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 LONDON, WEDNESDAY, MAY 4.

EARL GREY.

The House of Commons yesterday adopted an address of appreciation of Earl Grey. Glowing eulogies were pronounced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden. These compliments are normally tendered every retiring governor-general, but in this case they are not merely conventional. The praise was as well-deserved as it was sincere. The whole Canadian people subscribe to the sentiments expressed, accepting the little knot of Nationalists who have objected to some of his opinions on Imperial questions.

Sir Wilfrid summed up the services of Earl Grey by remarking that under his wise and generous guidance the arts, letters and sciences have received an impetus. The London Daily Mail's extravagant assertion that "Earl Grey's robust Imperial enthusiasm has been a precious influence in Canada," shows a mistaken conception of the nature and duties of the office of governor-general, which Lord Grey, to his credit, has not shared. He has been too sensible to pose as a propagandist. As one who has learned to understand Canadians, he has taken their robust Imperialism for granted. If he has been a force in the country it has been in the direction indicated by the Premier. He has typified the highest culture of the old land, and presented the example of a benevolent and high-minded gentleman, with no affectation of superiority, and no patronizing airs. He leaves these shores with the goodwill of the Dominion.

LICENSE REDUCTION.

More than two hundred licenses in Ontario were cancelled on May 1 as the result of voting in January under the local option act. Opponents of the liquor who are disposed to complain of the progress of their cause may find comfort in a retrospective glance. In 1875 there were 6,185 tavern and shop licenses, for a population of 1,750,000. Today there are fewer than 2,000 licenses for a population of 2,250,000. There has been an average reduction of 120 licenses per year for 35 years. The changes in some counties and cities have been very marked, as follows:

	1875.	1910.
Toronto.....	553	171
Hamilton.....	171	83
Peterborough.....	222	83
Ottawa.....	203	98
London.....	118	32
Kingston.....	123	21
Brant.....	124	17
Bruce.....	295	57
Frontenac.....	79	27
Glenn.....	133	27
Leeds and Grenville.....	117	51
Lincoln.....	117	12
Midland.....	295	59
Northumberland and Durham.....	173	39
Ontario.....	125	33
Peel.....	106	20
Peterborough.....	111	20
Simcoe.....	265	60
Victoria.....	92	16
Wellington.....	235	39
Wentworth.....	146	23
York.....	187	52

These figures include tavern, shop, wholesale and vessel licenses, but do not include club licenses or licenses to liquor manufacturers. There are no vessel licenses issued now, and the total number of licensed clubs in the Province is less than 50.

THE DAUGHTER NATIONS AND THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

The House of Lords is today the representative and champion of privileges and abuses which have been foreign to this country for two generations. The secularization of the clergy reserves and the abolition of seigniorial tenure swept away the remnants of an order, of which some features survive in the mother country through the political power of the landed aristocracy, entrenched in the hereditary chamber. Canadians can as consistently pray for the revival of the family compact as for the perpetuation of the present status of the House of Lords. Yet Canadian newspapers and politicians do applaud the present system and side with its defenders against the democratic parties in Great Britain and against the very principle of responsible government. It is not easy to understand their motive, but the inference is that the spirit of flunkiness which supported arbitrary and personal rule in this country in other days is not yet dead. Nothing, for example, could be more remote from true Canadian sentiment than this comment by the Toronto News on the political situation in Great Britain:

"It is proposed that Britain, alone, amongst the great nations of the world, shall be governed by a single chamber. It is proposed that a country which has vital interests in every corner of the earth shall accept a system of government which not even one of the great British colonies has been willing to adopt, and shall submit absolutely and under all circumstances to the unchecked dictation of party. Besides, to a House of Lords so feeble and so impotent as that which would remain with the veto abolished, no man of character or distinction could be persuaded to go."

This is irrelevant in more than one respect. Mr. Asquith's anti-veto resolutions do not aim at creating single chamber government. No member of the Ministry, except, perhaps, Mr. Burns, favors a unicameral system. The power of delaying legislation for two years, which is conceded to the House of Lords under the proposed reform, would be a great and real one. As explained by Mr. Asquith it would mean that only bills sent up to the House during the first two years of a five-year parliament, when the House of Commons would be fresh from the country with a mandate, could be given statutory effect against the will of the House of Lords.

The reference of the News to the second chamber of the colonies is equally inapplicable. There is no second chamber in the colonies analogous to the House of Lords. In Australia the Senate is elective. In Canada the Senate has only once in 40 years thrown out a measure sent up by the House of Commons. The framers of the new South African constitution have taken care that the second chamber shall be a subordinate chamber. In New Zealand the principle of life appointments to the legislative council was abolished in 1891, so as to bring the upper chamber into conformity with the popular house, of which it is now merely an echo. For all practical purposes the daughter nations of the empire have submitted themselves "absolutely and under all circumstances to the unchecked dictation of party." They are not alarmed by this development. They merely marvel that people of Great Britain should consent to submit themselves to the dictation of an irresponsible second chamber, chosen almost exclusively from a small class.

The community of sentiment in the empire will best be strengthened by bringing the system in the mother country into harmony with the representative institutions of the daughter nations. The House of Lords in its present condition is an offence to the democracy of the whole empire.

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MAIL ORDERS FILLED NO SAMPLES SENT.

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revision downward. Some \$250,000,000 of manufactures and materials for manufactures are now coming into the country annually, which could "undoubtedly have been made in this country," and "to that extent American production has been displaced and at least \$250,000,000 of Americans' wages paid to foreign laborers." Yet Mr. Sherman had previously stated that "all our artisans and mechanics are busy." Where, then, is the labor which has been displaced by those unnecessary imports? The answer is easy, but it will probably be blind to the vice-president. No labor has been displaced. It has been engaged in producing the products which were exported to pay for the \$250,000,000 of goods imported.

MONEYED AMERICANS FLOCKING INTO WEST

Returned Londoner Tells of Booming Condition in the Prairie Provinces.

"Fifty-five Americans in two days brought in \$250,000 in cash, besides household effects and the like through one part of entry in the west this spring." The above statement was made by Mr. Harry E. Buttrey, who has just returned from a trip through the western part of Canada. "These figures were attested, and given out by Mr. J. Bruce Walker, immigration officer at North Portal, where these Americans crossed over. This happened on April 1 and 2 of this year. On the next day, the first American to register had \$22,000 in cash on him. These farmers are bona fide settlers, and have come to Canada to take up land and live here. I merely mention these facts to show what a great hold the west has on the Americans.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. John Stevely Speaks of Kindness of Those Who Assisted the Made-in-London Show.

The Women's Sanatorium Aid Society desire to thank the employees of the stores and factories for their generous assistance and hearty co-operation in their endeavor to raise a fund for the tuberculosis hospital. The heads of departments who, when the scheme was presented to them undertook with so much zeal and enthusiasm to present it to those in their departments; also the press, and friends, both in and outside of our city, who so spontaneously came to our aid. The sum realized by the Women's Sanatorium Aid checks has reached the total of \$2,117, returns from the spring booth, managed by the Women's Sanatorium Aid at the Made-in-London \$329 29, making a total of \$2,446 29, with a further promise of \$100.

SOUTHWOLD CHILD DROWNED IN CISTERN

St. Thomas, May 4.—A two-year-old son of William Rice, near Southwold Station, was drowned in the cistern near the house.

Missing the child, the mother found him floating near the top of the water, and pulled him out, but life was extinct.

THE MAPLE LEAF MILLING COMPANY

has a Harry E. Buttrey, who has just returned from a trip through the western part of Canada.

BAR AND BOTTLE BILL.

Boston, May 3.—The so-called bar and bottle bill became a law at 10 a.m. today, when Governor Draper entered his signature to the measure which prohibits the sale of liquor by the glass and by the bottle over the same bar.

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