld.—Jan.3,11.

BRITISH HALL, St. Bonaventure's.

Ladies' Association Juvenile "At Home," Thursday, January 25th, at 3 p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. H. Higgins, "Sunshine" Monks-town Road, and at the door.—Jan.13,11

T. A. CLUB TOURNEY.

About 50 players took part in the T. A. Card Tournament last night at the T. A. Armoury Room. J. Martin secured 26 games out of 40 games, and E. Coleman, 25. Both were given a pipe as a prize.

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WHEATHER UP COUNTRY.

It is snowing and drifting in the interior to-day. Wind brisk from the N.W. At Bishop's Falls this morning the temperature was 8 above, and at the Quarry 10 above.

NOTE OF THANKS.

Mrs. C. A. Cook desires to express her sincere thanks to the many kind friends who sent wreaths to adorn the casket of her dear husband, and also to those who sent letters and messages of sympathy.—ad.11

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 500 pairs of Ladies' Tan
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