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The Indictment Against the Peers.

Whatever the country may ultimately decide as to the fate of the House of Lords, the government will certainly have no difficulty in making a case against it. Indeed, the counts in the indictment are so many that a full and complete list of them would need a book if not a library. Not to go back further than 1831, we find the House of Lords rejecting the first Reform Bill by a majority of forty-one. It was a time when the great majority of the members of the House of Commons were representatives not of the people, but the aristocratic landed interest, or sat for rotten boroughs which they had purchased. The majority, however, of even such a House was so convinced that the measure was vital, that the government forced the Lords to pass it in 1832, the country then being on the verge of revolution. They threatened to swamp opposition by the creation of new peerages. In the same year, however, as the peers were forced to pass the Reform Bill, they were able partly to live up to their traditions by refusing to open the universities to Nonconformists; the next year they refused political rights to Jews; in

1834 they rejected the Tithe Abatement Bill; in 1836 they tried to mutilate the Municipal Reform Bill, and defeated the Municipal Reform Bill for Ireland; in 1839 they rejected a resolution against the Corn Laws by 224 to 26; and in the same year they carried a resolution against the establishment of an Education Dept by 229 to 118, and went in procession to the Crown to petition against it. This was pretty good for one decade!

The next decade was not so prolific of really big feats, but still they did the best they could, along their own lines. In 1842 they mutilated the first Mines Regulation Bill, which would have protected women and children; in 1844 they rejected a resolution for inquiry into the operation of the Corn Laws by 200 to 78; and in 1845 they refused compensation for tenants' improvements in Ireland. During the next decade they also did fairly well. In 1851 they rejected the Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill by 50 to 16, and have frequently repeated the rejection; in 1857 they rejected a resolution against the China war by 146 to 110; in 1858 they rejected a bill to admit Nonconformists as school trustees without a division; and in the same year they rejected a bill abolishing compulsory church rates, and kept repealing that performance for seven years. Nonconformists have always been the particular bete noir of the peers, and in 1860 we find them refusing to allow Nonconformists to act as trustees for grammar schools, although eventually they had to give way. In the same year they rejected a resolution in favor of the ballot and rejected the repeal of the paper duty, but Mr. Gladstone was able to carry the latter measure by strategy. In 1867 they voted against the disestablishment of the Irish church, and in 1869 they rejected the bill for the creation of life peerage.

In the seventies, we find them busy rejecting the Army Purchase Bill, defeating the Ballot Bill, and refusing to allow Nonconformist burial services in churchyards. In the eighties, they rejected the Irish Compensation for Disturbances Bill; they carried a resolution against teaching elementary science in schools by 98 to 50; they rejected a bill against Pigeon shooting from traps by 30 to 17; and they threw out the Bill for the Enfranchisement of County Householders. From 1890 until the present time their activities have been many and when they could not reject an ameliorating measure altogether they have done their best to make it as little effective as possible. In 1893, they mutilated the Welsh University Bill; in the same year they rejected a Licensing Bill, introducing the Gothenburg System; and they mutilated the Parish Councils Bill. In 1902, they secured Sectarian Teaching in Voluntary Schools, after they were put off the rates, by 107 to 14; they rejected a Conscience Clause for the emancipation of dissenters in Government-supported Training Colleges, by 121 to 19; they insisted that out of six managers of church schools four should be Anglican, although the local authorities were made to pay for the support of such schools. In 1903 they abolished the London School Board by 69 to 26; in 1904 they rejected the proposed time-limit for public-house licenses by 126 to 52, thus ending the owners with vested rights; in 1905 they forbade trams on the

Thames Embankment, by 64 to 33; and in 1906 they mutilated the Tenant Right Bill and destroyed the Education Bill. Whatever any reader may think of the merit of any of the measures recited, the Lords, in every case supported privilege. It was John Morley who, tiring greatly of these drags upon the wheels of progress, this 'stolid, stupid, selfish opposition of a House which is a combination of vested interests,' uttered the famous slogan, 'Mend it, or end it.' To-day the fight is on, and it will be strenuous; but it is well to remember that threatened lives often last long, and that the House of Lords has proved to be most tenacious of life. The Englishman, almost as much as an 'American,' loves a lord.—Montreal Witness.

Isolation at Ottawa.

(Ottawa Correspondence of The World.)
No one not living in Ottawa can have any conception of what it is for a member to be cut off from either political party. To begin with, he can hardly find a desk to write at, or a chair to sit upon, unless he is glued to his place in the house. Then follows the social ostracism, visited no less upon his wife for example, than it is upon himself. Timid members on the Government side would fear now to ride in the same street car or to dine at the same cafe with Lavergne. Within an hour, the occurrence, magnified and distorted, would be reported to the big chief. Lavergne has been punished and dragooned, not for anything he did personally, but for associating with and speaking to Bourassa. Verville, the Labor member from Montreal, came to the House and affected the role of independence. He affects it no longer. It is doubtful if Robitaille, of county Quebec, will have the stamina long to mingle with Bourassa and Lavergne, although they are the two men who above all others elected him.

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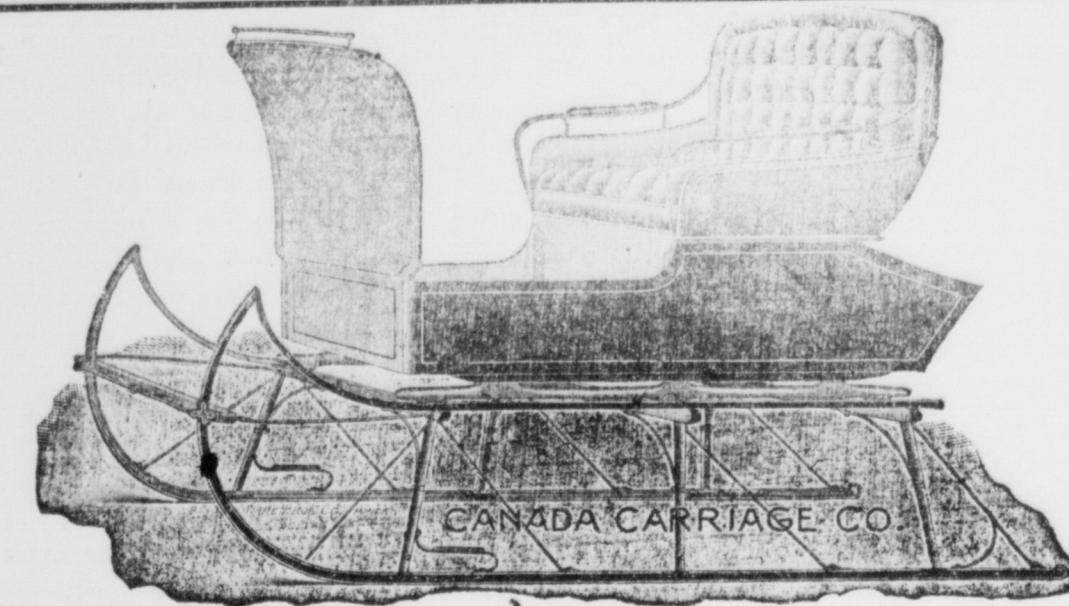
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