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A GREAT LITERARY TREAT.

It would be hard to imagine a more delightful literary treat, says the Ottawa Free Press, than those received Monday evening who were fortunate to attend the lecture given by Sir Louis Davies in the rooms of the Literary and Scientific society, on "Recollections of the British House of Commons." There was a large attendance of literary lights and distinguished men, and all were highly delighted with Sir Louis' vivid narrative and eloquent word picture of the English House of Commons at the time when such men as the Earl of Beaconsfield, William Ewart Gladstone, John Bright, John Stuart Mill and the late Marquis of Salisbury contended in gladiatorial combat on Britain's famous political arena.

The lecture proved doubly interesting from the fact that Sir Louis was personally acquainted with almost all the men he spoke about. He began by giving a brief description of the House of Commons, which, he said, did not differ very much from Canada's. The room, he said, is rich, massive and sombre, a wealth of beautiful stained glass windows, walls of carved oak and massive ceiling ornamentation.

Unlike Canada's legislative hall, the English House of Commons was not provided with desks for the members, they having to sit on long cushioned seats not unlike church pews. The arrangement of the parties, was, however, very similar to the Canadian House. Little accommodation was made for the public, the galleries not holding more than 200, and contrary to Canadian ideas of gallantry, the ladies were always confined in a room with a latticed front, where they could

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see but not be seen, evidently a relic of Oriental customs.

Sir Louis had visited the House of Commons in 1867, when he was a law student at the Temple, and in 1882, when he returned, he found a wonderful change had taken place in the interval. Disraeli was prime minister, and Vivian Grey was leader of the ministry. It was the golden age of Liberalism. One of the great questions being discussed was the disendowment and disestablishment of the Irish church.

Gladstone made one of his greatest speeches on this bill, in ringing tones never to be forgotten. Nearly all the British statesmen actively participated in this fight. Not long afterwards Disraeli accepted a peerage, and the House of Commons knew him no more. Sir Louis considers he was one of England's greatest statesmen, and the only man who tackled successfully the astute Bismarck himself. Disraeli was wont to say that the Berlin treaty which he carried through, embodied his foreign policy, the maintenance of the integrity and independence of the Turkish empire. Upon his return to England, after carrying it is treaty, he said he had brought back peace with honor.

The Irish Land bill, which has been an inestimable boon to the Irish tenants, was about this time carried by Mr. Gladstone and none but he could have done it in the face of such strenuous opposition of the land owners. This bill greatly lightened the burden of the Irish land holder, and preserved the interest of the tenant in his holding, not hitherto recognized by law. It did three important things: Assured fixity of tenure, fixity of rent, and the right of free sale. All England was aflame over the bill, passions were aroused to a fevered pitch, and reason temporarily smothered. Other great British statesmen and parliamentarian such as Hon. W. E. Foster, John Redmond, Mr. Bradlaw, Labouchere, editor of Truth; Mr. Sexton and Tim Healy were minutely and intimately portrayed by Sir Louis Davies, which for the time made one think they were actually living the time being described.

At the conclusion of this address a very hearty vote of thanks, spoken to by the president, Dr. LeSueur, Mr. Joffe, Sir James Grant and Thomas MacFarlane and others, was tendered Sir Louis for his admirable address.

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Chancellor Boyd Agrees With Presentment at Welland Assizes.

Welland, Ont. Nov. 29.—At the assizes here Chancellor Boyd reserved judgment in the case of McNulty v. Niagara Falls, arising from the removal of a body from a lot in the Fairview cemetery, owing to a mistake in the proprietorship of the lot. F. Rogers obtained a verdict of \$1,000 against the Empire Limestone Company for the death of his son.

The grand jury in their presentment stated that in their view the time was ripe for the abolition of the grand jury in the investigation of the criminal charges. Hon. Chancellor Boyd stated that he fully agreed with the view expressed by the jury; he thought that under the present system of administering justice the idea of having a grand jury to protect the subject from the crown, was ancient history and no necessity existed at the present time for such an institution.

Paralyzed Through Students' Hazing.

San Francisco, Nov. 28.—The Examiner today tells the story of hazing practiced by students of the Hopkins Institute of Art, in this city, which in one case, it is claimed, had resulted in serious injury to the youthful victim. A student named A. T. Derome was, it is said, strapped to a chair with a metal seat, an imitation of the instrument for electrocution, and an electric current was then turned on the chair. As a result Derome's body has been paralyzed from the hips downward.

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Lodge for Reciprocity.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Senator Lodge has expressed himself as in favor of the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty with Canada. He said: "I am in favor of the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada, which will prove advantageous to both countries." Beyond this the senator declined to discuss the subject. When asked if he had reason to believe that the State Department would attempt the negotiation of such a treaty, the senator declared that he had "no state secrets to give away." "Perhaps you have noticed that we won a victory on Nov. 8th," remarked the senator, whose predictions in the closing days of the last session of a great Republican victory were made with such confidence that some of his colleagues suggested that they were extravagant and due to the senator's personal admiration of the President.

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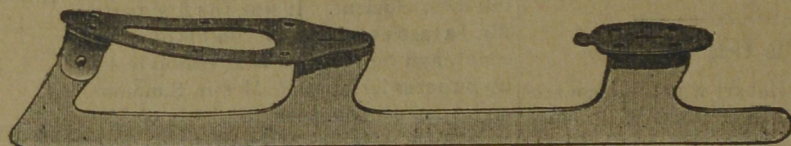
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