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West Peterboro Election Causes Stir

LIBERAL ELECTED BY LARGE PLURALITY AND GOVERNMENT MAY RESIGN

Liberal Elected by Big Majority in West Peterboro Defeating All Comers

Unionist Candidate came Second with Farmer Fourth and Labor at the bottom of the list; Whole Country Watching the Result

General Election Thought Imminent in Near Future

Government Will Must Have Scarce Twenty Majority on Important Votes; Possible Short Session Before Dissolution

PETERBORO, Ont., February 8.—G. N. Gordon, a straight Liberal, was elected by a large plurality yesterday in the West Peterboro election caused by the resignation of John H. Burnham in protest against the continuation in office of the present government. There were five candidates in the field and the returns give Gordon a lead of 1321 over Denne, the figures being:

G. N. Gordon, Liberal, 4165.
Roland Denne, Unionist, 2844.
J. H. Burnham, Conservative, 2497.
A. C. Campbell, Farmer, 2497.
Thomas McMurray, Labor, 1011.

The eyes of the whole country have been on Peterboro as it has been said that which ever way Peterboro goes the country will follow. The fact that all parties were represented gives some idea of their relative standing. Gordon, the winner, was not a popular man but he represented a popular cause. Denne was popular and it was thought he would win on his personality.

OTTAWA, February 8.—The imminence of a general election widely discussed here as being the probable result of the Liberal victory in West Peterboro. A strong section of the Government supporters favor a general appeal to the people and the adoption of such a course will not cause much surprise.

In well informed quarters, if the Government decided to dissolve the Parliament the dissolution would probably come following the passing of supply.

Strength of Parties.
The Government supporters now number 131 and it is expected some of them will cross the floor of the House at the opening session.

The Liberals number 80 and the National Progressives 16. There is a pretty full attendance it will be hard for the Government to muster a majority of over 20 on any important business.

The Borden Government had a bargain majority of 71.

SWISS REFUSE TROOPS CROSS

League of Nations May Not Send Them Through Switzerland.

BERLIN, Feb. 8.—The Swiss Federal Council has refused permission by Switzerland for armed troops to be sent by the League of Nations to Vilna to maintain order during the forthcoming elections to determine the restoration of sovereignty.

Coast Hockey.

Vancouver 5, Victoria 2.

THOSE INTERESTED IN TIMBER INDUSTRY

Lumber Manufacturers, Loggers and Logging Operators. A meeting for the purpose of forming a permanent association will be held on February 11, at 2:30 p.m., in the Board of Trade Rooms, Prince Rupert, B.C. Unable to attend send proxy to E. F. DUBY, Secretary pro tem.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND TRADE DEPRESSION IN OLD COUNTRY

Levy on Capital, Says Sir Robert Horne, Would Bring Disaster.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Sir Robert Horne, president of the Board of Trade, in a speech at Sheffield last night, said the gravity of the unemployment situation and the depression of trade could not be exaggerated, but there were slight signs of a revival of trade and a few months might see considerable change. A levy on capital, he said, would paralyze trade and bring disaster to the country.

MRS. RALPH SMITH REFUSES SPEAKERSHIP

VICTORIA, Feb. 8.—At cabinet council yesterday it was decided that Mary Ellen Smith would be elected speaker of the Legislature. This morning Mrs. Smith refused the appointment and another government caucus was held at 11 o'clock to consider the situation.

CONVENTION TOMORROW

Associated Board of Trade Meet at Vancouver to Discuss Many Subjects

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—The annual convention of the associated boards of trade convenes here tomorrow and 58 boards out of 60 will be officially represented. Among the important discussions will be one based on a resolution urging the extension of the P.G.E. into the Peace River country. This is being fathered by Peace River delegates and also by those from Prince George. Many other subjects of provincial interest will be before the convention.

INDIAN BABY DEAD FROM POISON PILLS

Circumstances are Peculiar and Police are Investigating—Inquest Will Be Held.

A six months old Indian baby, Celeste Wesley, died in the General Hospital last night at 8:30 shortly after admission and an inquest has been ordered, the police are now investigating the circumstances.

It is said that the child died of poisoning as a result of having been given bi-chloride of mercury tablets in mistake for baby tablets. The parents live on Eighth Avenue West.

EXCHANGE RATES

(Courtesy of T. McGlymont.)
Sterling, 84.3775.
Francs (Belgium), 8.70.
Lira, 4.56.
Marks, 2.16.
Greece, 8.28.
Hong Kong, 56.89.
United States, 13.25.

VICTORY BONDS

(Courtesy of T. McGlymont.)
1922, 897.25.
1923, 97.
1924, 95.
1927, 97.25.
1933, 97.50.
1934, 94.
1937, 98.

Proclamation of Emperor George of India to the Princes of New Chamber

LONDON, February 8.—The Indian office issued today the text of the King Emperor's proclamation summoning the ruling princes and chiefs of the states to the inauguration of the Chamber of Princes.

The proclamation says the problems of the future must be faced in the spirit of co-operation and mutual trust. The Emperor said he hoped the princes would regularly participate in the deliberations of the chamber, although attendance there was not compulsory.



MRS. MARY ELLEN SMITH Who refused Speakership of the Legislature today.

COURT REVISION FIRST SESSION

All Smaller Appeals are Dismissed—Railway the Big Question

The city court of revision had its first session this morning and all the claims have been dismissed with the exception of those of the G.T.P. Railway Company, G.T.P. Development Co., G.T.P. Engineering, Dry Dock and Railway Co., and some waterfront appeals such as Akerberg, Thomson and Albert & McCallery. In all other cases the assessment of the city engineer was sustained. The court sitting this morning comprised Mayor Rochester, Aldermen Dybhavn, Parker, Perry and Frizzell and E. A. Woods, clerk. City Engineer Clements, assessor, and T. B. Hooper, city solicitor, were present in the interests of the city.

The main business of this court will be the appeals that are being entered by the railway company on the expiry of their assessment agreement and the consequent large increase in their taxes. T. Watson, of Toronto, is in the city to argue the plea of the railway on the grounds of over valuation.

IRISH REPUBLICAN ARMY ADJUTANT WAS KILLED IN AMBUSH

DUBLIN, Feb. 8.—Michael Collins, adjutant general of the Irish Republican army, was killed during an ambush fight at Burgatta. He had been previously reported wounded.

GOVERNMENT WINS RIDING

Hon. C. D. McPherson, Manitoba Minister, was Successful at Lakeside.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Feb. 8.—Following a sharp ten-day campaign, Hon. C. D. McPherson, provincial minister of public works, has been re-elected to the Manitoba legislature for Lakeside with a majority over E. H. Muir of 600 which cannot be affected by the one poll to be held from.

Premier Norris stated that irrespective of the result of this election he would convene the legislature and would hold office until he was defeated by a vote of the house or until the legislature was brought to a normal conclusion.

Legislature Opened By New Governor

Social Function in Connection with Opening Ceremonies; Useful Program of Legislation is Promised

VICTORIA, Feb. 8.—Lieutenant-Governor Nichol officiated for the first time at the opening of the Legislature when this afternoon he read the speech from the throne at the formal opening this afternoon at Victoria.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved by Ian Mackenzie of Vancouver and seconded by H. G. Perry of Prince George. After the introduction of a bill and the submission of a report the House then adjourned until tomorrow.

As usual the opening of the Legislature was a social event of considerable importance. Invitations had been issued beforehand to representative men and women and in addition the public galleries were crowded.

A guard of honor of returned men met His Honor in front of the Parliament Buildings and all were in their places as he entered the legislative hall. On finding that a speaker had not yet been elected, the Lieutenant-Governor retired and returned shortly afterwards and read the speech.

Speech from Throne.
In the speech from the throne the Governor reminded the House that they had been called to give effect to the will of the people in regard to the sale of liquor.

Reference was made in the speech to agriculture and it said the House would be asked to provide money for subsidizing the use of explosives in clearing land for agricultural purposes and assist bona fide mineral prospectors.

While the timber industry had suffered decline in the last half year, the outlook was improving, and legislation will provide for a short extension of time for payment of timber license fees in arrears.

Mining Regulations.
An amendment to the coal mines regulation act is promised and further provision will be made for the safety of coal miners.

It is the intention of the Government, the speech states, to extend the health work and acquire Tranquille Sanitarium. A system of rural district nurses will be extended.

Three important links in the international highway will be completed during the year.

There will be a consolidation of the Companies Act.

Labor Legislation.
Attention is called to the draft conventions and recommendations accepted at the International Labor Conference in Washington in accordance with the Labor Party scheme at the Treaty of Versailles. Legislation will be submitted in line with this, within the provincial sphere.

SALMON 25c. EACH.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 8.—Frozen salmon from five to ten pounds in weight sold here today at 25c each.

First Definite Action Toward Cow Bay Clean Up

City Council Council Resolves to Offer to Trade Riparian Rights for 300 Feet of Waterfront Outside

The city council has ordered a letter to be sent to Hon. T. D. Pattullo, minister of lands, offering to exchange the municipal riparian rights in Cow Bay for 300 feet of waterfront east of Cow Bay. This would allow for the filling in of Cow Bay by the railway company and the council has adopted the report of its special committee comprising Mayor Rochester, Alderman Kerr, Alderman Dybhavn and Alderman Perry, placing 300 feet of waterfront as "adequate" suitable. It was notable that two members of the special committee voted against the committee's report, these being Mayor Rochester and Alderman Kerr.

The discussion was opened last night by Alderman Parker moving and Alderman Dybhavn seconding that the letter offering 300 feet as a basis of settlement be sent to the minister of lands.

Opposes Move.
Alderman McNeill rose in opposition to the sending of the letter and moved an amendment that the letter be laid on the table until such time as a plebiscite could be taken. "I think it is foolish for the council to go down in writing and lay down its cards on this matter," he said. "The proper time to do this would be when the railway decided how much trackage it is going to have in Cow Bay. The provincial government is not pressing the matter and neither has the railway company been hasty in making improvements here. Why then should the city open up the question and offer to accept a stated amount of waterfront?"

Ald. Perry stated that it has been such delaying as Ald. McNeill suggested that had delayed a settlement of the question for ten years now.

Ald. Silversides said that he failed to see what good a plebiscite would do. There was nothing to take a plebiscite on.

Now is The Time.
Ald. Parker said that the provincial government would not settle the question of filling in Cow Bay but the final decision would rest with the railway commission. The provincial government was not bound to give the city waterfront and if the city is to get any waterfront now is the time to get it.

Ald. Dybhavn felt if the provincial government would give the city 300 feet of waterfront, the city would be much better off than it would be holding indefinite riparian rights in Cow Bay.

Ald. Frizzell was in favor of sending the letter and not delaying the question any further.

Ald. Kerr said that he favored

Mayor's Position.

"This is a big question," said Mayor Rochester. "We are here to represent the people and not to advance our personal views. I think all the aldermen are sincere in their stand but in the recent election I stood for an open Cow Bay as I have done for three years and do now. I think no move should be made to close it up until it is really necessary. Now that the city is proposing bringing in perhaps thousands of tons of rock for street work it would mean a great saving to land it in the bay. A letter might be written to the government but I see no reason to declare ourselves definitely."

Light Draft.

Ald. Parker pointed out that only a scow of light draft could get into the bay and it would be impossible for a tug boat to take it in and as the property belongs to the railway company it could block the landing of any material for the city. If the city had its permanent waterfront outside, a griddiron could be put in at small cost or they could start permanent development.

Ald. McNeill said that he understood Cow Bay could be made deeper without any great expense so that scows could be taken right up to the city lane.

Three Oppose.

The amendment to lay the letter on the table was then put and was lost, Mayor Rochester and Aldermen Kerr and McNeill being the only members to vote for, while Aldermen Dybhavn, Parker, Silversides, Frizzell and Perry voted against the amendment. The motion to send the letter to the minister of lands was then carried on the same division. Ald. Kelly was not present.

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Soviet Russia
W. W. LEFEAUX, who left Moscow recently, will speak in the McIntyre Hall on Wednesday, February 9, at 8 p.m.