

tatives Martin, Foster, Leonard and Norris. Representative Leonard finally proposed the whole Democratic free list bill as an amendment, and although Republican Sherley, of Kentucky, who was presiding, ruled that it was in order, the Democrats steadily voted against it.

The section of the bill relating to free admission of pulp and paper provoked the sharpest discussion, drawing from Representative Mann, of Illinois, the Republican leader, the statement that it was exactly in the terms agreed upon by the two countries.

"Joe" Cannon Bitter

Former Speaker Cannon bitterly attacked this section of the bill.

"Let's bring Canada down here and surrender the halls of congress to her," exclaimed Mr. Cannon.

Representative Longworth, of Ohio, pointed out that any reduction of duties, as proposed in the free list amendments, would violate the relations between the United States and all other countries, as it would give Canadian goods a special preference in the American markets.

"I challenge the statement that we are going to pass the free list bill later on the expectation that it will not become law," said Democratic Leader Underwood in reply to statements from Republican opponents of the reciprocity bill. "The free list will become law, or the Republican Senate that kills it or the Republican president who vetoes it never will be heard from again."

"DEAD AS QUEEN ANNE"

London, April 21. The House of Commons sat until 3:25 o'clock this morning, a number of opposition amendments to clause 2 of the Parliament bill, restricting the powers of the House of Lords over measures other than money bills, being rejected by substantial majorities, for the most part after the application of the clause. The uncompromising attitude taken by Premier Asquith greatly pleased his followers. An acrimonious duel in personalities occurred at the close of the sitting between Earl Winterton, who was conspicuous for his noisy interruptions, and Home Secretary Churchill. The chairman pointedly warned Earl Winterton, and appealed to the members generally to preserve the decency and dignity of the House. Premier Asquith, in a fighting speech, declared that the government would accept no amendments which would exclude from the clause any class of legislation. The assumption underlying the bill, he said, was that the House of Commons, representing the people, had provided checks on the House of Lords. They were not taking away its veto, but were only limiting its duration and scope. "The veto of the crown is gone," he claimed the prime minister. "It is dead as Queen Anne. It has gone by disuse. So ought the veto of the House of Lords to have gone."

When the House of Lords turned itself into a permanent partisan ally body of one particular party, continued Mr. Asquith, it became necessary to deal with it by legislation. The Liberal party had received a mandate from the country for the bill, and would use the machinery created by it in this Parliament to carry out the objects the party had at heart.

ELECTRICITY ON FARMS

The announcement made this week that the Ontario government will send a commission to Europe to investigate modern methods in the use of electricity as applied to agriculture, will be favorably received by farmers in the hydro-electric power belt in Ontario. The men selected are P. W. Sothman, chief engineer of the Hydro-Electric Commission, and W. R. Roadhouse, secretary of the department of agriculture. In addition the government is considering the advisability of selecting an expert from the Ontario Agricultural college to accompany the party. There should be no hesitation on this point. By all means a person thoroughly versed in agricultural conditions in Ontario and the needs of the farmer should be one of the commission. If this is not done farmers will hesitate a bit about accepting the report of a commission composed of persons not thoroughly familiar with their requirements. A commission composed of an electric expert, an agricultural expert and one well fitted to compile the conclusions reached into presentable form as the secretary of the department is

should be able to gather in Switzerland, Germany, Italy and other countries where electricity is utilized as farm power, much information that would be of value to Ontario farmers in the power zone. In the countries named, and especially in Switzerland, electric power has been found to be just as effective in helping agriculture as in building up manufacturing industries.—Canadian Farm.

SOCIALISM IN THE STATES

The following socialist political victories are reported from the United States for the week ending April 15.

Garard, Kan., mayor.
Beatrice, Neb., mayor.
Pasadena, Cal., mayor.
LaPorte, Minn., mayor.
Greenville, Mich., mayor.
Manitowish, Wis., mayor.
Red Cloud, Neb., mayor.
Curtisville, Kan., mayor.
Victor, Colo., full ticket.
Minden, Mo., "everything."
Rosedale, Kan., alderman.
Altamont, Kan., police judge.
Marshalltown, Iowa, mayor.
Columbus, Kan., alderman.
Muskegon, Mich., alderman.
Krebs, Ohio, three aldermen.
Boone City, Mich., alderman.
Belle Plaine, Iowa, alderman.
Wilson, Mich., complete ticket.
Beatrice, Minn., three aldermen.
Rockford, Ill., park commissioner.
Walkerville, Mont., two aldermen.
Greenville, Mich., complete ticket.
Racine, Wis., alderman and justice.
Mechanic Falls, Me., two aldermen.
Neiderland, Cal., full Socialist ticket.
Devil's Lake, N.D., three aldermen.
Arma, Kan., mayor and four councilmen.
Berkeley, Cal., 10,000 population, mayor.

Boone City, Mich., alderman and supervisor.
Superior, Wis., two aldermen and supervisor.

Colfax, Iowa, alderman and school director.

Fort Scott, Kan., three councilmen and city attorney.

Wymore, Neb., city clerk, treasurer and two councilmen.

Flint, Mich., mayor, three aldermen and three school trustees.

Duncan, Mont., police judge, treasurer and all but one alderman.

Butte, Mont., mayor, treasurer, police judge, and five councilmen.

In Berkeley, California, at the opening of the campaign which lasted but four weeks, Mr. Wilson's opponent ignored the Socialists when he said: "There will be no need of an active campaign; we have only a Socialist running against us."

The Socialist victory is significant from the fact that the city (40,000) is composed of professors, students and the well-to-do middle class people, clerks, mechanics and working men.

Roosevelt was in the city the last days of the campaign and spoke for Wilson's opponent, Mr. Hodghead, on at least two different occasions.

Apparently the Socialists are a force to be reckoned with in, at least, the civic life of the United States.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Calgary Horse Show

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the motor is having an effect on the horse market and the breeding of horses which is distinctly for their betterment. He pointed out that while it might be true that the lighter horse which was formerly bred for driving purposes has been to a large extent replaced by the automobile, the use of the heavy horse for draft purposes has not been materially affected, if it has, it has been for the better.

Secretary's Report

The secretary's annual report stated that great strides had been made during the past year, and statistics were given showing how the entries had increased over previous years, the number being 90 in 1908 and 925 in 1910, while the amount of prize money paid out had increased in those years from \$444 to \$3,734. Part of the work taken up during the year was a strong effort to secure the same transportation rates on exhibits as are in force in connection with agricultural exhibitions, but so far it has been impossible to convince the railway companies to that effect. The financial statement showed a balance on the right side of the ledger for the first time since 1904, and the members were greatly pleased

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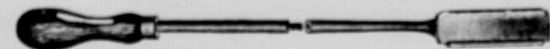
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thereat. The report concluded with a comparative statement of shipments of horses over the C. P. R., according to figures supplied by Mr. H. C. McMullen, general live stock agent.

NO GENERAL ELECTION

Montreal, April 25.—The Hon. Sydney Fisher, speaking at a reciprocity meeting last night, was asked why the government did not present the question to the electors. Mr. Fisher replied: "Just as soon as you want it you shall have the chance, but we do not propose to disfranchise a great number of people who after the census will have votes. We do not think that the present distribution represents fairly the whole country. It would be a national crime for the

government to dissolve and go to the country just in the face of a recession and distribution."

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