SOLDIER'S WIDOW FIGHTING FEARLESSLY FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN CANADA

Mrs. Hallam Strongly Behind Sir Wilfrid.

WOMEN'S MASS MEETING

Gibbons Was Given a Rousing Reception.

BIG ISSUES DISCUSSED

Iniquitous Franchise Act a Disgrace to Borden Forever.

"My husband and his three brothers have given their lives fighting for freedom and democracy in Flanders. I have given my all. As they have given their lives fearlessly in Flanders, so I propose to fight fearlessly for freedom and democracy here. That is why I am supporting the Labor-Liberal candidate, Mr. George S. Gibbons, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in this election." Perhaps the most dramatic incident in the whole of the present election campaign in London was the declaration made last evening in the mass meeting for women in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium by Mrs. Hallam, widow of the late Capt. Hallam, a gallant officer well known and highly honored in London. A hush of sympathy followed the words spoken by the woman [illegible], and a voice that trembled with emotion, a hush that was followed by prolonged applause.

Great Enthusiasm.

Perhaps at no meeting of the whole of Mr. Gibbons' campaign has enthusiasm throughout reached a higher pitch, or addresses of a higher order of eloquence and ability been delivered. Brilliantly, logically, forcibly, wittily, and at the same time sanely and soberly, the issues at stake in the present election were presented last night by Mrs. Rose Henderson, of Montreal, and Mrs. Hector Prenter, of Toronto, to an audience of women of London that filled the Y. M. C. A. auditorium to overflowing. The response which the invitation issued through the press to attend a meeting under Labor-Liberal auspices revealed a keen interest in knowing the facts of the case upon the part of the women electors who will cast their ballots on December 17th. The close attention to the speakers, the outburst of applause that greeted each point driven home, each misrepresentation and trickery by Borden and his supporters nailed, evidenced intelligence that will not be hoodwinked by platitudes, sophistries, double-dealing, jingoism and unscrupulous appeal to sentiment.

Given Ovation.

The ovation which greeted the Labor-Liberal candidate, George S. Gibbons, when he stepped forward to deliver the final address of the evening and state his platform, and the Labor-Liberal platform in this election, left little doubt in regard to the direction of the sympathies of the audience after weighing the arguments offered for his support by previous speakers and finding them entirely sound.

Some Dirty Work.

Referring in her opening remarks to the campaign of "misrepresentation and slander" by the "Union Government" or "self-styled win-the-war" party, Mrs. Hector Prenter declared "it is an insult to the intelligence of the average person. Up in Temiskaming where I have been speaking the methods being employed there make Dick Turpin and Jesse James look like amateurs. The methods of Frank Cochrane's chief enumerator, a German, by the way, of the name of Dr. Henschel, have Hindenburg beaten a mile.

Every polling division that previously showed a Liberal majority has the polling place fixed in such an inaccessible location that if the 17th of December is a bad day, the miners, who are Labor-Liberal supporters, will not be able to get there. To add to this, the "barrel" has been shipped in there, and this means half a million dollars to win the election at any cost.

Can't Be Trusted.

"Can you trust a government like that? A government that equipped our boys the first two years of the war with Ross rifles that jammed, with paper-soled boots, and with imperfect binoculars, that were responsible for the deaths of officers? Sir Herbert Ames was affected by those boot orders, and he was a Conservative member, and there could be no interference. P. W. Ellis would have seen that those binoculars were not imperfect if it had been a private order, and he is still at large and not unrespected.

It was Sir Thomas White, who objected to government ownership on the ground that it would "dislocate business." Worse than dislocating business, many homes in Toronto are dislocated for lack of control of the interests that have exploited the country and the people. There was just one thing that the Government regulated, and that was newsprint. As a result of the regulation of newsprint, practically every paper in the country has been "arranged for" but the London Advertiser. I would hate to say that the papers had been bought up, but whatever is the matter with them, even the Globe, it has been made well worth their while. The Government had to have newsprint, so it regulated that.

"Can you trust a government that cannot stand on its own past record, but must resort to slander and misrepresentation?" (Calls of "No" from the audience.)

"Can you trust a government that has framed this diabolical war-time election act, that has given the little opportune gift of a vote to a certain number of women and been too cowardly and afraid to trust the rest of us?" ("No, no.")

Vile Slanders.

"Up in Timmins the Union Government canvassers are telling the people if Union Government is defeated, there will be no more food sent over from Canada to England. Those are the kind of slanders and misrepresentations being circulated."

Recalling the waste of millions in Camp Borden alone, when the country had 365,000 acres of good camp ground, Mrs. Prenter declared that with the money which went through this channel to enrich grafters, it might have been possible to pay the soldiers $3.50 or $5 a day. "Not," she said, "that our men are fighting for $1.10 a day, for $12 a day, or for $50 a day, but to lighten the burden for the man whose anxiety in leaving home has been, 'How are my loved ones to get along when I am away.'"

Lack of System.

Reference was made at this point to the haphazard, miserable lack of system on the part of the Government in regard to recruiting. After reviewing the outstanding features of the Borden administration since the outbreak of war, Mrs. Prenter declared the situation to be a case of "big interests as represented by Borden and his followers as opposed to the interests of the people and the serving of the best interests of the fighting men and the Empire by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Labor-Liberal party.

Made First Protest.

Concerning Sir Wilfrid Laurier, she said, amid much applause, that it was the Liberal leader who, when the shell scandal was exposed, made the first protest in the House, and declared, "We pay for shells with money, but for lack of shells with blood."

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier," she continued, "has been absolutely constitutional and square. He demands that after the first 100,000 men have been conscripted, wealth shall be conscripted with the conscription of manhood." (Cries of "This is right!")

"That's the vital question. We have no right to weaken Canada and impose a burden of debt that will weigh heavily for the next 50 or 75 years upon the coming generation. The Borden Government has been too busy to give attention to questions like this. It cannot be stampeded at a time when it is busy beating the Germans. But it had time to put through the C. N. R. deal, and it would rather beat Laurier any day.

Watch and Pray.

"A woman speaker from Hamilton recently advised prayer about the present issues, and putting all else aside, to vote for Union Government. It is all very well to pray, but the Bible advises to 'watch and pray,' and it puts the 'watch' first. Watch your step on December 17. In the first two and a quarter years of the war, 6,794 people died in Canada from preventible diseases, more than the Canadians killed in action in the first two and a quarter years of war. We need better laws and legislation in Canada, and to this end, people to represent labor and democracy in Parliament.

"Are you going to be stampeded on December 17 by the party that in the last election stampeded Quebec with 'No participation in British wars for Quebec and for Canada'; 'No truck and trade with the Yankees'?"

Concerning the flag flapping of the Borden Unianist party and the costly posters being used as election literature, calling for "Votes for Union Government and support of the flag," Mrs. Prenter recalled the story of the school boy who replied to the question of the inspector, "Why is that flag hung on the wall there?" "Because the wall is broken." In a similar manner, she declared, the Union Government party is hiding its defects by flaunting the flag.

Scores Ministers.

Concerning the attitude taken in the election campaign by the church in certain directions, Mrs. Prenter evoked laughter by her statement, "The attitude of certain of the ministers in telling us how to vote reminds me of Demetrius the silversmith when he led the mob persecuting St. Paul with the slogan, 'Great is Diana of the Ephesians.' Demetrius made silver images for the worship of Diana. Doubtless his was a big business. But instead of great is Diana of the Ephesians, the modern cry is 'great is Flavelle of the Profiteers.' Joseph Flavelle is a large contributor to the churches."

Concerning a woman speaker for the Union Government party who appears in the city shortly in connection with the campaign here, Mrs. Prenter said: "This is the same woman who at the Toronto Local Council of Women refused to indorse the union label when a request came from Rainy River local council. It was she who insisted we couldn't be domineered by labor. I'd like to come after her in London instead of before.

Reverting in conclusion to the inconsistencies of the Union Government party, Mrs. Prenter drew attention to the statement made by Mr. Welchel, Sir Robert Borden's candidate in Waterloo, to the effect that he had been instrumental in getting 4,000 Germans who had never been naturalized on the voting lists. "I am not objecting because they are Germans," said Mrs. Prenter, "but because British women are put off."

In conclusion, she urged, "Don't be patriotic pagans, by which is meant putting the principle out of patriotism and substituting bunting."

George S. Gibbons, Labor-Liberal candidate, refused to make a lengthy speech, notwithstanding the apparent wish of his audience to hear him, but asked rather for a few minutes in which to present his platform and the platform indorsed by the Labor-Liberal party. He further asked his audience to carefully consider and weigh each statement as he made it.

Regarding Conscription.

"So far as conscription is concerned," he said, "we will support the enforcement of the present act to the extent of 100,000 men, fairly and justly from every province in the Dominion, no matter what the effect. I want you to weigh the figures which I will present to you. The tribunals in Montreal have exempted 98 per cent of the eligible men. Out of 200,000 men called, Montreal has given to the Borden Government 115. Is that conscription fair and just, a conscription act that does not have the desired effect so far as Quebec is concerned? Gen. Mewburn announces unexpectedly that he will exempt all farmers, too. Why wasn't that said six months ago and not left until two weeks before the election, when it has been discovered that the farmer vote is solid against the Borden Government?

"Where is the Government to get the men? From the towns and cities of Ontario? Is this a fair and just conscription act? It will be impossible to get nearly enough reinforcements without conscription from one end of the Dominion to the other."

Equal Pensions.

Mr. Gibbons also explained simply and clearly the other planks of his platform —equal pensions for officers and men; higher pay for the soldiers at home and abroad, to meet the increased demands of living; substantial and adequate increase in present scale of pensions; pensions not absolutely fixed but regulated to insure adequate and generous support, conscription of wealth with the introduction of compulsory service.

Mr Gibbons further stated that while the representative of organized labor, he would make it his business if elected to look after the interests first of the women industrial workers, the women in shops.

"Nothing has touched me more," he said, "than in the years Hyman Hall has been used as Red Cross headquarters, to see the girls from industrial plants and shops who have well earned rest and relaxation, coming in the evening to sew and make bandages and comforts for the men overseas.

A Clean Campaign.

Referring to the character of the campaign of the Labor-Liberal party in London, he said, "With the support of The Advertiser, I have carried on a perfectly clean and straight campaign. There has been no suggestion in speeches or in the columns of The Advertiser to which objection could be taken. The appeal made has been to the reason, common sense and patriotism of the people. We place our faith on the success of such an appeal in the past. Women electors of London, if you find my platform satisfactory, I ask your support on December 17."

Against Borden.

Chauncey Jarvis, chairman, declared that it was an honor and a privilege to be chairman at a meeting held in the interests of the Labor-Liberal candidate. He was against the recently revamped Borden Government and would take great pleasure in marking his ballot for George S. Gibbons next Monday, if for no other reason than the iniquitous franchise act, a device to secure power, put through by that very effective but objectionable thing known as the closure.

"The idea of the Government is not so much to win the war, but to win the election. When it comes to winning the war, I am disposed to look at the Borden Government's record, not its promises," said Mr. Jarvis. There is nothing in its six-year record to inspire confidence for the future.

A Wide Grasp.

Mrs. Rose Henderson, the first speaker, showed a wide grasp of the questions of the day, and showed up the Borden Government in all its ugliness and shame.

"As wise man once said, 'Come, let us reason together,'" said Mrs. Henderson, "and if there was any time that we should follow this advice it is now. When this nation went to war the statesmen said that it was for the rights of small nations, for justice and humanity. When President Wilson declared war he said it was not to be a war of conquest or punishment, but to protect democracy and the small nations.

"We said to the boys that went across, 'You go and bring honor to this nation, and when you are away fighting for democracy in Europe we shall see that democracy in this country shall not slip from your grasp, so that you can come back to better homes.' If it is right for them to fight over there, is it not right for us to fight for democracy here and see that justice prevails? If democracy is good to live for, it is good to die for. It is for you and I to see that it prevails. If we do not, we are not worthy of the blood being shed in Flanders.

Abused Confidence.

"War has always led to the curtailing of the people," said Mrs. Henderson in referring to the franchise act. "The Government was given a new lease of life through the courtesy of the people and promised not to abuse the privilege. They have put the people's confidence under, and we have the right to question their motives."

In speaking of the franchise act, Mrs. Henderson stated that although suffering more than Canada England had not seen fit to curtail the liberties of the people.

"The franchise act is the most iniquitous bit of legislation that ever disgraced statute books outside Russia or Germany," declared Mrs. Henderson, amid applause. "If there is anyone who should have the ballot it is the soldier's wife. But have not other women helped the boys across the water? Have not the Red Cross workers and women in patriotic work done something? There are women sitting up late at night that through their services the boys at the front may be made more comfortable. Why are these women classed with the Germans who have not got a vote?"

Did Not Ask.

"We women did not ask for the vote at this time. It was thrown at the soldier's wife at the eleventh hour like a bone to a dog, this ballot to women, some of whom have no training in politics, in order that the Government might go back to the seat of power. They gave the vote for a specific time; a war-time act, and just as soon as the women cast their ballot on December 17, they are automatically disfranchised. I consider that the Kaiser in Germany would turn green with envy at such a magnificent bit of legislation."

In discussing the food question, Mrs. Henderson declared that the food controller was looked upon as about as big a joke as ever existed.

"One of the many pictures I hold of him is a Billiken, all body and no head," said the speaker amid laughter. This Billiken sits in his office all day, and at night sends out wonderful ditties telling the people what to do. These Pharisees, the profiteers, sit in the food controller's office with one hand on their corpulant waistcoast and the other on a fat pocketbook, saying: 'Amen, Brother Hanna, go ahead, go ahead!'"

Criticizes Hanna.

"Fish is one of Mr. Hanna's specialties. The railroads claim that the demand for fish does not necessitate the special express trains that the Government pays for, and yet Mr. Hanna tells us to eat fish and win the war."

Mrs. Henderson went on to speak of the deterioration of child life in Canada. "We have lost between 35,000 and 36,000 men in the war, yet last year over 80,000 children under one year of age died. We have begged Mr. Hanna to help us control this appalling situation, but he has sat there like a Billiken and done nothing. The Borden Government has done nothing, and we are not likely to receive any redress until the Government is turned out." (Cheers).

The speaker stated that Sir Joseph Flavelle might better be named Lord Bacon. He had soaked the life blood from the nation. "We are told that this government is brand new, and that the sooner we forget the old government the better. It is changed somewhat, but we still have the same old dog," continued Mrs. Henderson.

A Common Foe.

"I come from Quebec, but won't tear the Government to pieces. I wouldn't touch it. I'll leave the tearing to you on December 17. The French and the English have a common foe. It is the men who wrap themselves in the Union Jack and go forth disseminating racial prejudices. It is well for us to remember that a house divided against itself is bound to fall.

"Why haven't the French rushed to the colors? Long ago they did and saved the day. In 1910 Sir Robert Borden and Sir Herbert Ames, both members of the Union or Dis-Union Government as it might be called, paid for a one year's subscription to Henri Bourassa that Le Devoir might go into every French-Canadian home in the Province of Quebec. That paper preached NO PARTICIPATION IN ENGLAND'S WARS, and yet you wonder why the French people aren't rushing to the colors after reading for six years this iniquitous publication. Put the blame where it belongs, on Sir Robert Borden and Sir Herbert Ames." (Prolonged cheering.)

Some Bright Spots.

Mrs. Henderson went on to mention a few of the bright spots in the career of Messrs. Sevigny and Blondin

"Sevigny is the light-fingered gentleman, who, if he was a common workingman, would be serving time in the penitentiary. He looted Government offices and took the contents to his country seat and didn't return the property until forced to.

"Mr. Blondin is the gentleman who a short time ago said that in order to breathe the air of freedom we must blow holes in the Union Jack. Yes, that is the man that Sir Robert Borden chooses to represent Quebec, and no wonder the French-Canadians are protesting."

"The Hon. Mr. Doherty, minister of justice, or injustice, would probably be better, fathered the two bits of legislation recently put on the statute books. He took up a lot of his confreres' time in protesting against votes being given to women, yet he is now telling the women of his own constituency how glad he is that they have the ballot."

Will Go Further.

Mrs. Henderson declared that if the country did not protest against the franchise act on December 17, the Borden Government would undoubtedly go a good deal further. There was no reason why every trade union in the Dominion might not be wiped out at one sweep by the Bordenites. "There is no reason why these good gentlemen may not perpetuate themselves in power," said Mrs. Henderson. "Wouldn't it be a joke, while the boys were fighting in Europe for democracy, that the Borden Government and autocracy should hold sway here, like it did in Russia during the reign of the Romanoffs? We would then have the dynasties of Bordenoff and Flavelsky."

"There are women mourning husbands that they sent across the sea. There are children calling for their fathers, and there are girls who will never see the boys who they were promised to when they went overseas. These men, a lot of them, never had a chance to defend themselves. The Ross rifle they were equipped with jammed. Sir Douglas Haig and Sir Wm. Robertson wrote the Government time and again as to what was taking place, but these reports were pigeon-holed while the boys lay dying in France. It was not until a Liberal in the House of Commons brought the matter to light that anything was done. The best is none too good for the soldiers.

Trusts Laurier.

"If I did not believe that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would give a greater measure of justice to these boys than the present Government, I would not be here tonight," said Mrs. Henderson, amid applause. "Our boys must never be objects of patronage and charity. I want to ask the Government what legislation was ever put on the statute books for our returned soldiers. There is nothing to protect the boys in the planks of the Borden platform.

"I can assure you that what I know of Mr. Gibbons, he will fight for the people and the soldiers, and you couldn't get a better representative than Mr. Gibbons. I hope that when the 17th of December comes you will cast your ballot for Mr Gibbons, for the protection of the widows and orphans, for the workingmen, and the happiness and welfare of the people of Canada."

Impromptu Speech.

A surprise of the evening and a feature which evoked much interest was the impromptu address of an Irish woman in the audience who made this statement, "Sir Robert Borden says it is men they want to help the boys at the front. Sir Eric Geddes, and I want to explain that Sir Eric Geddes is the man who took the place of the villain, Carson, and Sir Eric Geddes says it is food and not men that is wanted to help the boys at the front. Sir Eric Geddes has had three months in office in which he has been studying the situation, and he declares it is food that is wanted, not men."

The Real Issue.

Mrs. Rose Henderson stepped quickly to the front of the platform to take up the point and amplify it.

"That is the real issue," she declared. "I have lost five relatives in the war and the only male relatives left on the other side are in the war. All the time I am getting letters, 'It is food, food, food, that we need,' reiterating what Lloyd George and Baron Rhonda have said. Canada could be the bread basket of the whole of Europe if what has been done in England were done here, and the land cultivated to the fullest extent. Unless the food is unlocked out of the storehouses of the Dominion and sent to the boys at the front, the real first part of the duty required of us will not be done. And while the call has been coming for food, out in Vancouver it has been necessary to brace up a storehouse to keep the supplies from breaking through the floors. Such conditions exist in Canada under the doddering incapacity of a Government without a single man capable of wielding the sceptre of statesmanship. It is time we had a change of government."

GOES TO OFFICE OF DISTRICT PAYMASTER

Hon. Capt. John R. Gilbert, paymaster of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, has been transferred to the office of the district paymaster at militia district headquarters, where he is being specially employed.

Hon. Capt. Gordon Butler of No. 1 Casualty Unit, has been attached to the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., as paymaster, in place of Capt. F. Gilbert.

Lieut. Rhys C. M. Sale of the 1st Depot Battalion has been permitted to resign his appointment, and has been struck off the strength.

LIBERAL RALLY AT CRAIG ON FRIDAY

A rousing meeting in the interests of Duncan Ross, ex-M. P., will be held at Ailsa Craig on Friday evening. Ex-Mayor R. L. Brackin of Chatham and Mr. Ross will be the speakers, and the meeting should be one of the most enthusiastic ever held in the village. Ross sentiment is running high in Ailsa Craig.

LIQUOR FORBIDDEN TO MEN IN UNIFORM IN PUBLIC PLACES

Order States All Offenders Will Be Severely Punished.

While civilians in Ontario may seek the oases across the border in an effort to quench their thirst for rejuvenating liquids, soldiers in the Canadian military forces, whether officers or men, will in future be unable to do so, orders having been issued that they must not drink intoxicating liquor in any hotel, restaurant, bar or other public place while in uniform.

They may, however, sip the laugh-producing nectar to be obtained in the United States, if they do so in private places, or if they are not in uniform.

The order, in addition, will be furnished in writing to every officer or soldier who is permitted to proceed to the United States in uniform, whether on leave or on duty. Any reported breach of this order will be severely dealt with, the order states.

W. C. T. U. SUBSCRIBES $225 IN TWO WEEKS

At the meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union held on Tuesday afternoon at 432 Park avenue, the sum of $225 was reported as received for missionary and patriotic work from the members during the last two weeks.

The canvass for the "silver thimble and trinket fund" will be conducted early in the new year.

Several articles have already been sent in for this fund, which is to supply tea, coffee, cocoa, soup and lemonade free to the soldiers in France, who are on the firing line.

This week a bale of clothing will be sent to some needy Indians in the North, and the monthly box will go to the Indian soldiers overseas who is being cared for by this society.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

DON'T LET PASSION RULE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Kindly permit me to observe that partiality and passion are enemies to our well-being as truly as are the Germans. It is highly important that our people should be able to form sound judgments at this crucial time. But they cannot do so while they are dominated by partiality and passion. No people can give themselves up to dissension and hatred without having to pay a severe penalty.

It will be evident that any Canadian, who wants to see Canada do her best in the great war and is not willing to conciliate Quebec Canadians, to see them led rather than try to force them, has simply been too much fed up on the wrong kind of stuff. Where passion rules, reason is lost. To what extent do both pulpit and press bear evidence to this fact at this time? With Quebec antagonized by so much of "Protestant" Canada, instead of proper attempt being made to woo her, little wonder she stands somewhat aloof. Even a semi-religious Protestant would resent the pulpit declaration by one of our "divines" that "Christ was a conscriptionist."

Those who really want to win the war should be unwilling to misdirect military energy by making war against one of our own provinces to make them war with us. Is there not grave danger of a divided house in this country resulting in a disruption of confederation? Let this still be Canada! "United we stand; divided we fall." "In union there is strength." There is much to be had from Quebec for this purpose, only in one way. Let a real union government be formed —not a makeshift; one that will unite all Canada—not divide it against itself.

PROTESTANT.

OBEY YOUR CONSCIENCE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Urgent appeals are being made by church authorities of high standing directing their members how to vote at the forthcoming election. Church members, who are Christians, will give obey their conscience and their king, the meek and lowly Jesus, and a subordinate last.

A ONE-TIME METHODIST.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mr. John T. Hills and family of 31 Redan street wish to extend their sincere thanks to the many neighbors, friends and Grand Trunk employees, for the kindness during Mrs. Hills' sickness, and for the sympathy extended in their sad bereavement, in the loss of wife and mother; also for the many beautiful floral tokens. b

BUYS FINE FARM.

EXETER, Dec. 11.—John Caldwell Jun. has purchased the 100-acre farm of Postmaster W. G. Russell, con. 1, Hay Township, for $7,000. He takes possession immediately.

LAMBETH.

LAMBETH, Dec. 11.—E. J. Williams has returned from a visit with friends in Chicago.

Mrs. Richard Tunks of Delaware has been the guest of Mrs. A. Davey for a few days.

Miss Lillian Robinson spent the week-end with Miss Verna Sutton, North street.

Mrs. G. H. Routledge spent the week-end at Rodney, the guest of Mrs. A. E. Hanley.

MEN ARE WANTED.

Men of good character are wanted to fill vacancies in No. 1 Detachment of the Military Police Force, and members of other units who wish to apply for appointment should do so through their commanding officers, camp orders state.

ALL ARE SAFE.

Major Bishop received word last evening that Corp. Henry Crocknell, R.C.E., of Halifax, with his wife and family, are all safe.

JAPANESE FAIR.

A Japanese fair in aid of No. 4 Nursing Division will be held on Friday and Saturday in the Oddfellows' Hall, over the Bank of Nova Scotia, on Richmond street. A fine program is being arranged.

A CORRECTION.

In Gray's, Limited, announcement of Monday, one of the department items under the heading, "Handkerchiefs for Men," had the wrong price. "Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs, 6 in box," were quoted at $1, whereas it should have been "Men's Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs, 6 in box, $1.50." 51u

MOOSE JAW SENDS $25,000.

MOOSE JAW, Dec. 11.—A sum of $25,000 is to be raised here for the sufferers of the Halifax disaster.

ENGLISH NOVELIST DIES.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—John Edward Bloundelle-Burton, novelist, died here today. His wife, who died in 1910, was the daughter of Chas. W. Churchman, of Philadelphia.

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$13.50 CHINCHILLA COATS, $7.95
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The niftiest coat in the store! All shades and sizes, large wing collar, fancy belt and pockets.

$25.00 PRESS PLUSH COAT, $14.45
Three different styles, plush trimmed, large cape collar, fancy pockets and belt, large plush buttons.

$35.00 SALTS' ESQUIMALT PLUSH COAT, $22.85
No 1 quality, large chin collar and belt, various styles. This certainly is a bargain. A few trimmed with sable fur on collar and bottom of coat. **CHILDREN'S COATS ON SALE AT SACRIFICE PRICES.**

DRESS BARGAINS.
$12.00 DRESSES, in brown, green, burgundy, black and navy $7.45
ANOTHER LINE of Pleated Dresses, in many different colors $10.95
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RAINCOATS
$9.00 Tweed Raincoats, on sale for $5.95
SPECIAL—Children's Raincoats and Capes $3.95
Give one to your little girl for Christmas.

SKIRTS REDUCED
$5.00 Striped Tweed and Poplin Skirts, a very special display on sale for $2.95
$7.50 SILK SKIRTS, in different styles, also a few velvets, now on sale for $4.75

GIVE A WAIST
$1.50 VOILE WAISTS, 10 styles 98c
SPECIAL SILK WAISTS, white only $1.25
$5.00 SILK CREPE AND GEORGETTE WAISTS, all colors, large reversible collars, on sale for ..... $1.95 and $3.45
$4.00 JAP BLOUSES, 3 styles, white, black, maize and pink $2.49
SILK CREPE WAISTS, all colors $3.95

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