

## CHURCHILL GETS \$50,000.

Dundee Jute Manufacturer Gives to Campaign Fund.

Hon. Mr. Balfour is Again on the Sick List.

Liberals in a Joyous Mood, Says Mr. Birrell.

London, Dec. 20.—There is the greatest disappointment at the indisposition of Mr. Balfour, the Unionist leader, who has been forbidden by his physicians to speak at the Conservative Club luncheon at Edinburgh. The absence of the leader will prove a serious handicap to the Conservatives if prolonged. The Christmas lull is thus doubly welcome to the Unionists as affording him an opportunity to recover. Mr. Balfour is also on the sick list.

The Liberal campaign to-day received a fillip in the shape of a gift of £10,000 to Mr. Churchill by a Dundee jute manufacturer for the defence of free trade, which probably will be a very grateful augmentation of the funds.

The speakers to-night included Mr. Birrell and Sir Edward Grey. The former said the present House of Lords was a "jerry-built house." In future the Second Chamber must be differently composed. "We are in a joyous mood," he declared, "with customary cheerfulness we sent victory."

Sir Edward Grey, at Sunderland, replied to a severely personal attack by the Duke of Northumberland. He also declared the House of Lords to be the only permanent opposition to the Liberal party.

Lord Charles Bessborough, at Pembroke Dock, reiterated his determination to speak out unless things naval were put right. The public had been misled by the Admiralty press bureau, which had done away with the good feeling and comradeship in the navy. Mr. F. E. Smith, speaking to a Salford audience, emphasized the danger of the German challenge to the Empire's naval supremacy.

Mr. Keir Hardie, at Glasgow, referred to the fact that the House of Lords to-morrow gives judgment on the question whether trades unions possess the right to levy for salaries of representatives in Parliament. He said if the judgment was adverse, the party had everything in order for carrying on its financial work for at least two years.

Mr. Lloyd-George had a remarkably enthusiastic reception while motoring through the streets of Newport. A crowd of several thousands compelled him to make a speech.

Both sides are conducting the campaign with the utmost vigor in every corner of the land.

Mr. Haldane is also sick-listed. Lord Rosebery has written to the Times asking for definite declarations of policy on the question of reform of the House of Lords from both sides. He says: "I can find no pledge in Mr. Balfour's manifesto that his party will undertake a reform of the House of Lords, and yet unless such pledge be given thoroughly and unmistakably we may see a Conservative Government come into office and repeat once more the fatal error of letting the opportunity pass."

The campaign has brought out two interesting communications. Jerome K. Jerome, addressing the workmen at Marlow, spoke strongly for the Liberals. He said that if the Lords were once given power over finance the Liberals could never hope to take office again, because 99 out of every 100 Conservatives were rich men and able to afford to contest at election every year, if necessary, while the Liberal Labour men could not stand the cost of yearly elections, which the Conservatives could pay by constantly throwing out the Liberal budgets.

THE ISSUES IN THE CAMPAIGN.

From The London Daily Graphic's report of Premier Asquith's address at a mass meeting held in London on December 10th: "Mr. Asquith went on to declare (quoting Mr. J. Chamberlain's letter to the Balfour meeting at Birmingham) that it was the fear of the Budget as an alternative to tariff reform which had led to the rejection of the finance bill. Neither he nor any of the Liberal Ministers supported by a majority of the House of Commons were going to submit again to the rebuffs and the humiliations of the last four years."

"The issues in the common campaign against the common enemy were the absolute control of the Commons over finance, the maintenance of free trade, and the effective limitation and curtailment of the legislative powers of the House of Lords. Let them show themselves worthy of the task and quit them like men."

THE BUDGET A SCARECROW.

From a manifesto issued by Mr. Balfour, and published on Dec. 11: "It is not so much the privileges of the Lords which are threatened by the single Chamber plan as the rights of the people. It is in their interests that the plot must be defeated."

"The Budget now waiting the sentence of the people seem designed to set purpose to make every man who has invested his money in this country consider how he can remove it, and every man who is hesitating where to invest it determines to invest it abroad. The super-tax frightens some, the new death duties cripple others, and, worse than all, the origin of the proposals and the principals on which they have been defended show clearly how thin is the dividing line which separates the policy of the Government from that of the avowed Socialists."

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London, Dec. 20.—(Globe Cable.)—Mr. Balfour's continued illness, which prevented his fulfilling an engagement to speak at Edinburgh to-day, is having a serious effect on the Conservative campaign. The tariff reformers especially are much disappointed at the inability of the Opposition leader to speak at Edinburgh. Mr. Balfour has been looking into the tariff problem, and it was hoped that he would give the lead as to the articles which, in the event of the adoption of the tariff reform proposals, would come under the head of "raw materials," and would therefore be admitted free.

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Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter made public to-day, says that he has no authority to speak for the party on the question, but he would suppose that wood pulp would come under the head of "raw materials."

The Liberals are growing more confident every day that the proposed taxation of foodstuffs is so unpopular that it will neutralize any benefit which may accrue to the Conservatives from the cry "tax foreign manufactures." Alone, the latter cry would be dangerous to the Liberal prospects.

At this distance from the date of polling it would appear that in the final phase of the contest all may depend on the effectiveness of the aid given by the liquor trade and the big navy party to the Conservatives. True, the Liberals laugh at the Lords, but they fear the public house.

Stewart Lyon.

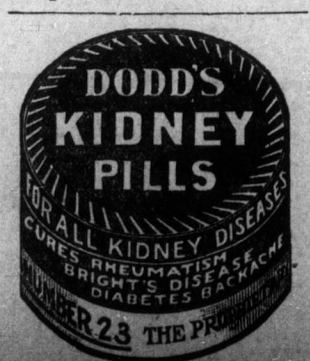
## GOLD COINS.

Fifty Thousand Dollars of Yukon Gold at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The first big consignment of gold from the Yukon was received to-day at the royal mint here. Mr. Jos. Boyle, now of Dawson City, and formerly of Ottawa, arrived to-day with a grip containing gold bricks worth \$50,000, which he disposed of to the mint to be coined into gold currency. It is probable that the first Canadian gold pieces will be coined from the bricks brought out by Mr. Boyle. A number of English sovereigns were coined last summer from Canadian gold, but so far no Canadian gold pieces have been coined. Hon. Mr. Fielding announced in his budget speech last week that arrangements were being made to begin a Canadian gold coinage, and next year should see a considerable number of Canadian five and ten dollar gold pieces in circulation.

At present practically all the gold taken out of the Yukon is marketed at Seattle or in other American cities. Efforts are now being made to secure the establishment of a Government purchasing office in Dawson, where miners can get full value for their gold. At present there is a discount of nearly two per cent. charged by the banks, although it can be sent to the mint at Ottawa by mail for less than one per cent. of its value. It is asserted that the mint can coin Yukon gold at a small profit, the same as is done in other countries using gold currency, while at the same time there would be a considerable amount saved to the producers in the Yukon.

The shore workers of Toronto are going to present a demand to the manufacturers for an increase in the present scale of wages.



## CAPE BRETON EARTHQUAKE.

Ground Swayed and Trembled With the Shock.

Felt Over a Large Extent of the Territory.

Not Much Damage Done—Communication Cut Off.

Halifax, Dec. 20.—Northern Cape Breton was shaken by an earthquake yesterday afternoon, the effects of which were felt from Mabou, on the western coast of the island, to St. Annis, on the east. Communication with Inverness was wholly cut off last night. The shock was felt there more severely than in any other section of the island, and after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was impossible to get in communication with that section of the island. While it was not thought there has been serious damage, there was some anxiety felt last night over the interruption of communication. The first news of the disturbance came from Baddeck. The telephone central there reported that between 3 and 3:30 o'clock the town was rocked by a seismic disturbance of considerable force. St. Ann's, on the eastern coast, also reported severe shocks.

Reports came in next from Orangeville of a disturbance there. The telephone central at that point stated that shortly after 3 o'clock the village was startled by a heavy rumbling sound. At first it was thought to be an express train running at high speed, but in a moment the ground began to sway and tremble. Dishes and light articles danced around on the shelves and houses were badly shaken. No damage was reported along the line of the Intercolonial. The operator at the Grand Norfol station stated that the earthquake had not been felt there, but Orangeville station, before it closed for the night, stated that, in addition to the shock there, West Bay, Mabou and Margaree had also been visited by the tremors. No news could be secured from Inverness or Port Hood last night. All evening the long-distance operators in the Sydney central endeavored to establish communication with these points, but every attempt proved futile. The wires all failed to respond, and about 11 o'clock the Sydney office concluded that the earthquake was responsible for the derangement of communication. Judging from the force of the disturbance in other sections of the country it is not thought that the quake could have been severe enough in Inverness to have caused any damage, but the fact that no word could be got from there during the night caused some anxiety.

## EARLY CLOSING.

Wave of Temperance Sweeping Over Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—By a majority of three-fourths of its members the City Council to-day gave second reading to the by-law which will provide that from the first of May next all restaurant and hotel bars shall be closed at 10 o'clock each night, except Saturday night, and at 7 o'clock on Saturdays. The present hours are midnight all the week, with the exception of Sunday. Never in the history of Montreal has such a wave of temperance reform spread over it. From all parts of the city petitions were sent in favor of the by-law, and the aldermen, who took the view that they were the representatives of the popular will, gave their support to the project. A bitter fight will likely be waged by the liquor interests against the by-law, which is assured of passing its third reading after to-day's vote.

## ROAD BUILDING.

Southwestern Traction Line to be Extended.

London, Ont., Dec. 20.—Full inspection of the Southwestern Traction Company's line was made to-day by Mr. Murray Verner, of Pittsburgh and Brantford; Mr. W. S. Dimick, of Toronto; Mr. T. H. Purdon, K. C., and Mr. John Milne, of this city. Manager Mower and other officials, according to semi-official information, the line will be extended from Brantford to London in the spring, involving construction of the line from Brantford to Woodstock. At the latter place the Woodstock-to-Ingersoll line will be taken over, and the line from London to Ingersoll will be projected. Other lines are in contemplation.

## SAVED MOTHER.

Five-Year-Old Lad's Plucky Attack on Assailant.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The five-year-old son of Mrs. Philomena Wright, of Ironsides, Que., four miles from Hull, did heroic service on Thursday afternoon last in saving his mother from a brutal assault by George C. Hammond, a hired man on Mr. Wright's farm. During the husband's absence Hammond entered the house, where Mrs. Wright was alone with her two babies in arms, and Harold, a boy of five. Hammond seized Mrs. Wright and attempted to assault her. Young Harold, picking up a stick of cordwood in the kitchen, ran to his mother's rescue, and while Hammond was struggling with her hit him over the head with all his might. Hammond knocked the boy down, but the plucky youngster ran outside and called two men, who luckily happened to be passing on the road. They hurried in and Hammond escaped by the back door. He was captured by Sheriff Wright yesterday after a long chase. In the Hull Court this morning he was remanded until to-morrow.

Mrs. Wright is critically ill as a result of the shock and struggle.

It is officially announced that the Army Council has accepted Sir Henry Pellatt's offer to take his regiment to England for training at Aldershot next autumn.

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## News in Brief

The Welland Canal is closed for the season.

Dr. Jose Madriz has been elected President of Nicaragua.

John Glanville, former city weighmaster at Toronto, is dead.

Bradstreet's have opened a fully-equipped office at Edmonton.

Toronto Congregationalists will take a plebiscite on the question of Church union.

The non-jury assizes at Welland were adjourned to Jan. 14 on account of the illness of Chief Justice Falconbridge.

Mr. James Wainwright, street commissioner for North Toronto, died in Grace Hospital, following an operation for appendicitis.

A by-law granting a fixed rate of assessment for the Electro-Steel Company was passed on Monday in Crowland township by a vote of 328 for and nothing against.

W. B. Chamberlain, a nephew of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who has been on a hunting expedition at Lake Edward, brought down to Quebec a fine bull moose with a spread of antlers of 72 inches.

During the first two weeks of December sixty cases of bubonic plague, of which twenty-three proved fatal, were officially reported at Guayaquil, Ecuador. In the same period there were twelve cases of yellow fever and five deaths.

Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, pastor of Wesley Methodist Church, Dundas street, Toronto, has accepted a call to Norfolk Street Church, Guelph. Rev. C. A. Sykes, B. D., of Sydenham Street Church, Kingston, has accepted the invitation to succeed him.

Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B. D., of Sydenham Street Methodist Church, Kingston, has accepted a unanimous invitation from the official board of Wesley Methodist Church, Toronto, to become its pastor at the next conference year, July, 1910.

The British wrecking tug Bulldog, from London to Havana, was sunk at sea off Norfolk, Va. The crew is safe about the United States cruiser Birmingham, now en route to Norfolk. The Bulldog was owned by the Caribbean Wrecking Company of Liverpool.

John Main, aged twenty, who worked at Tomiko Mills, 27 miles north of North Bay, all summer, left Tomiko ten days ago to set some traps and has not been seen or heard of since. It is supposed the young man fell through an air hole in the ice and was drowned.

George Witherup, aged 18, of Creemore, brakeman on the G. T. R., while switching at Callander, near North Bay, on Monday, fell beneath the wheels and was fearfully mangled. He was taken to North Bay Hospital, where one leg was amputated. The other had a compound fracture.

It is expected by the financial authorities of the Canadian Pacific that the total gross earnings of the system for the calendar year now coming to an end will approximate \$100,000,000, or \$5,000,000 more than the estimated revenue of the Dominion for the current fiscal year, which was placed by Hon. Mr.

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Fielding in his recent budget speech at about \$95,000,000.

Mrs. Charity Burnett, aged 23, wife of Edward Burnett, died on Monday afternoon at her home in Flint, Mich. She was vaccinated a week ago and it is said the virus acted in such a manner as to bring on a severe attack of gastritis. Mrs. Burnett was a native of London, Ont.

David Lamie, having pleaded guilty of the theft of a large quantity of grain from Albert Stevens, a Harwich farmer, was sentenced at Chatham to three years in the Kingston Penitentiary by Magistrate Houstoun. Lamie forgot Stevens' name to a cheque some months ago and was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Jumping from the second-story window at 26 Hayer street, Toronto, last night to escape from a fire which had started in the floor below, Mrs. Jennie Allingham fractured her ankle and was suffering so much from shock that she had to be taken to the General Hospital.

The first move of the new Quebec light and power merger has been to increase the price of gas to \$1.50 gross per thousand cubic feet. During the last year Quebecers had paid 50 cents per thousand feet owing to the competition existing between the Quebec Gas and the Frontenac Gas Company.

There is a pretty row between the men and women of Belgrade. A group of Belgrade women sent a petition asking the authorities to enforce the gambling laws, as their husbands were ruining themselves and families by gambling. The indignant husbands retorted with a petition for a compulsory closing of all millinery stores, declaring that they are the greatest source of domestic discord and poverty.

Mr. J. M. Courtney, Treasurer of the National Battlefields Commission, has presented to Earl Grey, on behalf of the commission, a gold medal in commemoration of the Tercentenary celebration of the founding of Quebec by Champlain. He has also handed His Excellency a similar gold medal for transmission to the Prince of Wales, and bronze medals for Lord Crowe and other members of H. R. H.'s suite.

On Saturday night, Nov. 27th, an Indian farmer from the Mohawk Reserve, while on his way home, driving a team and wagon, was waylaid, struck on the head and robbed of \$24. Charles Kiser, Thomas Irvine and Ben Simpson were arrested. The first two pleaded not guilty, but Simpson turned King's evidence, implicating the others. The trial took place yesterday, when all pleaded guilty, and Magistrate Mason sentenced Kiser and Irvine to three years in Kingston Penitentiary and Simpson to four months in jail.

During the first ten months of the present calendar year 9,010 homestead entries were made in Western Canada by United States citizens. Every State and Territory of the American Union was represented. North Dakota contributed the largest number, viz., 3,464. Other States are represented as follows: Minnesota, 1,741; South Dakota, 522; Michigan, 514; Washington, 510; Wisconsin, 477; Iowa, 430; Illinois, 290; Montana, 184; Indiana, 152; Missouri, 151; New York, 150; Oregon, 150; Idaho, 144; Kansas, 140; Nebraska, 134.

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