

### An Open Letter to the Citizens of London-

One year ago, Monday, Nov. 11, Armistice Day, at the request of thousands of taxpayers, who included men and women in all walks of life, I made a definite announcement that I would permit my name to go before you in a contest for the Mayoralty office. At that time I stated, if elected, I would make every honest endeavor to carry out my platform, which was printed in detail in both London papers. Also mailed to each and every ratepayer in the city of London.

This platform stated just exactly what my intentions and purposes were—it was plain and could not be interpreted two ways.

You elected me by an overwhelming majority of 3,113, for which I again thank you. I took it for granted that you agreed with me on my platform.

If you will look over the year's performance you will find that notwithstanding considerable opposition, the platform has been carried out with a possible one or two exceptions, which some members of your city council have consistently and persistently voted down.

In addition to my platform, much progressive work has been accomplished during the year (which was not anticipated at the time of election). And all this has been accomplished with a reduction in the tax rate, and there will be a surplus in the treasury for 1923.

If there has been any important work overlooked in the past year, I can assure you it was not intentional.

I believe you will agree with me that the 1923 Mayor has spent considerable of his time in civic affairs in the interest of London and its citizens as a whole.

I have absolutely refused to grant special concessions to any individual, clique, class or denomination. I have shown no prejudice to creed or color. And surely no prejudice to any political organization. My motto has been, "NO POLITICS IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT."

If you think that I have worked for your general interest and the general prosperity of the City of London during 1923, I will accept the 1924 nomination as Mayor of London. And you can vote me back in office, and I will make every honest endeavor during 1924 to carry out my work, along the same lines as carried out in 1923. My printed platform will be presented to you in a few days.

If on the other hand you think I have not fulfilled my obligations—have not worked for the best interests of the city and its citizens as a whole, or that a better candidate is in the field-when election day comes Vote me out, and I can assure you we will all be perfectly good friends.

I Thank You,

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AWAIT DECISIONS

By GEORGE HAMBLETON. Canadian Press Cable, ndon, Nov. 9.—With the close of

the imperial conference will come a ing of its accomplishments However, comment on this necessarily will be restricted until the conrence decisions are formally issued Rather is it to the economic conference with its announcements of increased British preferences that at-

ntion is turned. The free traders sail the proposed greater prefer-

assail the proposed greater preference on wines as hitting the consumer again and as being "another step to full-blooded preference."

The Daily Express, which lately has been arguing that a preference without a duty on wheat or meat is a preference without a soul, declares in its headlines today that the empire premiers have been defeated, and it challenges "Mr. Baldwin's half and half preference."

The Morning Post offers the following comment on the British preference: "The British government have thus made a notable advance in a hopeful policy. We have to regret only—and as regret is useless we need not waste time on it at present—that they had not a little more of the courage of their conviction, and did not bring Canada into the picture by deciding to extend the preferential system to our staple commodities of wheat and meat."

The Westminster Gazette, taking the opposite point of view, declares: "If the people of the dominions desire to buy more British goods they can do so at once by lowering the tariff walls they have erected to keen

arranged at the imperial conference, none that can be arranged, will give colonial goods a free retracted to the colonial goods a free retracted to the colonial goods out, and in so buying they will increase employment in this country and enable us to buy more from the dominions in our turn. No preference that has been arranged at the imperial conference, none that can be arranged, will give colonial goods a freer entrance to our markets than they now enjoy. All that has been done is to compel our people to pay more for articles that compete with empire products."

So the battle wages, with constant speculation as to when parliament will be dissolved.

Much is made of the statement by Premier S. M. Bruce that if there is to be no tax on wheat or meat, and if the door is to be shut on other methods, then "we have to recognize that we have closed the door, to a great extent, to any real stride forward in empire development at this moment."

Are Diamonds Smuggled Into the United States? Are diamonds looted from churches, and from the vaults of now almost extinct aristocratic families in Russia, finding their way into the U. S. A.? This is causing considerable attention of the U. S. A. treasury de-

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Think the Possibility of His Accepting Nomination Is Slight:

UNIONISTS STRONG

Associated Press Despatch. London, Nov: 9. — Winston Churchill is thinking over the offer of a section of the Liberal party to fight for the seat of the late Bonar Law in Glasgow, but his acceptance of a nomination is regarded as doubtful. If he ran for Central Glasgow he would be up against the Unionist majority of 2,514, which was given for Bonar Law in the last general election, and which, it is safe to assert, is a fairly stable Unionist majority in that constituency. It was given Bonar Law principally on account of his political views and not because of a fascination with his pergenelity.

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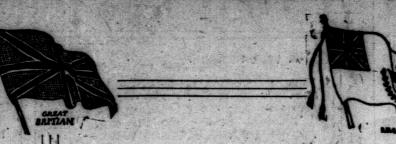
A second Conservative rejection of Winston Churchill at the polls would seriously jeopardize his political future. His defeat in Dundee last November by E. Scrymgeour, prohibitionist, by a majority of 10,334, was one of the features of the general election of 1922.

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one of the features of the general election of 1922.
Glasgow this morning provides an item of especial interest in connection with the recent political developments at large. The press outside of London in the last few days have displayed a rather uncertain tendency towards Premier Baldwin's tariff proposal. The Glasgow Herald, one of the finest Unionist papers in the United Kingdom, comes out today flat against protection, "and repudiates with all earnestness and confidence the suggestion that these principles are intimately involved with the overthrow of the free trade system and the reinstitution of protection."

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