

THE POLITICAL BATTLE IN GREAT BRITAIN

According to the figures at mid-night, 233 members of the new House of Commons had been elected. Of these 117 were supporters of the government on the veto issue and 116 were Unionists. The net Conservative gain on this number of seats has been five, three on Saturday and two yesterday. If this ratio holds through the contest the Conservatives will win fifteen seats, which will count thirty on a division, and reduce Mr. Asquith's composite Liberal-Labor-Nationalist majority to 94. It is quite certain now that the Unionists have no possible chance of controlling the new House. The most dangerous ground for the Liberals was the English boroughs and the metropolis. London has done extremely well, the net loss there up to the present having been only one seat. Two very shaky London Liberal seats were held by Canadians, East St. Pancras by Hon. Joseph Martin and East Finsbury by Mr. J. Alan Baker. Both succeeded yesterday in retaining their hold. Mr. Baker by a distinct increase in the majority.

SOME CANADIAN CANDIDATES

Three other Canadians were interested in yesterday's proceedings. Major Coates, a Unionist, was again returned for Lewisham, Mr. Donald McMaster, K. C., had a walk-over in the Chertsey division of Surrey, and Mr. Hamar Greenwood went up against the redoubtable Joynton-Hicks at Sunderland. Whether the former member for York succeeded in restoring one of the two Sunderland seats to the Liberal column will not be known till today.

THE DEFEAT OF MR VIVIAN

One of the incidents of the campaign that all Liberals of Canada and many Conservatives, will regret is the defeat of Mr. Vivian in Birkenhead. The very great interest he displayed in social reform questions during his recent tour of Canada proved that he was the sort of member needed at Westminster. He has been submerged beneath a wave of anti-home rule sentiment that helped materially to sweep Liverpool and its neighbor across the Mersey for Unionism, with the exception of Scotland division, which is inhabited mostly by people from the south of Ireland, and will no doubt, elect Mr. T. P. O'Connor, until he is called hence. The change in Lancashire is not at all the result of tariff reform sentiment. It is due to the presence in that country of a very large Orange north of Ireland element, which has made itself felt in a greater degree than ever before. The Liberals had helped to make some gains in Ulster itself on the Lords' issue, but that hope must now be abandoned.

IN SCOTLAND AND WALES

The few pollings yet held in Scotland, especially that in Paisley, and the enthusiasm for the Liberal policy aroused in Wales, indicate that not more than a dozen Conservatives are likely to be returned from the northern kingdom and principality. The government may confidently hope for three or four gains in these portions of the country.

THE ENGLISH COUNTIES

It is quite possible that in the English counties there may be a considerable change as compared with last January. Of the six Liberal gains to date, three, those in Rochester, Exeter and Cheltenham, have been made in the sections of country most influenced by the campaign of the wild Peers last year against the Budget, while the Conservative gains have been almost entirely in the north. It is entirely possible that there may be a swing back to Liberalism in the southern English counties that will bring the total party standing out much as it was when the House was dissolved.

WHAT WILL THE END BE?

Now that there is no longer doubt as to the return of the government to power, men are beginning to ask "what next?" The business community is in revolt against the suggestion that another election may follow this one before very long. That feeling will become acute if the government is forced to resign by reason of the King's possible refusal to create enough Peers to pass the veto bill. Were Mr. Balfour with less than

300 followers called upon to form a Ministry there would be danger of far greater political heat than has yet been displayed during this long-drawn-out crisis. The possibility of such a revulsion of public feeling as would give the Unionists control would be very slight indeed. People who are confronted with an election every few months have not time between elections to change their way of looking at things, and another election next spring would be but another case of "as you were."

The great outstanding fact that must not be lost sight of is that the last election and that now in progress have destroyed forever the principle of a hereditary House of Lords. And that is a fact that such supreme import that all other issues of the day sink into insignificance beside it.

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PROPOSED CHANGE IN BANKING ACT

Following is the full text of the bill to amend the Banking Act recently introduced in the House of Commons:

His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. The Bank Act, chapter 29 of the Revised Statutes, 1906, is amended by inserting the following section immediately after section 114 thereof:

"114A. The bank shall transfer and pay over to the Minister, notwithstanding any statute of limitation or other Act relating to prescription, (a) all stock, no dividend whereon is claimed for six years before the last day on which a dividend thereon becomes payable (except where payment of dividend has been restrained by order of a court);

"(b) all dividends which have remained unpaid for more than six years after they became payable;

"(c) all sums of money, deposits or balances in respect of which no transactions have taken place, or upon which no interest has been paid, or no acknowledgement has been made by the bank, or to which no claim has been made by any person entitled thereto, during the six years prior to the date of the last annual return of the bank.

"22. If a claim to any stock so transferred or money so paid is thereafter established to the satisfaction of the Treasury Board, the Governor in Council shall, on the report of the Treasury Board, direct the retransfer or payment thereof to be made to the person entitled thereto.

"3. Upon transfer or payment to the Minister as herein provided, the

PRESIDENT TAFT'S MESSAGES TO THE U. S. CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 8.—The President's annual message was delivered to Congress today. It is a very lengthy document, and deals with many subjects, some of which are:

Foreign relations, arbitration, British treaties, Portugal, tariff negotiations, merchant marine, rights of aliens, revenues, Payne tariff act, tariff board, bank and currency reform, Panama canal, judicial procedure, injunction bill, army and navy, conservation, Alaska and Interstate Commerce Commission.

Discussing the tariff negotiations, the President refers to the recent reciprocity conferences at Ottawa, which were adjourned to be resumed in Washington in January, when, he says, "it is hoped that the aspiration of both governments for a mutually advantageous measure of reciprocity will be realized."

The message states in part:

Foreign nations are fully cognizant of the fact that under section 2 of the tariff act the President is required, whenever he is satisfied that the treatment accorded by them to the products of the United States is not such as to entitle them to the benefits by proclamation, giving ninety days' notice, after which the maximum tariff will apply to their dutiable products entering the United States.

In its general operation this section of the tariff law has thus far proved a guaranty of continued commercial peace. The policy of broad-er and closer trade relations with the Dominion of Canada, which were initiated in the adjustment of the maximum and minimum provisions of the tariff act of August, 1909, has proved mutually beneficial. It justifies further efforts for the readjustment of the commercial relations of the two countries, so that their commerce may follow the channels natural to contiguous countries and be commensurate with the steady expansion of trade and industry on both sides of the boundary line. The reciprocation on the part of the Dominion government of the sentiment which was expressed by this government was followed in October by the suggestion that it would be glad to have the negotiations which had been temporarily suspended during the summer resumed. In accordance with this suggestion the Secretary of State, by my direction, despatched two representatives of the Department of State as special commissioners to Ottawa to confer with representatives of the Dominion government. They were authorized to take such steps for formulating a reciprocal trade agreement as might be necessary, and to receive and consider any propositions which the Dominion government might care to submit.

Pursuant to the instructions issued, conferences were held by these commissioners with officials of the Dominion Government at Ottawa in the early part of November.

The negotiations were conducted on both sides in a spirit of mutual accommodation. The discussion of the common commercial interests of the two countries had for its object a satisfactory basis for a trade agreement which offers the prospect of a freer interchange for the products of the United States and of Canada. The conferences were adjourned to be resumed in Washington in January, when it is hoped that the aspiration of both Governments for a mutually advantageous measure of reciprocity will be realized.

The schedules of the rates of duty in the Payne tariff act have been subjected to a great deal of criticism, some of it just, more of it unfounded and to much misrepresentation. The act was adopted in pursuance of a declaration by the party which is responsible for it that a customs bill was a tariff for the protection of home industries, the measure of the protection to be a difference between the cost of producing the imported article abroad and the cost of producing it at home, together with such addition to that difference as might give a reasonable profit to the home producer. The basis for the criticism of this tariff is that in respect to a number of the schedules the declared measure was not followed, but a higher difference retained or inserted by

bank and its assets shall be held to be discharged from further liability for the stock so transferred and the amounts so paid."

way of undue discrimination in favor of certain industries and manufacturers. Little, if any, of the criticism of the tariff has been directed against the protective principle above stated; but the main body of the criticism has been based on the charge that the attempt to conform to the measure of protection was not honestly and sincerely adhered to.

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SOME MAMMOTH SAILING VESSELS

Colossal fore-and-aft schooners of from four to six masts are peculiar to the American flag, says Syren and Shipping. Just recently the twelve comprising the Palmer fleet, belonging to Boston, have been merged with the twenty-two vessels owned by Messrs. J. S. Winslow & Co., of Portland, Me. Not one of the Palmer dozen is more than ten years old, and their total tonnage is 32,000 gross. All are named after members of the Palmer family, the smallest being of 1,746 tons gross and the largest 3,138 tons. In the halcyon days of the sailing ship the American windjammer was usually square rigged and of less than 1,500 tons gross. Since then the American deep-water sailing vessel has become but a memory of the glorious past, but fore-and-aft schooners have increased phenomenally in size and in number, thanks to the fact that the coasting trade of the United States is strictly confined to ships under the Stars and Stripes. American capitalists, however, still buy second-hand British square-rigged sailers and run them under the Red Ensign, as for example, the Gael, bought by a Boston firm recently to run between that port and Buenos Ayres. Of the 22 schooners of the Winslow fleet five are six-masted, there being only nine of this type afloat. There are several five-masted and four-masted among them, and the remainder are three-masted. The smallest Winslow six-masted schooner is 2,807 tons gross, the largest is 3,423 tons, and the average tonnage of the five is 3,157. At the present moment, quite a number of big four-masted fore-and-aft schooners are laid up in Puget Sound, because, like the frozen-out gardener of the song, "they've got no work to do." And this despite the prodigious protection afforded to United States coasting shipping.

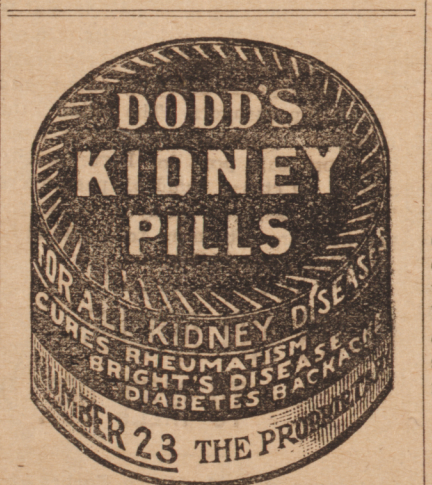
COMMITTED SUICIDE IN THE COURT ROOM

Athens, Dec. 8.—An inspector of antiquities, Vizandinos, while being examined in court here, charged with selling diplomas of the University of Athens, committed suicide in the court room. A bullet from his revolver also badly wounded the magistrate.

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The Minister on Naval Affairs in reply to a question by Dr. Sproule, has placed the following information on Hansard relative to the present cost of Canada's naval service: The purchase price of the Niobe was \$1,046,333 and of the Rainbow \$1,243,233 including cost of repairs made by the Admiralty before the vessels left England. The estimated cost per annum for maintenance, including repairs, salaries, etc., is for the Niobe \$630,500 and for the Rainbow \$294,500. The total number of officers on the headquarters naval staff is now eight with salaries ranging from \$5,008 to \$1,400 per annum.



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DEPARTURES.

No. 303—Mixed for Loggieville, 5.45.
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No. 321—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 11.15.
No. 323—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 16.20.
No. 301—Express for Loggieville, Chatham, Campbellton, Quebec, Montreal, etc., 18.30.
No. 327—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 18.40.
No. 329—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 22.00.

ARRIVALS

No. 318—Suburban from Marysville 8.15.
No. 302—Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction, 13.20.
No. 322—Suburban from Marysville 13.45.
No. 304—Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 18.50.
No. 326—Suburban from Marysville, 18.20.
No. 328—Suburban from Marysville, 19.15.
No. 330—Suburban from Marysville, 22.35.

CANADIAN PACIFIC DEPARTURES.

6.20 a. m.—Express for St. John, Portland, Boston, Woodstock, etc.
8.15 a. m.—Mixed for Woodstock and points North. Leaves St. Marys at 8.35.
9.45 a. m.—Express for St. John and points east.
4.30 p. m.—Mixed for Woodstock, via Gibson branch. (Daily.)
5.45 p. m.—Express for Montreal, St. John, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.
9.00 p. m.—Express for St. John and points east.

ARRIVALS.

9.10 a. m.—Express from St. John and points east.
11.40 a. m.—Mixed from Woodstock via Gibson Branch. (Daily.)
11.50 a. m.—Express from Montreal, St. John, etc.
7.50 p. m.—Express from St. John and points east.
9.20 p. m.—Mixed from Woodstock, via points North.
10.40 p. m.—Express from Boston, Portland, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.

NAVAL VOLUNTEERS

ARE VERY PLENTIFUL

Ottawa Dec. 7.—Men are being enlisted on both coasts of Canada for training in the Canadian navy. Though no active work has been commenced the number of men who have sought to become Canadian blue-jackets has surprised the naval authorities.

At Vancouver, for instance, ten men were wanted a few days after the Rainbow arrived and so many offered, even in that place of high wages that the officers found they had sixteen men before they were aware that the movement was so rapid. Both in Nova Scotia and British Columbia there has been an astonishing amount of enlisting.

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IMPORTANT CASES IN NORTHUMBERLAND COURT

Newcastle, Dec. 6.—The Northumberland Circuit Court opened here Tuesday, Mr. Justice McKeown presiding and Solicitor General McLeod appearing for the prosecution. True bills were returned in all four criminal cases.

A rather sensational rape case against Samuel Porter was heard and after the evidence of accuser Maud Arbeau, the Solicitor General acquiesced to A. A. Davidson's motion for dismissal. Several hundred spectators were in court.

R. A. Lawlor, K. C., argued for

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the defendant in a case against a man named McCallum, charged with assault on a less serious indictment. Mr. Lawlor had his client plead guilty and he was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Much interest centres in the oyster stealing case. The Solicitor General is not prosecuting, owing to the recent decision of the Privy Council, giving ownership of oysters to the Provincial government, whereas T. B. Williston, complainant, holds his license from the Federal government. William Lawrence is a defendant, and he is represented by A. A. Davidson and H. A. Powell, K. C., St. John. The prosecution will be conducted by R. A. Lawlor, K. C.

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