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BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY REFORM.

Three important measures of reform in the representative system of the Mother Country are to be shortly considered in the Imperial Parliament. One of these is the payment of members of the House of Commons, referred to in these columns yesterday. Another is the abolition of plural voting by adopting the principle of "one man one vote." This will give to the humblest voter an equal voice at the ballot box with the richest lord or capitalist in the land. The other and most important measure referred to is officially known as the Parliament Bill, more commonly called the Veto Bill, and designed to restrain the House of Lords from persistently rejecting measures demanded by the people and passed by the House of Commons.

This is, as we have said, the most important of the three measures affecting the representative system of the country. Together they embody changes greater than any put forward since the passage of the Reform Bill some eighty years ago. Of the three the Veto Bill will first be passed upon. There is no doubt of its passage by the House of Commons, although there may be long discussion upon it. The more sanguine of its promoters are hopeful that it may pass both Houses and become

law before the date fixed for the King's coronation. It seems to be pretty generally expected that the Lords will pass the Veto Bill, although it embodies a very considerable abdication of their present powers. The Daily Telegraph, Unionist, intimates that "with the result of the election before them the Lords would be prepared to go further than they were prepared to go last November" in the way of concession. There is little doubt of this. As the Westminster Gazette rather unkindly puts it, "many a gambler who has staked and lost would be willing to recall his stakes after the dice were thrown."

The London Times, opposed to the party in power, says that "the Government are bound to press on with the Parliament Bill as quickly as they can. They are pledged to do so, as we fully recognize. But they are also bound to give the House of Commons full opportunity of discussing it and of considering amendments. There must be no curtailment of legitimate debate. John Redmond, speaking at a banquet in Dublin, predicted that the veto of the Lords would die quietly and easily—probably before the coronation. He also predicted that the Home Rule Bill will be passed next year, if not sooner."

TAXATION OF CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY LANDS.

When the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was granted by the Dominion Government a subsidy of \$25,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of land for constructing the great railway to the Pacific coast, it was stipulated that the lands allotted to the company, until they were sold or occupied, should be free from taxation for twenty years after the grant thereof from the Crown. The railway was completed through the Northwest and the lands were allotted in 1904. The new Provinces erected in the Northwest in 1905 claimed that the period of twenty years exemption had expired, and in Alberta certain lands of the company were assessed for taxation in 1905-6-7-8.

Litigation followed and was carried finally to the Privy Council, which a few days ago handed down a decision in favor of the railway company and against the Northwest Provinces. By this decision it was held that the land is not taxable until twenty years after the actual grant of letters patent to the company, even if there had been delay for many years by the company in taking out the letters patent, as was the case. It was further held that C. P. R. lands sold on the instalment plan, as large areas have been from time to time, were not taxable until all the instalments had been paid. The decision was a great victory for the C. P. R. and a proportionate disappointment to the new Provinces, the amount at issue being a large sum.

may perhaps amuse themselves by trying to find a more beautiful word than any in the list—Mother, for instance.

BEAUTIFUL WORDS.

Thousands of members of the Y.M.C.A. in New York not long ago were engaged in a contest to select the twenty "most beautiful words" in the English language. The word "beautiful" seems not exactly the adjective required to convey the idea intended to be expressed as beauty appeals mainly to the eye and secondarily to the mental perception in general. Be that as it may, twenty-one words were accepted as within the most beautiful class and are here set down:

- Melody Faith Love
Splendor Joy Divine
Adoration Honour Hope
Eloquence Radiance Harmony
Virtue Nobility Happiness
Innocence Sympathy Purity
Modesty Heaven Liberty

It is quite clear from this list that it is the spoken rather than the written or printed word that was in the mind of the judges and competitors, and that the sense of beauty conveyed by a word lies both in its sound when spoken and in the mental picture, or suggestions that it presents.

We read that the judges rejected the words 'Grace,' 'Justice,' 'Truth,' because of the harshness of the 'j' and the 'g' in the first two of these words and the metallic sound of 'Truth.' The list as above given, and without reference to the reasons given for the rejection of certain words, seems a fairly good one. Our young readers

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Writing to the St. John Telegraph, a farmer from New Brunswick, now settled in Southern Alberta, tells of some of the prices he pays for things needed in his household and the list includes these:

- Kerosene oil, fifty cents a gallon.
Sugar, \$1.50 for twenty pounds.
Molasses, forty cents a quart.

He adds that many of his neighbors, who formerly occupied farms in the United States are now compelled to pay 35 per cent. more for farm machinery and vehicles than they paid on the other side of the line, where they lived under the domain of the harvester trust and all other wicked combines.

Does any one wonder that the people of the Northwest Provinces, in common with ourselves, want reciprocity, and that to be followed by a general reduction of the tariff?

The Farmers' Advocate is an excellent agricultural journal. Its publishers are going into actual farming in the endeavor to prove their faith by their works. To this end they have purchased 135 acres of land six miles from London, which farm, though of naturally good soil, is now worked out, terribly infested with weeds and the buildings and fences in a most dilapidated condition. This farm is now to be put in order under the supervision of the managing editor of the Advocate. Strict account will be kept of what is done and the cost thereof, and the results of this most interesting experiment will be published from time to time.

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General Piet Cronje, the Boer leader who fought so stubbornly and was captured at Paardeberg, died on February 4. Had he lived a few weeks longer he would have survived his defeat eleven years.

The weekly circular of Henry Claws & Co., under date of New York, February 4, says: "President Taft's reciprocity plans are finding greater favor with the people than with the politicians, and it would not be surprising if the latter were eventually forced to accept the broad and liberal policy for which he has lately so firmly stood."

This is polling day in the Second District of Queens, and The Guardian will record the result tomorrow morning. The interest awakened has been considerable, and if the weather should prove favorable a pretty large vote will probably be polled. We hear of some electors who talk of not going to the polls. This is not commendable. In a contest of such importance both to the District and the Province every qualified elector should record an independent vote.

The Guardian had been discussing the reciprocity question long before the bye-election in the Second District of Queens and has continued the discussion since. Touching the fisheries question as affected by the reciprocity agreement we stated that the license fee was reduced from \$1.50 per ton to \$1 for each vessel. The Patriot stated that the reduction was from \$1.50 per ton to \$1 per ton. This gross misstatement has not been corrected by The Patriot, which still has the hardihood to say that The Guardian is wrong.

There is little doubt that the reciprocity agreement, should it be given effect, will be followed by a strong demand for an increase of the preference on British goods. This increase was specified as desirable in the representations made by the farmer delegates from the West when they were at Ottawa. The effect of reciprocity upon the British preference will not be great, as it affects few articles which we now import from Great Britain but it will certainly not increase the value of the preference. Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues have so firmly announced their determination to maintain the preference in fact that we are inclined to hope they may, under the circumstances existing, increase it hereafter.

Dr. Andrew MacPhail, who was rather dubious awhile ago about a reciprocity treaty, thinks not unfavorably of the agreement recently made at Washington, as it leaves either country free to withdraw or to deal with its own tariff as it may choose. He has no fears of Canadian loyalty being undermined by freer trade. "That allegation could be left to disprove itself." He went on to say that "he felt that the people at large would accept these proposals with enthusiasm, especially in the Maritime Provinces, where, for 30 years, they had borne the full force of the protective system, and profited the least by it. If these proposals were put in force he believed a new era would be opened for these Provinces, especially for Prince Edward Island, which he expected would double its population in this generation."

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