

MIGHTY ARMY OF FARMERS AT THE CAPITAL MAKE SENSATIONAL DEMANDS ON GOVERNMENT

Want Agricultural and Horticultural Products and Implements On Free List.
REDUCTION IN BRITISH DUTIES

Declare Themselves Ready to Accept Direct Taxation to Make Up Loss in Revenue.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Canadian House of Commons suffered an unusual scene this morning. The army of invading farmers took possession of the chamber. On the floor every member's seat was occupied by a farmer delegate and the galleries were crowded by them to the point of suffocation. The members of Parliament stood in a group about the entrance of the chamber and, on the outskirts of the delegation.

Applause for Premier.
There was a hearty hand clapping welcome given to Sir Wilfrid Laurier when he entered at 10 o'clock, followed by the other members of the Government. Sir Wilfrid took the clerk's seat at the head of the table, his own seat being occupied by D. W. Warner, a farmer from Alberta, who came to Canada from the United States a few years ago. Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. Charles Murphy, Hon. Wm. Paterson, Hon. Sydney Fisher, accepted chairs in a circle about the Prime Minister, and with them set D. W. McQuinn, president and Roushey Mackenzie, secretary of the council of agriculture. Hon. George P. Graham, Hon. Frank Oliver, Senator Watson and Hon. William Hartly found seats for themselves on the steps of the throne, where the pages sit when parliament is in session.

Mr. R. L. Borden found a seat other than his own on the Opposition side, and Hon. George Foster was in a chair which he brought in himself. The only member who was in his own seat was W. Northrup, Conservative representative of the county of Hastings, and he showed his interest in the proceedings by going sound asleep during the first speech.

The Resolutions.
The first resolution presented was a demand that the Government take over the terminal elevators at Port Arthur and Port Arthur through which the entire volume of export wheat from the Canadian West passes. The resolution was read by D. W. McQuinn, president of the association, and supported by addresses from Peter Wright, of Manitoba; P. W. Green, secretary of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; and W. G. Tremblay, an Alberta farmer; D. B. Wood, Hamilton, president of the Dominion Millers' Association; and J. E. Dolan, of the Ontario Millers' Association; Hedley Shaw, of the Toronto Board of Trade.

The addresses were delivered with great earnestness and listened to with close attention. The attitude of both speakers and auditors was impressive. Cheers for reciprocity.
The tariff proposals were then brought on, and there were long and loud cheers for the demand that reciprocity be entered into with the United States; free trade with England, and direct taxation to make up for loss of revenue through tariff duties.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Eight hundred strong, the farmers of Canada today stormed the legislative centre of the nation, demanding that the Government what they consider their rights in the way of tariff, and other treatment. The invading forces mobilized at the Grand Opera House, and marched to Parliament Hill, where they swarmed into the Commons chamber and filled the galleries. Members of parliament and cabinet ministers not in their seats when the delegation arrived to Parliament Hill, where they swarmed into the Commons chamber and filled the galleries. Members of parliament and cabinet ministers not in their seats when the delegation arrived to Parliament Hill, where they swarmed into the Commons chamber and filled the galleries. Members of parliament and cabinet ministers not in their seats when the delegation arrived to Parliament Hill, where they swarmed into the Commons chamber and filled the galleries.

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STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.
Montreal, Dec. 16.—The Allan line steamer Hungarian, from Portland, for Glasgow, arrived at Glasgow last night. The Allan line steamer Tumbler, from Liverpool for Halifax and St. John, N.B., with 26 first-class, 54 second-class, and 181 steerage passengers.

J. A. STEVENSON DEAD.
Montreal, Dec. 16.—The death took place today of J. A. Stevenson, a well-known Montreal businessman, after a week's illness with pneumonia. Mr. Stevenson was a prominent horseman and clubman, being a member of the Montreal Hunt, Mount Royal, St. James, Forest and Stream and other clubs. He was 60 years of age. The late J. A. Stevenson, well-known as the secretary of the Montreal Exhibition in years gone by, was a brother.

WHAT THE FARMERS WANT

- (1) Reciprocal free trade between the United States and Canada in all horticultural, agricultural and animal products, spraying materials, fertilizers, fuel, illuminating and lubricating oil, cement, fish and lumber.
- (2) Reciprocal free trade between the two countries in all agricultural implements, machinery, vehicles and parts thereof.
- (3) For an immediate lowering of the duties on all British imports to one-half the rates charged in the general tariff, whatever these may be; that any trade advantages given the United States in reciprocal trade relations be extended to Great Britain.
- (4) For such further reduction of the remaining differential tariff as will insure the establishment of complete free trade between the Dominion and the mother country within ten years.
- (5) That the farmers of this country are willing to face direct taxation, in such a form as may be advisable, to make up the revenues lost under new tariff relations.

Hudson Bay Railway—That the railway and all terminal facilities be constructed, owned and operated in perpetuity by the Dominion Government, under an independent commission.

Co-operation—That cheap and effective machinery should be provided by legislation this session for the incorporation of co-operative societies.

Banking—That the new bank act be so worded as to permit it to be amended at any time and in any particular, instead of every ten years, as at present.

Terminal elevators—That the terminal elevators of Port Arthur and Port Arthur be operated as a public utility under an independent commission.

Chilled meat—That the Government should inaugurate and operate a meat-curing and chilling process, erect the necessary works and operate a modern and up-to-date method of export of meat.

LONDON WOMAN'S HUSBAND SHOT

Death of Policeman Herrick, of Detroit, May Have Been Accidental.

LEFT A PECULIAR NOTE

Detroit Coroners Are at Variance Regarding How the Officer's End Was Brought About.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Detroit, Dec. 16.—Considerable mystery surrounds the death of Leo L. Herrick, of the Detroit police force, who died at his home yesterday as a result of being shot through the chest. In an inside pocket of his coat was found a note, which read: "Dear Ones—I know what will happen when I get home. I was playing poker, but if I told you, you would not believe me. I tried hard, but I could not do it—Lee."

This note reads, Coroner Rothacker to believe that Herrick shot himself intentionally. May Be Accidental.
Coroner Burgess, however, who is working on the case, also thinks that Herrick shot himself accidentally. His investigations show that Herrick was very well thought of on the force and that he was to have been promoted shortly. When Herrick went home he sat down in the same room with his wife. Previously he had had a shave, and remarked that he thought he would clean his revolver before he went to bed, as it would then be all ready for him when he went on duty again at midnight. A moment later he was shot. Coroner Burgess says the note was an old one and had evidently been in Herrick's pocket for some time.

Wife a London Woman.
Herrick's wife, it is said, formerly was Miss Anna Hall, of London. Had Herrick not died until after Christmas his wife would have benefited to the extent of \$3,000 from the fund for the widows of patrolmen. As it is she is left practically penniless with three little children.

STRENUOUS TIMES FOR LADY CLERKS

Christmas Week Means a Tremendous Amount of Work For All.

Thousands of women thronged the city stores today in an effort to get at least a part of their Christmas shopping completed. The counters of the downtown stores were surrounded by crowds of ladies eagerly searching for suitable articles to purchase for friends.

"I'll be dead if I have to go through another week of this," said one shop girl. "Nine out of ten of these people haven't the faintest notion what they want to buy. If I had a thousand hands I couldn't wait on them all fast enough to suit them. People haven't any idea what the Christmas rush means from the clerk's standpoint. Just imagine getting down here at 8 o'clock in the morning and handing stuff out at this rate until late at night. Sometimes we get something to eat, and sometimes we don't. At best we only get a hurried lunch. I won't be sorry when it is all over."

However, merchants are well satisfied with the volume of business. Trade in all lines is very brisk, and the splendid weather is bringing the shoppers out in crowds. Immense quantities of goods are changing hands and the big stocks which the stores laid in for the holiday are rapidly getting thinned out.

Meds. Banquet.

An annual banquet of the Western Medical School will be held tonight in the Tecumseh House. Hon. Adam Beck, Mr. J. P. Downey, ex-M. P. P. now of Orillia, and Mayor Beattie will be among the speakers.

UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE DEAD ON TRACK AT RODNEY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Rodney, Dec. 16.—The dead body of a man, supposed to be John McDer-mid, of Rhode Island, was found between the M. C. R. tracks about a mile east of this place, at 7:30 this morning. The identity of the man was traced by papers found in his pockets. The documents also indicate that he had been serving in the United States army in the Philippines. As he wore neither hat nor shoes when found, it is supposed that he had fallen or stepped from a platform while passing from one car to another. The body was still warm when found by the section foreman, and from that it is supposed that he was travelling on one of the through trains this morning. The face and arms were badly bruised. The body was brought here, and the coroner notified. The authorities are endeavoring to locate his friends or relatives.

WINNIPEG STREET CAR SYSTEM TIED UP BY A BIG STRIKE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Winnipeg street car system was tied up at 6 o'clock this morning. After a session lasting from midnight, the employees decided to strike, the company refusing to reinstate prominent union officers who, it is said, had been disciplined for drinking in a bar.

P. C. GREEN RAN HIS MAN DOWN

Young Lady Claimed to Have Been Insulted by Italian Who Is a Stranger.

LIVELY CHASE IN NORTH

Man Said He Did Not Say Anything Out of the Way to the Lady—Fine Imposed.

P. C. John Green, by some fast sprinting last night, succeeded in arresting Gravinini Bologno, a young Italian, who insulted a young lady at the corner of Waterloo and Pall Mall streets, shortly after 11 o'clock. In court this morning Bologno was fined \$5 and costs, and given a severe warning.

According to P. C. Green's story, he was walking down Pall Mall street, and when near the corner saw Bologno standing on the opposite side. A young lady was coming north, and when she was passing Bologno, he made some remark to her. She immediately turned upon him, and gave him a heavy slap in the face, and started to run away. The officer ran down the street and saw the woman stopped. Bologno in the meantime saw the officer and darted away.

The Chase.
The policeman told the girl to stay until he came back, and took after Bologno, and after a chase of a block or so, arrested him. He asked him what he meant by insulting the girl, and Bologno said she was his sister. The next morning he said he wasn't, and then he said he "couldn't talk English."

When P. C. Green got back with his man the girl had disappeared, and he could not find her address, so he took Bologno to the station. This morning, by means of an interpreter, Magistrate Love learned that Bologno had only been here a short time and that he was a friend of the P. C. B. to visit some of his friends, who work among the navies.

Fine Imposed.
"I am glad indeed to find that you are not a London man," said the court, "and I am glad to hear that you are a friend of the P. C. B. They are peaceable and law-abiding."

Bologno said he had not said anything out of the way to the girl, as he did not know enough English. "You mean to tell me then, that this officer is deliberately getting up here time telling this story to get you into trouble. I don't believe a word of his story, and I do believe his. You can't do that sort of thing in London, and I will fine you \$5 and all costs, or 21 days."

Hughes Remanded.
Albert Hughes, who is in jail on a charge of vagrancy, came up before Magistrate Love this morning, and was again remanded. The fund for him was increased to \$11 today, when a friend handed in \$1 to P. M. Love.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Moderating.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 16—5 a.m. Today—Fine and very cold. Saturday—Fine and cold, followed by light snowfalls.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. Max. Min. Weather.
Calgary 46 28 Clear
Winnipeg 12 8 Fair
Port Arthur 8 -8 Cloudy
Perry Sound 14 -6 Clear
Toronto 30 -4 Clear
Ottawa 30 -2 Fair
Montreal 26 -2 Clear
Quebec 16 -8 Clear
Father Point 12 2 Cloudy
Minus (-) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
The pronounced cold wave which was sweeping over Ontario yesterday has now reached the Maritime Provinces, and temperatures well below zero have been recorded from the lake region eastward. Moderate temperatures prevail in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, while in Alberta they are unusually mild.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.
A pronounced cold wave from the north swept over Ontario and Quebec yesterday, and temperatures fell rapidly. Light snowfalls occurred from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, and rain fell on the Southern British Columbia coast, while in the Western Provinces the weather was fair. A cold front in Alberta caused high temperatures in southern districts.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 3-31; Victoria, 40-46; Vancouver, 37-46; Kamloops, 24-40; Edmonton, 16-30; Battleford, 12-24; Regina, 20-46; Moose Jaw, 1-19; Qu'Appelle, 8-24; Winnipeg, 4-12; Port Arthur, 10 below-8; Parry Sound, zero-14; Toronto, -20-31; Ottawa, zero-21; Montreal, zero-28; Quebec, 2 below-16; St. John, 16-34; Halifax, 10-38. TODAY'S PROBS.
The East—Northerly gales, very cold, with snow.
Lake Superior—Fine and cold.

FATHER BEAT HIS SON TO DEATH

A Shocking Tragedy Reported From Town of Goderich, Ontario.

MAN MAY BE INSANE

Spent Some Time in an Asylum Years Ago—Has Been Placed Under Arrest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Goderich, Ont., Dec. 16.—George Vanstone, a resident of Goderich, cruelly beat his young son, six years old, to death last night, about ten o'clock.

The little boy had just started to go to school, and was making figures on a slate, when his father asked him to make from one to twenty. He said he could not do it, and his father said he had done it before.

Getting into a fit of rage at what he considered disobedience, the father grabbed the broomstick and unmercifully beat the child over the head and body until he was dead. The child is very much bruised.

When Vanstone was arrested and taken to jail last night, he was asked why he was arrested, and remarked: "I only beat him because he would not make the figures, one to twenty."

Mind Is Affected.
Vanstone was confined to jail about a year ago for lunacy, and, while a lot of sound mind, was considered harmless. He worked as a laborer in McEwan's coal yards. His wife and another son, 12 years of age, were present, but could not restrain him. His wife ran out into the street, and could see nobody. She finally ran to Dr. Hunter's, and when she returned with assistance Vanstone was walking around with the child in his arms endeavoring to revive him.

Crown Attorney Seager has called a jury to hold an inquest at 12 o'clock today at the residence where the murder was committed.

The Inquest.
The jury empaneled on the inquest met at the residence of T. J. Tait, 1211 street, viewed the body, and adjourned till 4 o'clock to take the evidence of Mrs. Vanstone, who is in a critical condition. Four fat, chubby, little children clustered around the bereaved mother. Mr. McEwan, the man Vanstone worked for, and another man, passed the house at the time of the murder, but were afraid to interfere. The body of the child is as black as ink, and the skull crushed. It is said he had been beaten constantly from 8 o'clock till 11 o'clock, the distracted mother could get assistance.

MANY TRACTION LINES FOR LONDON DISTRICT

Companies Appear to Regard This as a Rich and Promising Field.

North Midland.
London and North Western.
London and Lake Erie.
London and York.
London and Stratford.
London and Windsor.
Imperial Railway Company.
Six trams for radial roads, with London as the centre or objective point, have been secured, or are being applied for. The list shows that in the eyes of traction men London is bound to be an important city in the near future.

Route of the North Midland and the London and North Western are very well known to the residents of this city. The Traction Company, or the London and Lake Erie, have, in addition to their line to the Port, a charter for another line from Brantford to this city. The People's Railway, from Berlin and Guelph to Stratford and London, made a proposition to the city council some time ago. Nothing came of the conference, however.

Mackenzie & Mann have had a charter for a railway, electrical or steam, from Toronto to Windsor. Nothing has been done with it as yet, but there is every indication that in the near future the line will be constructed. Work will be commenced, it is understood, in the spring.

Latest in the Field.
The latest in the field is that of the Imperial Railway Company, who have an application in the House at the present moment for a railway. It will be a loop road, from Hamilton to Guelph to Stratford to London, and thence to Hamilton.

The company is capitalized at \$6,000,000, and it is understood that they will float the company at an early date. From what has been learned it is well backed, and that it will be built soon.

"We are applying for a charter for a road," said Mr. George M. Reid, one of the provisional directors. "It will be a loop line, and will run from Hamilton to London and return. The particulars are being worked out at the present time."

Some of these roads cover practically the same ground, and it will be a race to get on the ground first. The company that sells its bonds and starts construction the earliest will have the best opportunity of getting the patronage, and it will result in several of the companies allowing their charters to lapse.

ASQUITH'S MAJ. IS NOW 113

Unionists and Coalition Each Made a Gain Yesterday.

POLLING ALMOST ENDED

Only Twenty-Nine Seats Now Remain To Be Heard From.

GAINS ON THURSDAY.

Liberals 1
Unionists 1

GAINS TO DATE.

Coalition 27
Unionists 26

STANDING OF PARTIES.

Liberals 260
Nationalists 65
Independent Nationalists 10
Labour 42

Total 377
Unionists 264

Government Majority 113

RECAPITULATION.

Seats in House 670
Seats Heard From 641
Seats To Be Polling 29

London, Dec. 16.—One gain each for the Liberals and the Unionists is the result of yesterday's elections the results of which were announced today. The respective totals are now:

Coalitionists, 377; Unionists, 264.

The composite Government majority is formed as follows: Liberal 65, Nationalists 65, Independent Nationalists 20, Labor members 42.

The Laborites are the only party thus far to show an increase in representation in the new Parliament. Already they have secured two seats in addition to those held in the previous House of Commons.

Junior Lord Defeated.
Only 29 seats remain to be filled. The coalitionists now have a majority of 113 as against a total majority in the last Parliament of 124.

The two constituencies which changed color yesterday are the Leek division of Staffordshire, where R. Pearce won back for the Liberals the seat lost last January, and the High Peak division of Derbyshire, which S. Hill-Wood brought back to the Unionist ranks. O. Partington, who was defeated in High Peak, is junior lord of the treasury, and the second member of the Government to be unseated in the present elections.

William O'Brien, leader of the Independent Nationalists, secured a success in the south division of Cork County, where the Independent Nationalist candidate, Walsh, turned out E. Barry, who had represented that constituency in the interest of John Redmond for 12 years.

The Orangemen of Ulster County, who recently started a fund for the purpose of buying arms to fight a home rule government, are now widely circulating the manual of drill for irregular forces.

A BANNER YEAR FOR POSTOFFICE

Christmas Rush This Year Is the Greatest Ever Known.

BRITISH MAIL IS HEAVY
Last Mail Due to Arrive in Britain Before Christmas Closed This Morning.

This will be a banner year for London postoffice in point of Christmas revenue. At present the postoffice officials are unable to give a reliable estimate of just how much Christmas traffic there will be, but they state that in any case it will be much higher than the showing made by last year's figures. The old country postal service is unusually taxed this year. The last mail to arrive in England before Christmas, closed at the local postoffice at 10 o'clock this morning, and will be forwarded from New York by the Mauretania. The last parcel post for the United Kingdom closed yesterday at 4 p.m.

The Last Mail.
The last mail to arrive from the old land will come on the Lusitania, which will arrive in New York Dec. 22 or 23, the mail being delivered here on Dec. 24. This is the one season of the year when the heaviest mail is made for home, and they never forget to remember their friends at home, or to await with longing and eager expectation the remembrances which they know are forthcoming for them in turn.

Extra Assistants.
A greater number of extra Christmas assistants will be required to handle the local Christmas mail this year than in previous years. The general prosperity of the country at large is not without its effect on the postal revenue, and the amount of traffic.

With more ready money in hand, the people are patronizing the mail order plan much more than in other years, and postal orders, registered letters and Christmas gifts of every description are crowding the mails as never before.

The Great Rush.
The latter half of next week will show the Christmas rush at its height, and when Sunday, Dec. 25, arrives, the tired clerks will breathe more freely than they have done for weeks past.

FINED FOR SHOOTING MOOSE OUT OF SEASON

Goderich, Dec. 16.—A farmer named Wm. Cunningham was fined this morning by Provincial Constable Green, of Toronto, \$50 and costs for shooting a moose out of season while acting as fire warden and game warden for the Provincial Government.