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## CANADIANS WHO ARE LINED UP IN BRITISH FIGHT

Six Natives of Canada In Budget Fray---One of  
Them Mr. Bonar Law, a Native of Kent County  
---Joe Martin, Another---The Situation Reviewed  
To Date.

London, Dec. 21.—A careful review of the situation at this time enables one to give a summarized idea of the issues which divide par-  
Liberal Policy.  
Veto of House of Lords to be abolished.  
House of Lords to retain power to re-  
House to be reformed.  
Tariff reform giving moderate protec-  
Tariff preferences to the colonies.  
Unionism with wide powers to local  
State purchase of small holdings in  
Individualism with tariff aid to agri-  
Imperial union for industrial and de-  
sely stated.

These are the dividing lines con-  
Canada in the Campaign.  
That the struggle is of importance  
to Canada, the relative position of the  
combattants on the subject of colonial  
preferences makes plain. The Liberals  
will have nothing to do with this pro-  
position beyond opposing it. A free  
trade party, of course, could not take  
it up. But the Unionists are becoming  
more and more united upon it. One of  
the Unionist papers has just asked the  
Unionist candidates what their views  
on the subject are, and the answers  
are quite significant. For example, Mr.  
Leveton Harris, the candidate for  
Stepney says: "I have always been  
in favor of a tax on imported foreign  
food, with preferences to food coming  
from the colonies. Such a tax could be  
so arranged by a reduction of other  
food taxes such as those on tea, cof-  
fee and sugar, so as not to increase  
the cost of living, whilst it will at  
the same time enable us to strengthen  
the tie which unite us with the  
colonies, and will do much to help the  
great agricultural industry of the  
country."

Mr. Harris gives an opinion in  
which a vast majority of the other  
candidates join. Lord Alex. Thynne,  
the minister for Scotland, says: "I  
perhaps more concisely when he says:  
"I consider colonial preference an in-  
tegral part of the Unionist policy, no  
less than the maintenance of the  
union itself. I advocate a two-shil-  
ling import duty on foreign corn, with  
the admission of colonial corn duty free."

An Imperial Policy.  
The argument for this policy is de-  
veloped by Mr. Richard Jebb, the  
candidate in East Marylebone, who  
says that tariff reform with prefer-  
ences to the overseas dominions is  
the proper alternative to the Social-  
ist Lloyd-George. He favors this  
policy for three reasons:  
1. It offers more employment and  
it stimulates the policy of repopulat-  
ing the rural districts.  
2. It nullifies the Home Rule agita-  
tion by incorporating Ireland into the  
economic organism of the United  
Kingdom.  
3. It provides the necessary eco-  
nomic basis for Imperial union, which  
is the only means of securing in per-  
petuity the independence of our  
country.

The time-honored replies are being  
given to the tariff arguments. Chief  
among these is the cry that the work-  
ingman was certainly paid more for  
his food. This representation is met  
in several ways. One answer is that  
it is better that the workingman  
should pay slightly more for his food  
than have no work, and consequently  
no money with which to buy food.  
Another is an appeal to experience. It  
is pointed out that the war duty on  
corn did not hurt anybody, and that  
since its removal the price of bread  
has actually advanced. But the final  
argument is in the form of a ques-  
tion. The average price of wheat in  
England during the past year has been  
38s. a quarter. The average price  
in France has been 35s. 5d. The  
wheat duty in France is 12s. 2d. If  
the duty is added to the price, the  
wheat in France is 47s. 7d. The wheat  
in England is 38s. 5d. more than that  
in England, instead of 12s. 2d.

Some Fighting Canadians.  
In the struggle six Canadians have  
so far enlisted. Four of these are  
with the Unionists; two are with the  
Liberals. The more important of the  
Canadian Liberals is Hamar Greenwood,  
who holds an official position.  
Mr. Greenwood is from Whitby, Ont-  
ario. He was given, long before the  
last general election took place, the  
chance to campaign in Kent County,  
York on the Liberal side. It was sup-  
posed that the labor was hopeless, for  
York has been consistently Conserva-  
tive for years. But the unexpected  
happened, and Mr. Greenwood headed  
the poll. He received 6,413 votes,  
while the highest Conservative figure  
was 6,108. As a recognition of his  
work, and possibly as an intimation  
that the price of wheat in France  
has been only 2s. 5d. more than that  
in England, instead of 12s. 2d.

THE WHEAT MARKET.  
Chicago, Ill., Dec. 20.—The wheat  
market today lost much of the gain  
secured during the bullish demonstra-  
tion of last Saturday and closed with  
prices 5-8, to 2 3-8-1/2 1-2 lower than  
the previous close. Corn and oats  
closed strong and provisions were  
weak.  
MONEY ON CALL. 4 3/4 P.C.  
New York, Dec. 20.—Prime  
mercantile paper, 5 1/2-1/2 per cent.  
Sterling exchange, firm, at 44.50-50  
48.40 for sixty-day bills, and at  
48.80 for demand. Commercial bills,  
4.84-4.84 1/2. Bar silver, 52 3/4. Mex-  
ican dollars, 44. Government bonds,  
firm. R.R. bonds, steady. Money on  
call, firm, 4 1/2-5/8 per cent.; last  
loan, 4 3/4.

## LEOPOLD NOT AS BAD AS HE'S BEEN PAINTED

Yale Professor Has Not Words  
for English Methods in Africa  
---He Declares That Greed  
Prompted Disclosures.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20.—Prof.  
Arthur M. Wheeler, of Yale, lecturer  
on European history, in discussing the  
death of King Leopold tonight said  
that he believed the reports of the at-  
rocities of the Congo had been doc-  
tored by the English and that these  
reports were inspired by the desire  
of the English to obtain for them-  
selves the territory of the State to  
enable them to complete their Cape  
to Cairo railroad. He also said that  
Leopold was a model constitutional  
monarch.  
"If everything said against King  
Leopold were true," said Prof. Wheel-  
er, "there would be no blacker than the  
rest of them. There is a vast deal of  
exaggeration in the reports of the  
crimes in the Congo without a doubt.  
If you will take a map of Africa  
you will see that the route of the  
Cape to Cairo Railroad runs diagon-  
ally across the Congo State; hence  
the attempt by the English to blacken  
the record of Leopold there.  
"England will get the territory event-  
ually, I suppose, and these reports of  
the cruelty of the Belgians sent  
from Europe are in the line  
of the policy of the British. If there  
is anything worse than the operations  
of the British in Africa I do not know  
of it. The way they treated the Zulus,  
moving them down with cattle skins  
is hardly worse than the cruelties at-  
tributed to the Belgians. Then too,  
they sent down to the coast cargoes  
of gin and home-made beer, so that  
there are enough gin bottles at the  
port of entry to make a pile as high  
as one of the pyramids.  
Drop Habits.  
"When Christian nations war on  
their inferiors they have a habit of  
dropping their civilized habits, and  
know. We drop everything called in-  
ternational law when we war on bar-  
barians which we keep when we war  
on Christian nations. For instance,  
that exalted Jameson raid. In Miss  
Kingsley's book you will find, if you  
care to look, some facts of the man-  
ner in which the Africans were treated  
by the English, without honor or  
conscience.  
"England wants the valuable tract  
of the Congo with its tremendously  
rich resources. Belgium in its way  
England is on each side—the design  
is so plain that it cannot be mistaken.  
"As for the reports of cruelty by  
the Belgian officers, I attach no im-  
portance to them considering the  
source from which they come. It is  
simply a case of the pot calling the  
kettle black and the motive is so ap-  
parent that I am very suspicious.  
"At home Leopold was a model con-  
stitutional sovereign. Why should he  
be so satanic to the natives of the  
Congo? The reports come from Eng-  
lish and Portuguese sources, and  
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unity by way of an organized attack  
upon the Second Chamber principle, it  
being supposed that the assault upon  
the Lords will bring all sorts of poli-  
ticians, Home Rulers, Radicals, land  
nationalizers and free traders into a  
common fold. It is certainly drawing  
discordant elements together. But it  
seems probable that the maneuver  
may react. The Home Rulers, for ex-  
ample, have made a distinct offer to  
the Liberals. Stephen Gwynn, M.P.,  
one of the leaders, says that if the  
Liberal party will make it plain, in-  
ferentially, but explicitly, that the  
return of that party will mean the in-  
roduction of a Home Rule Bill, it will  
have no workers on the land so  
keen as the Nationalists.  
If, however, Home Rule is adopted  
explicitly the result will be a closing  
of the ranks of the Unionists and a  
rally to the support of the House of  
Lords. Again, the land nationalizers  
—the men who propose to tax land-  
owners out of their property, and not  
to buy it from them—are so keen for  
a good deal from the Liberals, espe-  
cially if the House of Lords should be  
rendered useless as a delaying body.  
Their ideas are very different from the  
paign song they have issued for the  
purpose of stirring up their adherents  
which runs thus:  
"Sound a blast for freedom, boys, and  
send it far and wide;  
March along to victory, for God is on  
our side;  
While the voice of nature thunders  
o'er the rising tide  
God made the land for the people.  
"The land, the land! 'Twas God who  
gave the land to the people.  
The land, the land! The ground on  
which we stand.  
Why should we be beggars with the  
land in our hand?  
God gave the land to the people."

Some Strong Arguments.  
Already the attack upon the House  
of Lords is losing some of its force,  
owing to the fact that the ministers  
are coming down to particulars. Mr.  
Cre, the Lord Advocate, asserted the  
other day that the scheme the govern-  
ment had in mind for the over-  
coming of the Lords is a plan under  
which, if a proposition comes a second  
time to the Upper House, from the  
same House of Commons, it must be  
passed, no matter what policy it may  
bring into operation. It is pointed  
out that under this change a House  
of Commons might repeat the Sep-  
tember Bill, and sit for ten or more  
months, and still be disposed. This is  
true, for the Parliamentary term is  
regulated by statute. It is also shown  
that the reduction of the House of  
Lords means that the people shall  
have no opportunity to give an opin-  
ion upon legislation for which they  
have not asked. "The Liberals," ex-  
claim the Conservatives on the plat-  
form, "are actually complaining be-  
cause you, the people, are consulted,  
and they want to deprive you of your  
right to speak," and the point brings  
down the House.

The Fight Against The Lords.  
This touches the keynote of the  
Liberal campaign. The Liberal policy  
is to attempt the defeat of tariff re-  
form, trade preferences, and Imperial

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**BAN IS PUT ON**  
**HENRY JAMES' BOOK**  
London, Dec. 20.—The Circulation  
Libraries Association has lost no time  
in exercising its authority over the  
reading public and in unexpected fash-  
ion.  
A correspondent of the Times  
writes that when he applied to one of  
the libraries in the association it re-  
fused to supply him with the latest  
work of Henry James on the ground  
that the circulation of the book would  
be "detrimental to the good name  
held by the library for the circulation  
of thoroughly wholesome literature."  
As the book is merely an account of  
travels, this excuse seemed inade-  
quate. Further investigation showed  
that it is an expensive volume and  
would not stand the wear and tear  
of ordinary circulation.  
The result of the literary censor-  
ship is likely to continue.

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## News of a Day

**At Sandringham.**  
London, Dec. 20.—King Edward and  
Queen Alexandra will spend Christmas  
at Sandringham with the Prince and  
Princess of Wales and their children  
and will have a quiet celebration.  
From King Edward.  
Brussels, Dec. 20.—Prince Albert,  
heir to the throne has received the  
following message from King Edward:  
"I beg you my dear cousin, to accept  
my heartfelt sympathy on the occa-  
sion of the death of your uncle, King  
Leopold."

**Boy Suicide.**  
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Gordon Banks,  
aged 17 years, son of Orland Banks,  
20 Florence street, shot himself yes-  
terday morning in his bedroom and  
died instantly. His father had repro-  
ved the lad for something when the  
latter went upstairs and shot himself.

**Canada's Action.**  
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—There is a com-  
plaint from the Canadian Manufac-  
turers' Association that freight cars  
which cross the Canadian border duty  
free loaded with freight are not at  
once sent out of Canada, but contrary  
to the spirit of the law, continue to  
be employed in Canada, for some time.  
The customs department is looking  
into the complaint.

**Tips Disposed With.**  
London, Dec. 20.—Chief Williams, of  
the police department, has ordered  
the police to refuse gifts of cigars,  
drinks, etc. This thing disorganizes  
the force. In Chief Williams's opinion  
as men seek to get sent on duties  
where there is money and bad feel-  
ing is thus caused among the men,  
to the injury of discipline.

**\$50,000,000.**  
Paris, Dec. 20.—A French financier  
who is familiar with the Congo and  
other business operations of the late  
King Leopold of Belgium, estimates  
the monarch's private fortune in ex-  
cess of the \$50,000,000 bequeathed to  
his daughter, at \$50,000,000. Lawyers  
here anticipate much litigation over  
the property.

**Held Up At Moncton.**  
Moncton, Dec. 20.—As he walked  
home from work on Saturday even-  
ing a well known Moncton lady was  
held up at the point of a revolver  
by a short stocky man, who had a  
white handkerchief over his eyes, and

asked the woman where she was go-  
ing. She replied, "Home." He com-  
manded her not to cry out and then  
bed her around the waist throwing  
her to the ground. She screamed and  
the man became scared and ran  
away.

**Mystery Cleared.**  
Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The mystery  
in the case of Miss McLean and G.  
Emmett, found in Emmett's bedroom  
last seriously wounded from revol-  
ver shots, is about cleared up. The  
two were to be married next month  
and it is believed a quarrel of unlook-  
ed for proportions tempted the man  
to end the lives of both the girl and  
himself. Both will recover. They  
have asked to see each other.

**Miraculous Escape.**  
Smith's Falls, Ont., Dec. 20.—Sher-  
man Baldwin, a boom man employed  
at McLachlan Bros.'s lumber mills at  
Arnprior, fell through the ice and es-  
caped death almost by a miracle. He  
clung to a broomstick and battled for  
his life for over an hour alone before  
assistance reached him. The ice was  
broken for a distance of over thirty  
feet in the struggle. The man was un-  
conscious for an hour after being taken  
from the water.

**Suburb in Flames.**  
Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 20.—The worst  
fire in Sudbury's history destroyed  
\$125,000 worth of property in two  
hours early yesterday morning, and  
almost resulted in the loss of several  
lives. The town was in darkness at  
the time owing to the power company  
taking advantage of Sunday to change  
the transformers. This greatly hamper-  
ed the fire department. The fire  
brigade and necessitated inmates of  
the burning building grouping their  
way to safety. The scene of the fire  
was a large business block of five  
blocks, a three story structure built of  
brick with frame lean-to. Twenty min-  
utes after the fire was discovered it  
was seen the building was doomed.  
No cause can be assigned. Major  
Smith, insurance broker, loss \$1000; J.  
Henry, loss \$5000. Canadian Customs  
all records and express parcels were  
destroyed. Major R. G. Leckie, who  
occupied apartments in the building,  
only escaped by a ladder, aided by the  
firemen. He lost a valuable library on  
mining research.

**For The Poor.**  
The Centenary Sunday school col-  
lection for the poor Christians was  
yesterday increased to \$81.50 and in  
addition a trimmed tree was received  
also a basket and a number of books.  
The prettily decorated school room  
was photographed.

**Methodist Ministers' Meeting.**  
At the weekly meeting of the Meth-  
odist ministers held yesterday morn-  
ing in the parlors of Centenary church  
the coming religious campaign in Feb-  
ruary and the work so far accomplish-  
ed by the various committees were  
discussed. It was announced that there  
would be a meeting of the ministers  
of the various groups in the Y. M. C.  
A. this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock in  
connection with this campaign.

**In The Police Court.**  
In the police court yesterday Mar-  
tin Murphy arrested for begging, was  
ordered to leave the city. Albert Mur-  
ray, charged with drunkenness and  
using obscene language was fined \$5.  
The case of Thomas H. Dobson, re-  
ported for altering and making repairs  
to his house without a permit and  
obstructing the sidewalk was post-  
poned for the police to make a report  
to the common council to act upon.  
The building inspector informed the  
court he had not laid the information.  
George Arsenault was reported for  
trespassing on the Government wharf  
and carrying away coal.