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LONDON, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS.

The British election returns yesterday were not very conclusive. The Ministerialists won a majority of the contested seats, and of the popular majority, and the Unionists made relatively larger gains than on Saturday or Monday.

Some of the correspondents appear to be puzzled by the vagaries of the popular vote. Yesterday the Liberals and Laborites had 28,500 more votes than the Unionists in England, Scotland and Wales, yet the latter won 21 out of 42 seats. There is no mystery when the vote is analyzed. The twelve seats which the Unionists gained yesterday from the Liberals showed only an aggregate Liberal majority of 4,764 in 1906. A change of 2,382 votes from the Ministerial to the Opposition column would wipe out this majority. It was a freak election in 1906, and the Ministerialists could not hope to hold normally Conservative ridings which they could barely win four years ago even with a tidal wave in their favor. Eleven of these twelve ridings gave Unionist majorities in 1906 as follows: Mile End, 1,160; Bow and Bromley, 1,845; Abercrombie division of Liverpool, 1,906; Whitehaven, 677; Boston, 555; Warwick and Leamington, 821; Coventry, 1,069; Kidderminster, 140; Brighton (two seats), 1,932, and Chelmsford, 1,351.

The Unionists will in all likelihood improve their position to a greater extent in the counties, few of which have yet been heard from. The great manufacturing centres of the north are inarguable to the assaults of the tariff reformers, but in the villages and rural districts the power of the landlord will be felt more directly. The tremendous social influence of the landed nobility has been exerted as never before for party ends, and there has been organized intimidation in many counties. The letter of the Duke of Sutherland, threatening his employees and dependents with the reduction of wages and pensions if the Government is sustained, is an example of the tyranny which the antiquated land system of England and Scotland enables the aristocracy to wield.

CANADA AND THE IMPERIAL TIE.

A recent address to which a good deal of attention is being given by the press of the United States was that of Professor Wrong, of the University of Toronto, before the American Political Science Association, and in New York Professor Wrong's subject was "Canadian Nationalism and the Imperial Tie." He set forth in a practical way the value of British connection to Canada. He described how the present happy and close relations between Great Britain and Canada have been evolved, and contrasted this satisfactory condition of affairs with the types of relations which were characteristic first, of Greece and her colonial possessions, and second, of England and the American colonies. When the latter began life on their own account they had no powerful neighbor. Because Canada has a powerful neighbor, she is wise in retaining a tie that gives her more weight in a time of difficulty.

In declaring that the old theory of the colonies being subordinate to the motherland is dead beyond resurrection, Professor Wrong simply echoed the sentiments of Mr. Balfour, leader of the Unionist party, who, addressing the imperial press conference in London last summer, said there was a time when the relations between Great Britain and its offspring were like the relations between parent and child, but no politician of any party in the old country holds that view any longer. "Everybody recognizes," said Mr. Balfour, "so far as I know, that the parental stage is over; that we have reached a stage of formal equality which nobody desires to disturb." Or, as Professor Wrong puts it, something nobler has taken the place of the old colonialism. There is now a league of world states—Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—all working together to promote a great destiny for each, and lofty aims for all.

In this great work Canada is nobly doing her share. She has built and is still building great railways by means of which the mother country is brought 700 miles closer to the Pacific coast, and thereby opened a new and shorter route to the antipodes of India; she has relieved Britain of the burden of maintaining garrisons at Esquimaux and Halifax; she offers free homes to the surplus population of the

British Isles, and is ready to supply the mother country with the food she needs; and last, but by no means least, she has strengthened the imperial bond by granting to Britain a preference in Canadian markets. In return Canada has a preference in the English money market, and is thus able to secure vast sums at a very low rate of interest. Out of total Canadian bond issues of more than \$200,000,000 in 1908, 84 per cent were sold in Great Britain, and the amount and proportion last year were even larger. Upwards of \$800,000,000 is now owing to Great Britain by the Governments and railways of Canada, besides large sums in municipal and other bonds. In addition, our shores have the protection of the greatest fleet the world has ever known—a fleet which will be materially strengthened when Canada's naval plans are carried out.

CANADA'S CROPS IN 1909.

An official estimate made by the department of agriculture at Ottawa places the total value of Canada's field crops—in which are not included fruits and live stock values—in 1909 at about \$532,000,000. Wheat, as usual, heads the list in value of product, sugar beets bringing up the rear. Following are the estimated values, at local market prices, of the different products:

Wheat	\$141,320,000
Hay and clover	132,287,000
Oats	122,390,000
Potatoes	28,200,000
Corn	27,875,000
Barley	25,434,000
Turnips, etc.	18,197,000
Mixed grains	10,916,000
Peas	7,222,000
Buckwheat	4,554,000
Flax	2,761,000
Rye	1,254,000
Beans	1,851,000
Sugar beets	500,000

Oats lead in area under crop and quantity of product, the figures being 3,302,000 acres and 53,468,000 bushels, wheat coming second, with 7,750,000 acres and 166,744,000 bushels, and barley third, and a long way behind, with 1,864,000 acres and 55,398 bushels. Nearly two-thirds of the cultivated area of the country is devoted to raising food for beasts, even after making due allowance for the large use of oats as food for man, and that, too, without taking into account the immense areas used for pasture purposes.

Ontario is still a long way ahead of all the other provinces in the value of its agricultural products, being credited with three-eighths of the entire field crop value of the Dominion, and Saskatchewan now ranks second in that respect. The eastern provinces together contribute \$349,000,000 of the total. The values by provinces, as given in the report are:

Ontario	\$209,298,000
Saskatchewan	97,677,000
Quebec	90,671,000
Manitoba	74,420,000
Nova Scotia	22,319,000
Alberta	20,741,000
New Brunswick	18,150,000
P. E. Island	9,213,000

In wheat-growing the west has a pronounced lead, only 19,242,000 bushels being credited to the eastern provinces, leaving 147,482,000 as the share of the west. Indeed Prince Edward Island, which is down as raising 522,000 bushels of spring wheat, is the only eastern province producing sufficient wheat for its own needs. This, however, is not altogether due to climatic or soil conditions. The report places the yield of spring wheat per acre in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick at 20 bushels; Quebec, 16.71; Ontario, 17.45; Manitoba, 18.77; Saskatchewan, 23.13; and Alberta, 24.90 bushels.

The returns per acre in 1909 of each of the products the country over are thus given: Fall wheat, \$23.93; spring wheat, \$17.70; oats, \$13.16; barley, \$12.64; rye, \$13.73; peas, \$18.26; buckwheat, \$16.12; flax, \$19.94; beans, \$22.61; corn, \$36.19; potatoes, \$70.88; turnips, \$73.38; and hay, \$10.11 per acre.

The total area under field crops in Canada last year is placed at 30,065,000 acres.

The Celtic fringe is a fine embroidery on the election returns.

Sir Charles Tupper sees an end to the monarchy and the Empire in 25 years if Lloyd-George wins the election. Sir Charles used to make election prophecies in Canada almost as romantic.

Mr. King's bill, introduced yesterday in the Canadian House of Commons, provides new machinery for the investigation of combines. Any aggrieved person may now have his complaint taken up and pressed free of cost, if he can make out a prima facie case before a judge. The process appears to be simple. The public will watch with interest how it works out.

Will some of these Canadian naval experts explain why, if the proposed Canadian cruisers are useless, Great Britain continues to build the same kind?—London Advertiser.

No necessity to be an expert to make answer. Great Britain does not build cruisers only—Free Press.

This is the answer we expected, but it is not a real one. The Canadian Dreadnoughts argue that the war which they profess to see coming will be decided in the North Sea. If British cruisers are to be useful there, why not Canadian cruisers? Why should the proposed Canadian fleet be described as "absolutely useless," "tin-pot," "dinky," etc., etc.? Cruisers are an indispensable part of a fleet, and the Canadian cruisers will reinforce the British navy.

rejection of the budget. Yesterday there was no three-cornered contest, and Mr. Dumphreys was defeated by nearly a thousand majority. Bermondsey was a false alarm.

There are 234 members to be elected from the English counties. Included in these are many towns, thousands of villages, and the whole of rural England. The village and the country are the special preserves of the nobility and the great landlords. With such allies the Unionists may hope for much. It was the newly-enfranchised farm laborers who returned Gladstone in 1885 after the boroughs had gone against him, but today Hodge is being intimidated as never before.

A LIBERAL EDUCATION.

[T. H. Huxley.]
That man, I think, has had a liberal education who has been so trained in youth that his body is the ready servant of his will, and does with ease and pleasure all the work that, as a mechanism, it is capable of; whose intellect is a clear, cold logic engine, with all its parts of equal strength, and in smooth working order; ready, like a steam engine, to be turned to any kind of work, and spin the rose-garlands as well as forge the anchors of the mind; whose mind is stored with a knowledge of the great and fundamental truths of nature and of the laws of her operations; one who, no stunted ascetic, is full of life and fire, but whose passions are trained to come to heel by a vigorous will, the servant of a tender conscience; who has learned to love all beauty, whether of nature, or of art, to hate all violence and to respect others as himself. Such a one and no other, I conceive, has had a liberal education; for he is, as completely as a man can be, in harmony with nature. He will make the best of her, and she of him. They will get on together rarely; she as his ever-beneficent mother, he as her multiplex, her minister and interpreter.

OVERWORKED AND UNDERFERED WOMEN.

[Hamilton Times.]
At the last session of the Illinois Legislature a law making ten hours the maximum day's work for women in the factories of the state. The Illinois Manufacturers' Association is fighting this law, and in the attempt to have it declared unconstitutional has filed affidavits made by two women who have worked in factories—the one for sixteen and the other for thirty-two years. In their affidavits these women state that they cannot, at the scale of wages allowed, make enough to live upon in a ten-hour day.

SOON A FULL PARTNERSHIP.

[Toronto Star.]
Canada has now a population of eight millions, and may reasonably look forward to a population as large as that of England. To imagine that such a country, with an area about as large as that of the United States, will remain in a perpetual dependency or childhood is absurd. The western half of Great Britain and this country is changing from one of dependency to one of partnership and alliance.

A KNAVAL PUN.

[Toronto Star.]
Mr. Monk, M.P., is evidently of the opinion that his leader played him a knave's trick.

ANGRY AT MONK.

[Hamilton Spectator.]
If I had my way, I'd drop that man Monk quicker than you could say Jack Robinson. There's something very materially lacking in his make-up as a member of the great Liberal-Conservative party.

HOOKIN' 'EM UP THE BACK.

[Bramford Courier.]
That lone man who spoke to a number of women on the subject of dress might have told them they had driven most of the married lords of creation back to the old schoolboy game of hooker.

NOT ROOM FOR BOTH.

[Toronto News.]
A horse in London jumped into a cutter. He was scarcely as ambitious as Paddy, who, after a series of curvettings, got his hind hoof in the stirrup. "Paddy," remarked the Irishman, "if you're going to get on, wait till I get off."

MR. BLACKSTOCK MISREPRESENTS CANADA.

[Toronto Globe.]
Mr. George Tate Blackstock, in one of his recent election speeches in England, went to the limit in talking nonsense to the electors about Canada. No matter what the result of the elections, Canadians will not be for long looking elsewhere for a trade alliance. The mother country will continue to enjoy the present preference unimpaired. Canada's prosperity is due mainly not to her tariff, but to her natural resources and to the immigration of people who bring with them the capital and enterprise necessary to develop them.

HOW WEEKLESS!

[Indianapolis Press.]
Reckless Reggie—Great heavens! Do I see you speaking in the street to a meat waiter?
Wicked Willie—Dear boy, he used to be a waiter fellow, but now he's a bait-tender.
"Haw! Introduce me when next we meet."

ONE SYMPTOM.

[Baltimore American.]
"Old Moneybags is afraid that prince he bought for his daughter is a bogus one."
"Why so?"
"When it came to settling up he asked for the prince's debts, and the fellow told him he hadn't any."

AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

[London Chronicle.]
Sir W. S. Gilbert, who has returned to comic opera in "Fallen Fairies," is a stickler for correctness of detail at rehearsals. There is a story that on one occasion at a rehearsal of "The Mikado" Mr. Gilbert (as he was in those days) suddenly called out, "There is a gentleman in the left group not doing his fan correctly." A member of the company explained that one gentleman was absent through illness. "Ah!" replied Gilbert, with becoming gravity, "that is not the gentleman I am referring to."

A GENTLE HINT.

[Baltimore American.]
Visitor (at the table)—So you are a good little girl, Mamie, and always mind mamma, you papa says.
Mamie (in the proud consciousness of virtue)—Yeth, sir; the told me not to aith for another plet of pie, and I ain't never done it.

THE MAN AND THE LION.

[Democrat Telegram.]
"When I was once in danger from a lion," said an old African explorer, "I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had no weapons."
"How did it work?" asked his companion.
"Perfectly. The lion didn't even offer to touch me."
"Strange! How do you account for it?"
"Well, sometimes I've thought it was

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A BARGAIN.

[Tit-Bits.]
Nell—Isn't she a peculiar girl? She wouldn't look at him when he was rich, but now that he's lost all his money, she accepts him.
Belle—Well, you know how crazy every woman is to get anything that's reduced.

DIDN'T STAND TO REASON.

[Lippincott's Magazine.]
Editor—What? Another manuscript? Assistant—Yes. "Overheard at the Sewing Circle."—A woman (at a strictly domestic gathering) said to a friend: "Editor—Nonsense! Return it at once! There must have been many more words than that."



"A Stubborn Cinderella" Tonight.

Today there are but two theatrical offerings in America that are strictly producing theatres, and they are the Princess Theatre and La Salle Theatre, Chicago. In the past few seasons such great successes as "The Time of the Roses," "The Golden Girl," "Honey-moon Trail," "Prince of the Night" and "The Goddess of Liberty" have been produced in rapid succession. The latest from the pen of these prolific writers has the fascinating title, "A Stubborn Cinderella," and will be seen here at the Grand tonight.

"East Lynne" Tomorrow.

It is estimated that more people have witnessed "East Lynne" than have seen any other play that ever was written. This remarkable truth is explainable by the fact that the attack of the play is on the sensibilities, is irresistible—it goes home to the heart. An exceptional presentation of this play will be given at the Grand tomorrow night. The seat sale opened yesterday.

Viola Allen, in "The White Sisters."

James O'Neill, the old-time romantic actor, associated for all time with "The Prince of the City," is happily pleased with the success he has scored in the part of Monsignore Saracinesca with Viola Allen, in "The White Sister," which comes to the Grand Opera tonight. Jan. 21, Messrs. Lyster & Co., he says, have under consideration a powerful play of native authorship in which he will star. A rumor around the city yesterday that the play was on the sensibilities is irresistible—it goes home to the heart. An exceptional presentation of this play will be given at the Grand tomorrow night. The seat sale opened yesterday.

See This Minstrel Show.

The minstrel entertainment presented by Messrs. Cohan & Harris last season, and the flattering reputation scored by their minstrel organization, no doubt, is responsible in a measure for an unusual revival in this style of amusement. Their new organization is now on a tour of the principal cities, travelling in its own special train, conveying a hundred people. George Evans is again the star of the organization, assisted by the famous "Honey Boys." Only this year they are new "Honey Boys." Geo. M. Cohan has written especially for the entertainment a new one-act minstrel comedy entitled "The Fireman's Picnic," for which he has composed some of his characteristic music. It is described as very funny, and is elaborately presented with gorgeous scenic effects and by a cast embracing all the principal members of the company. Two performances will be given on Saturday.

Master Stanbury.

A musical treat is in store for Londoners tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the Auditorium, when they will have an opportunity of hearing Douglas Stanbury, the 10-year-old boy, of Toronto, who has such a wonderful contralto voice. The tears that his beautiful hymns produce are balanced by the enthusiastic laughter that greets his humorous selections in concert work. He is simply marvellous, and the sweetness of his modest demeanor brings the audience into sympathy with him at once.

GERMAN MEAT TARIFF.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—The German Government today cabled to Washington in reply to a memorandum recently received relating to the tariff on shipments between the two countries. While it does not accept the American wishes in various respects, and especially concerning the importation of meat, the German response is sent in the hope that it will be satisfactory, and as all that the German Government can do.

GERMANY AND U. S. TO HAVE TARIFF WAR

Uncle Sam Put Kaiser on the "Discrimination" List—No Mention of Canada.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 18.—The President this afternoon issued his proclamation, in which it is declared, that under the new tariff law, the countries of Italy, Great Britain, Russia, Spain, Turkey and Switzerland are entitled to the minimum rates imposed by that act.

No mention was made of Canada, where the operation of the British preference is giving the President some thought as to whether it constitutes a discrimination against the United States.

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GRAND TRUNK CHIEFS AT STRATFORD SHOPS

Stratford, Jan. 19.—A special train passed through Stratford yesterday bearing the following: Charles M. Hays, president of the G. T. R. U. E. Division; W. D. Robb, superintendent of motive power, and W. G. Brownlee, general transportation manager. A short visit was paid to the Stratford G. T. R. shops, but no official importance is attached to the visit. The party came from Toronto, and went through to Port Huron.

EX-BANKER WALSH GOES TO PRISON

Chicago, Jan. 18.—John R. Walsh, 72 years of age, after winning his way from newsboy to the control of millions of dollars in banks, railroads, newspapers and coal fields, tonight left for the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas., to begin a five-year sentence for misappropriating the funds of the Chicago National Bank, of which he was president at the time of its failure three years ago. The start for prison followed a denial by the United States circuit court of appeals of his petition for a new trial.

To Be DYSPEPTIC Is To Be MISERABLE.

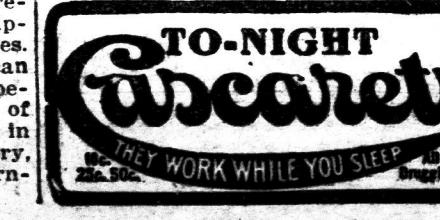
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