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CANADIANS AND THE BRITISH ELECTION.

No imperial interest will be served by entangling the party politics of Great Britain with those of this country.

Canadians should be thankful that the Dominion Government refused to listen to the suggestion that it should formally demand a preference for Canadian products in the British market. Had such a proposal been sanctioned, Canada would today be in a humiliating position in relation to the political crisis in Great Britain. The British tariff reformers would have been able to claim, with some plausibility, that they had the moral support of the Canadian Parliament and people. Canada would be a make-weight for the House of Lords in its intolerable pretensions, and would incur the reproach of the progressive elements in the mother country.

The issues raised in the British elections do not remotely touch party controversies in this country. Canadians are free to view the struggle from the standpoint of their individual opinions or prejudices. There is evidence that the great majority of them, Liberal and Conservative, are in sympathy with the programme of the present British Government, and hope that the power of the House of Lords will be curtailed, because the peers are the defenders of land monopoly and other abuses that would not be tolerated in this country. "A number of Canadian journals, however, seem to think it incumbent upon them to try to influence the Canadian people in favor of the House of Lords, for no apparent reason except that the opposing parties in Great Britain are labelled Conservative and Liberal. The Montreal Star insults the intelligence of its readers by the suggestion that the tie between Canada and the mother country will be weakened by a victory for the British Government. The Toronto News does not go to this extreme, but both the News and the Star are trying to present the case for the Unionist party in a more attractive light than the facts warrant. They have invented a Unionist land policy. Says the Star:

"The trend of Liberal policy has been towards the establishment of men on little allotments as tenants of the county councils, i.e., of the state in one of its manifestations; the party does not seem to favor a policy of setting the small holder up as an actual owner. The policy of the advanced Unionist wing, on the other hand, is to make the small holder the out-and-out proprietor of his bit of land; its view is that the existence of a million or two peasant proprietors will be a powerful aid to the stability of the state. This end is to be attained by simplification of legal procedure, by aid in financing the purchase of allotments, by developing agricultural co-operation, and by aid in local taxation."

The News has published several articles to the same effect. It is true that a few members of the Unionist party speak of the desirability of encouraging peasant proprietorship, but the party has put no programme of the kind before the people. On the contrary, Lord Lansdowne, the ruler of the House of Lords, has declared definitely against such a proposal. On Nov. 17 he said:

"The use of public money for the purpose of providing those persons who were known as landless men with land was an extremely undesirable thing, and the opposition desired to do all in their power to prevent it."

Without the use of public money a peasant proprietorship in England is as impossible as it would have been in Ireland. A Unionist Government passed a small holdings act in 1892, which has proved a farce. Under its provisions 652 acres were acquired for 238 tenants in ten years. Under the Liberal small holdings act of 1907 no fewer than 56,972 acres had, down to Oct. 2 last, been acquired for secure occupation by nearly 14,000 men.

Ninety-five per cent of the applicants for small holdings want to lease the land, for the simple reason that they cannot afford to purchase it. The policy of the present Government is the only one that will give the landless men, the tenants and farm-hands without capital, a hope of acquiring land. The present act gives these small holders a security of tenure which enables them to look upon the land as their own. The talk of a Unionist land programme will be regarded as a mere election dodge, a bait for land-hungry people, until the responsible leaders of the party present practical proposals. The Unionist majority in the House of Lords showed how little sympathy it had with the movement by recently throwing out the Scottish

land bill, which was designed to encourage small holdings in the most land-rich division of the kingdom.

In view of these circumstances, which are known to everyone who has followed political affairs in the mother country, it is difficult to acquit the Toronto News and the Montreal Star of deliberately misrepresenting the situation in order to delude Canadian Conservatives into a belief that there is a core of democracy in the Unionist policy. The average Conservative in Canada, like the average Liberal, is a democrat, and his sympathies ought naturally to be with the progressive party in the old land. But from a portion of the Conservative Press he is not getting the truth and the facts.

SIR CHARLES "CALLED."

The Chicago Record-Herald takes Sir Charles Tupper to task for asserting in his letter on the naval question that "all parties in the United States agree in their desire to obtain possession of Canada," and asks, "When and where has he observed manifestations of that agreement, of that alleged desire?" The Chicago paper does not suspect the present leaders of the Dominion parties of sharing in Sir Charles Tupper's apprehension, and is quite certain that no party in the United States has thought of "obtaining possession of Canada." There have been no anti-Canadian threats of aggression in the worst jingo organs of the Republic for at least a decade. There has been talk of least reciprocity or even free trade with Canada; there has been talk in some New York papers of the protection enjoyed by Canada under the Monroe doctrine, and the consequent needlessness of a Canadian navy, but even this has not been general. The Record-Herald further says:

"The American people have watched with sympathy the growth of Canada, and many of them have favored closer and friendlier relations with the Dominion than the tariff bours have been willing to permit. The need of a separate Canadian navy is not a question with which Americans have greatly concerned themselves. The German scare led to the colonial profers of contributions to the mother country's defence budget, and the agitation of contributions and their exact form has in turn led to Canadian and Australasian movements for separate naval establishments. No one here has suspected that this naval agitation is in any way directed against America, and none will suspect it now, in spite of the Tupper letter."

The advice of our Chicago contemporary is that this controversy among the advocates of separate navies and colonial gifts of Dreadnoughts to Great Britain can be carried on without bugaboos of American plotting or secretly wishing to obtain possession of Canada. The comments of the Record-Herald, we believe, are sincere and well-grounded.

Have the lake sailors no friends at court?

The Liberal party in Great Britain has come back to Gladstone.

There is no likelihood that the Dominion Government will veto the Ontario power legislation, even though Canadian credit may suffer. There is a good deal of stage thunder in Mr. For's remonstrance.

Judge Cannon's report is a fearful comment upon civic government in Montreal. Twenty-five per cent of the ratepayers' money, he said, went into the pockets of grafters, and much of the remainder was wasted. He accuses eight aldermen and a score of city officials of malversation. Will the Quebec Government have sufficient courage to prosecute the alleged offenders?

"Party lines never rested so loosely," says a Washington dispatch to the Boston Transcript, "and the country will strain its eyes to discover the line of demarcation between Republican and Democrat." The fact is that party names lost their meaning in the United States when the Democrats dropped the tariff issue, and Roosevelt adopted the role of a trust-buster.

The effort in this country to deny the House of Lords gives but little credit to the intelligence of Canadians—London Free Press.

It is only the hereditary element of the House of Lords that evokes ridicule and contempt. Unfortunately it comprises the majority of that chamber. As Mr. C. R. Sims, the Unionist writer, aptly says, "If the people are to be governed by nincompoops, they ought at least to have the choosing of them." There is something grotesque in the defence of the hereditary feature of the House of Lords by Canadian journals. The most enlightened of the peers are themselves opposed to it.

Speaking of Poet Watson's shameful conduct in attacking Mrs. Asquith and her daughter, Rev. Dr. A. K. New York, who has been one of his admirers, says:

"There is one faint gleam of hope that it may not be as disgraceful as it seems. This may be insanity; undoubtedly it looks like it. "One of the phenomena of brain disease is a belief that the world is engaged in a conspiracy against oneself. If Mr. Watson is a victim, then our old admiration for him, our love for him, will move us to a deeper sympathy for him. "I would rather think of him as dead, with glorious achievements upon his records and honor unstained, than to know him for what he appears to be today—a spiteful gossip, a fool, and a cad."

The Catholic Record celebrates Christmas in a manner gratifying to its readers by appearing as a seven-column paper—a permanent improvement. From a modest beginning 31 years ago, the Record has grown to a firmly-established position of power and influence in the Catholic community. Its circulation has climbed to 22,000, and it goes into homes from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The Record is

edited with ability, and is always on the right side of moral questions, in which differences of theology vanish. Senator Coffey is to be felicitated upon the success of the journal with which his name has been associated since its inception.

THAT TRICKY ALPHABET.

[Tit-Bits.]
"What do you mean by this, sir?" demanded the angry advertiser.
"What's the matter?" inquired the publisher, of the country paper.
"This advertisement of 'Our delicious canned meats from the best colonial houses—you've made it read 'horses.'"

ATTRACTIVE ARITHMETIC.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]
"How can I get the boys interested in percentage?" asked the new teacher.
"Let 'em figure out the baseball averages," advised the wise old pedagogue.

A WORKINGMAN.

[Chicago News.]
Percy—Me physician advised me to—aw—take more exercise, doncher know.
Algy—How will you do it, dear boy?
Percy—Heatherfay I shall wot me own cighawwets, doncher know.

NOT WHAT SHE MEANT.

[Comic Cuts.]
Old Lady (in a shoe shop)—Have you felt slippers?
Small Boy Assistant (solemnly)—Yes, ma'am; many a time.

ONE RECOMMENDATION.

[Sketch.]
The Customer—Can you recommend these complexion powders?
The Chemist—Well, madam, I can't say that they will wash like the natural complexion, but they won't rub off on a coat sleeve.

A DRIVE AT MONTREAL.

[London Daily News.]
The following appears in the Montreal Star:

PADDED POETS.

The biggest bargain we have offered. We secured these at a remarkably low price, and give you the benefit.
Two hundred Padded Leather Poets, red under gold edges, round corners, gilt title. In the assortment are Longfellow, R. Brown, Hood, Goldsmith, Tennyson, Whitier, Wordsworth, Scott, Byron, Moore, Burns, Hemans. Come early and secure a choice—they won't last long, at 57 cents.

We remember a poem of the late Samuel Butler (who was anything but padded when he was angry), written upon finding that a certain statue of Apollo in the museum at Montreal had been officially fitted with padded poets. The idea seems to go with padded poets.

NATURE FAKIR.

[Everybody's Magazine.]
"Over 5,000 elephants, you go to make our piano keys," observed the star boarder, who had been reading the scientific notes in a patent medicine almanac.
"Sakes alive!" exclaimed the landlady. "Ain't it wonderful what some animals can be trained to do?"

MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN.

[Pilegends Blatter.]
Lady (to her sister, a doctor)—There, I cooked a meal for the first time today, and I made a mess of it.
"Well, dear, never mind; it's nothing. I lost my first patient."

THE REAL LURE.

[The New York.]
English Girl—You American girls have not such healthy complexions as we have. I can't understand why our gentlemen take such a fancy to your white faces.
American Girl—It isn't our white faces that attract them, my dear; it's our greenbacks.

ALL TOLD.

[Youth's Companion.]
Radical pride is a kind of patriotism that lasts as long as a continent. The story is told of a stranger in Milwaukee who, seeing an Irishman at work in the street, asked him what was the population of the town.
"Oh, about forty thousand," was the reply.
"Forty thousand?" It must certainly have more than that," said the visitor.
"Well," said the Irishman, "it would be about two hundred and seventy thousand if you were to count the Dutch."

JESSIE.

[Robbie Burns.]
True-hearted was he, the sad swain of the Yarrow,
And fair as the maidens on the banks of the Ayr;
But by the sweet side of Nith's winding river,
Are lovers as faithful and maidens as fair.
To equal young Jessie you seek it in vain;
To equal young Jessie you seek it in vain.
Grace, beauty and elegance fetter her lover,
And maidens modestly flock to the chain.
Oh, fresh is the rose in the gay, dewy morning,
And sweet is the lily at evening's close.
But in the fair presence of lovely young Jessie,
Unseen is the lily, unheeded the rose.
Love sits in her smile, a wizard ensnaring,
Enthroned in her e'en he delivers his law.
And still to her charms she alone is a stranger!
Her modest demeanor's the jewel o' them a'.

HIS TONGUE SLIPPED.

[Chicago Tribune.]
The Girl—Isn't this play tiresome?
The Young Man—It's an awful bore. But there is no use, Miss Pinkle, of your trying to conceal a yawn with that fairy little hand of yours; it can't half cover—er—I mean—that is—

THAT DEAR PAREE.

[Bon Vivant.]
"What do you think, my dear? Such luck! We leave for Paris in an hour."
"Really?"
"Yes, we are going to Pasteur's. My husband has just been bitten by a mad dog."

ANTICIPATED.

[Tit-Bits.]
A son of Erin who had the misfortune to get mixed up in an accident was immediately conveyed to a hospital, where it was found that his only injury was a slight wound. The house surgeon carefully examined him, after which he thus stated the case to the nurse: "As subsequent observation is not observable, I think there is little reason to apprehend tegumental cicatrization of the wound. What do you think yourself?" he asked Pat, with a mischievous smile.
"Sure, doctor," replied Pat, "you're a



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wonderful thought reader. You took the very words out of my mouth. I was just going to say that."

THE LAST DAYS.

[Ellen M. H. Gates, in Harper's Magazine.]

Ah, dearest, these are the last, last days. Their moments swiftly run: The hills are lost in purple haze. We scarce can see the sun. With drooping wings, through endless space, Our old illusions flee, And silence comes, with sacred face, And stares at you and me. Ah, Love, my Love, in last, last days, How sweet the roses are! While yet a little light delays, Back comes the morning dream. In tents of peace, with perfect trust, That youth may never know; Though half our life lies in dust, How fond the heart can grow!

MUCH-NEEDED STORM

Wind and Rain Break Long Drought in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Swept by a wind and rain storm which did damage amounting to thousands of dollars, the coal region of Eastern Pennsylvania has been relieved of a drought which has been almost continuous for the last six months. The damage by the high wind and driving rain was lost sight of in comparison with the great benefit wrought by the unusual downpour. During the last 60 days thousands of miners have been unemployed, half of them or working in less than half time, because of the lack of water at the collieries. But the storm which broke over the eastern section of Pennsylvania did not continue until late last night when the means of starting the mines in full operation. Thousands of dollars have been spent by the larger coal companies in hauling water to the collieries in their efforts to keep their mines in operation.

PLOTING AGAINST THE STEEL TRUST

Labor Leaders in Conference Over the Open Shop Fight.

Pittsburg, Dec. 14.—The second, and what will probably be the final day of the conference of the labor leaders to devise ways and means to aid the United States Steel Corporation, began today. At a meeting, secret in its deliberations, held last night, resolutions setting forth the stand of organized labor the world over against the United States Steel Corporation and its subsidiary concerns were evolved. The contents of these will probably be made known before the day is done, and will probably cause a sensation in the labor world.

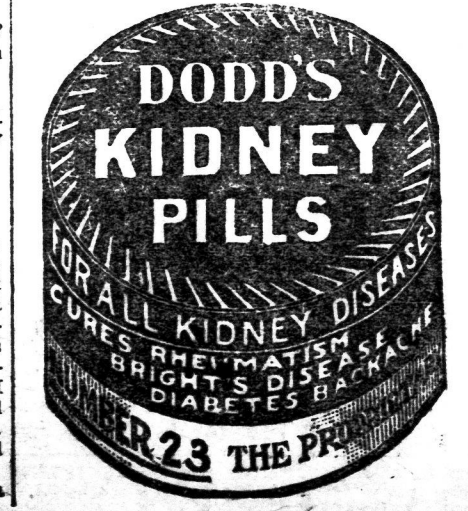
SUPREME COURT APPEALS

Montreal Power Company and the Canadian Northern Gain Cases.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Judgments were given this morning in a number of appeals heard this session by the supreme court.

In the case of Angus vs. Heinz, the appeal was dismissed with costs. The appellant, E. E. Angus, and Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, acquired the title to lands of the Columbia and Western Railway, and agreed to divide them equally between themselves and P. Angus Heinz, the respondent. Heinz refused to take a conveyance of his share, as upon transfer it would become liable to taxation. The appellants brought suit for a petition, and obtained a decree at the trial. By judgment appealed from the supreme court of British Columbia, set aside the decree and dismissed the action on the ground that the agreement obliged the appellants to hold the title until Heinz formally asked for a conveyance of his share. This judgment is now upheld.

Other Appeals.
In steamship Marshall vs. Harbor



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WHO IS RESPONSIBLE

Original N. T. R. Contractors Sub Let to Unreliable Parties.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—A return tabled in Parliament today by Hon. George P. Graham, at the request of Mr. Crockett, gives correspondence arising out of a complaint that sub-contractors on the N. T. R. in New Brunswick had been unable to pay for supplies bought from merchants and farmers. The original contract for the section on which the trouble occurred was given to the G. T. E. It sub-let to the Toronto Construction Company, which in turn sub-let to others. Mr. Crockett, in a letter, made the claim that the work was being done at a price 40 per cent below the figures of the original contract and that the original contractors were morally if not legally responsible.

Some correspondence took place between Hon. Mr. Graham and the N. T. R. commissioners, the net result of which was that the commissioners, while promising to exert their influence on the original contractors, remarked that more prudence should have been exercised by those who gave credit to the sub-contractors.

NELSON MATCHED.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—According to a statement by John Robinson, who has been acting as agent for Battling Nelson, the Dane, has accepted terms for a match with Fred Welch, the British lightweight champion, for a 20-round bout in England in February. Mr. Robinson says that an English publication devoted to pugilism, has offered a purse of \$20,000 for a meeting between Nelson and Welch.

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The Eskimo Doll is taking well. It is unbreakable with celluloid head. Dressed just as Perry and Cook were in the pictures we have seen.

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Poor little Dollie, in widow's attire. They're called here the "Merry Widow," though, for she is dressed so stylishly. Price \$1.50

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WENT THROUGH ICE.

Hampden, N. B., Dec. 13.—A double young couple, intent to render assistance to the drowning accident occurred near here late this afternoon, when John Kimble, 18 years of age, and Irene McManus, 13, while skating on the lake, both disappeared from view.

A man saw the couple disappear, but the dangerous ice prevented an attempt to render assistance to the young couple. They had gone skating after school was out without going home. Ever see the Catskill Mountains? They are something like the CATS. PAW RUBBER HEELS—CATSKILL. A man saw the couple disappear, but the dangerous ice prevented an attempt to render assistance to the young couple. They had gone skating after school was out without going home. Ever see the Catskill Mountains? They are something like the CATS. PAW RUBBER HEELS—CATSKILL. A man saw the couple disappear, but the dangerous ice prevented an attempt to render assistance to the young couple. They had gone skating after school was out without going home. Ever see the Catskill Mountains? They are something like the CATS. PAW RUBBER HEELS—CATSKILL.

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