

## British Parliament Dissolved

Consistent with their determination that democracy must rule Great Britain, the British government prevailed upon King George to dissolve parliament on November 28th. The first polling will take place in about fifty-four constituencies on December 3rd, and will continue for more than a week throughout Great Britain. The new parliament is called to meet upon January 31st. The parliament just dissolved is one of the shortest in the history of Great Britain, being less than one year in length. The great issue of the campaign from the Liberal standpoint will be the curtailment of the power of the House of Lords. The Unionists are making as light as possible of the lords' question, and are laying more particular stress upon tariff reform and home rule. The storm center of the whole fight is the Right Hon. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer. He has recently been firing the Scottish-heather with his passionate denunciation of the selfishness of the lords. In reply to a taunt that American dollars were supporting the Liberal campaign Lloyd George said, it seemed strange for the lords to object to American dollars when they were so frequently used to bolster up the old but impoverished British families. He referred to the number of American heiresses that had helped to place the titled nobility upon their feet. The Duke of Marlborough, who married an American heiress and secured a number of millions, deeply resented the attack of Lloyd George, and has called the chancellor a sham and a fake. He declares that it is the work of scoundrels to attack the House of Lords through their ladies. The duke and his duchess have not been on speaking terms for three years. Considerable interest is being taken in England on the Canadian tariff question, and the reformers are loudly declaring that Canada is happy and contented under protectionist tariff.

### Ireland Greatly Excited

In Ireland the struggle is growing more bitter. A meeting of the delegates representing every Ulster constituency was held in Belfast today, at which a resolution was adopted on motion of a Presbyterian minister to draw up a declaration, refusing to pay rates or taxes imposed by a Dublin parliament or obey its decrees, while \$50,000 was subscribed on the spot to organize the Ulstermen into regiments and purchase arms. At night a monster demonstration was held in Ulster Hall, Belfast, an overflow meeting of 40,000 being held in the open air. Both aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

The determination of the British government to go to the country on the

matter of the lords' veto was made a week ago, when the veto conference between the two political parties broke up without accomplishing anything. It was then that the House of Lords determined to reform itself. This is the first time in the history of the upper chamber that the lords bowed to popular will and determined to reduce their own power.

### Landsdowne's Resolution

Lord Landsdowne, the leader of the house and the most powerful member of the peerage, introduced the following resolution, which was passed by the House of Lords last week:

"It is desirable that provision be made for settling the differences that may arise between the house of commons and this house as reconstituted, be reduced in numbers in accordance with the recent resolutions of this house.

"That as to bills other than money bills such provision should be made on the following lines:

"If a difference arises between the houses in regard to any bill other than a money bill in two successive sessions and during an interval of not less than one year, and such differences are unable to be adjusted by any other means, it shall be settled at a joint sitting composed of members of the two houses; provided that if the measure relates to a matter of great gravity and has not been adequately submitted to the judgment of the people, it shall not be referred to a joint sitting, but submitted for discussion to the electors by a referendum.

"That as to money bills, the provision should be on the following lines:

"The lords are prepared to forego their constitutional right to reject and amend money bills which are of a purely financial character, provided effectual provision is made against 'tacking,' and provided, that if any question arises as to whether a bill or any of the provisions thereof, are of a purely financial character, that question shall be referred to a joint committee of both houses with the speaker of the house of commons as chairman, and who shall have a casting vote only. If the committee holds that the bills or the provisions in question are not of a financial character, they shall be dealt with forthwith at a joint sitting of the houses."

Since this resolution passed the House of Lords the Unionist party have been making a great deal of capital out of it, but the reform party declare that it is merely a political dodge on the part of the Lords to save their skins.

### The Present House

The British House of Commons which was dissolved on November 28 was constituted as follows:

Liberals .....	275
Conservatives .....	253
Labor .....	40
Nationalists .....	71
Ind. Nationalists .....	11
Lib.-Labor, majority over Cons .....	42
Lib.-Labor-Nationalist majority .....	113

This was the result at the close of the pollings last January; and the seventeen by-elections held since then failed to bring about a single change in the representation of the constituencies. It is this extraordinary stability of the electorate—quite unknown heretofore in Great Britain—which is responsible for the prediction that after the coming elections it will be a case of "as you were."

The following extract from one of Lloyd George's addresses in Edinburgh is a sample of his fiery eloquence: "My compassion, my sympathy, is not for the landlords pining and crying about a half-penny tax. I pity the poor wretches in the morasses, and my appeal to Scotland is that she should take the lead in the deliverance of the multitude now drenched in hopeless misery."

Asquith, Haldane and other prominent Liberals all sitting for Scottish seats are regarded as secure. Everywhere the Liberals are making the Lords' veto the supreme issue, with the Unionists apparently endeavoring to make home rule and tariff reform the fighting ground.

### FOR GOVERNMENT OPERATION

(Special to THE GUIDE)

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 28th.—The terminal elevator question as well as the tariff on agricultural implements is to be brought up in commons. Dr. Schaffner, conservative member for Souris, having given notice of the following motion: "That in the opinion of this house the present

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system of operating terminal and transfer elevators is detrimental to the interests of the Western grain producers and that the government should take immediate steps to operate terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur and the transfer elevations between these terminals and the Atlantic sea-board."

### DIRECT LEGISLATION ELECTIONS

The report of the voting under the system of Direct Legislation in Oregon, is very difficult to secure. The people defeated the special privileged classes at every turn and the bills providing for new systems of taxation were all carried. The constitutional convention aimed to kill Direct Legislation was defeated. The prohibition amendment was defeated, but local option was carried. In the State of Washington the Women's Suffrage Law, without limitation, was carried. Thus Washington joins Wyoming, Utah, Idaho, and Colorado for equal suffrage. The people of South Dakota defeated the woman's suffrage in that state. The people of Colorado, who, for the first time had an opportunity to vote for or against Direct Legislation placed themselves on record as decidedly in favor of Direct Legislation by a majority of 25,000 votes. A prohibition law under Direct Legislation was defeated in Missouri by a tremendous majority. Down in the state of Rhode Island the people have determined to secure Direct Legislation. In the recent elections thirty-two of the men elected to the state legislature and six of the state senators were all pledged to Direct Legislation. It is a new issue in Rhode Island and is not being carried out on party lines, some of the men elected in favor of Direct Legislation belonging to both parties. Considerable significance may be attached to the election of Henry George Jr., son of the famous Henry George who won a seat in the "silk stocking" district of New York city on a platform demanding the abolition of all tariff and the inauguration of the Single Tax to take its place. Henry George, Jr., goes to congress with the prestige of a great name, a world-wide reputation as a student of public questions, with great ability as a public speaker and debater and a personal acquaintance with the leaders of both parties.

### INTERNATIONAL SHOW OPENS

Denver Park, Chicago, Nov. 25.—Chicago is blessed with superb weather—bright sunshine and no snow. The combined attractions of the horse show, fat stock exhibition, land show, and apple show have drawn thousands of visitors to the city from every state in the union, every province in Canada, and not a few from across the water.

At the horse show the exhibits are truly international, as there are horses from the United States, England, France, Holland, and Canada. The French and Dutch entries are all by army officers, and the animals are being ridden by their owners.

The English horses are military also, with the exception of those belonging to Miss Vera Morris, Park Lane, London, a superb horsewoman, who is entered in six classes, and is riding and driving her own string.

Canadian horses are represented by Hugh Sutherland's string, which includes Lord and Lady Baltimore, Sirdar, Senator and Cardinal. Trumans, of Bushnell, Ill., who were exhibitors at the Dominion fair in Winnipeg six years ago, are here with a great string.

The heavy horse classes, many of which are still to be judged, promise well. In the class for Percheron stallions, two years old, there are 64 entries. This will tax the capacity of even the enormous ring of the International amphitheatre.

The Winnipeg exhibition directors might take a lesson from Chicago. The press gallery here is situated at an angle which gives a first-class view of everything in the arena, and every facility is afforded both local and visiting newspaper representatives to lo their work.

President W. E. Skinner, Denver, Col., said to-day: "From Canada? Well, you own the show. There is nothing too good for Canadians. We only wish more of them came to exhibit."

Mr. Skinner is an ex-Canadian. The cattle, sheep and swine section opens at 7:30 to-morrow morning, when the judging teams from the various agricultural colleges begin the judging competitions.

Much interest is evinced in the Winnipeg team after the record it made at St. Paul. The competition here will be very keen, as there are 10 or 12 teams. One is from the Ontario college at Guelph, and the others are from colleges in the States.

The live stock catalogue will not be out until tomorrow, so it is impossible to tell just how many Canadian cattle, sheep, and swine are here.

Manitoba has reason to be proud of the Aberdeen-Angus herd sent by J. D. McGregor, of Brandon. There are nine head, all splendidly filled and in fine show shape. Cattle judging will start on Monday.

A walk through the great barns both upstairs and down, is a revelation. There are hundreds of beef steers alone, to say nothing of the pure-bred herds.

### NEW YORK POPULATION

Washington, Nov. 25.—New York city for the first time has become greater in point of population than all the remainder of the state of New York outside the greater city limits.

While this is the most striking feature of New York state census figures, almost as remarkable is the rate of growth of the empire state. Since 1870 it has doubled in population and the rate of increase during the past ten years, 25.4 per cent., is the greatest since the decade between 1840 and 1850 when the percentage of increase was 7.5. This increase is largely attributable to growth of cities.

### RUSSIA IMPROVING

Washington, Nov. 25.—A step in the direction of the educational advancement of the Russian people and of vital importance has been undertaken by the duma of the czar's kingdom, according to a report received from Ambassador Rockhill at St. Petersburg. A bill providing for universal free primary education is being considered by the duma. The bill stipulates that instruction is to be given on 180 days of the year in the cities and 160 days in the country districts. Teaching is to be conducted in the Russian language, except in the districts where the majority of the population uses another tongue. In these instances the language of the majority may be used.

N. F. Caverly, Bowman River, Man. reported that he loaded a car of wheat recently, consigned to the Grain Growers' Grain Company. On account of a blinding snow storm it took him two days to load the car. For the extra day he was charged \$1.00 demurrage. After the car was loaded however, the railway company left it standing on the track for seven days without moving it, but the farmer got no redress from the railway company for not giving prompt attention to his shipment.

## EVER FACE A STORM?



DYSTHE'S FACE PROTECTOR

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Oshawa, Sask. June 23th, 1910

M. DYSTHE, Esq., Winnipeg

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of 21st inst., re what satisfaction I received from the Face Protector I bought from you last winter, would say that I would not be without one during the winter months. I drove twice a day to my place of business a distance of 1 1/2 miles in the coldest and stormiest weather, and never suffered any discomfort whatever, and twice when the snow was blowing so I could not see across the road I drove home and did not have to turn my face, but could watch the road all the time. I also drove when the thermometer was 40 below and never froze my face once. It is wonderful how such a simple thing will turn the cold and storm. Wishing you a successful season this year, I remain,

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