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## YESTERDAY'S ELECTION WAS VERY CLOSE

### INCOMPLETE RETURNS INDICATE LIBERALS MAY YET RETAIN POWER OTTAWA

**No Decisive Results from the Election of Yesterday Although Conservatives Look Like Winners**

**Premier and seven of his cabinet defeated but King is offered another seat; will make statement later**

**PROGRESSIVES ALMOST ELIMINATED**  
**No second general election desired so independent groups will vote with the government**

OTTAWA, Oct. 30.—All the returns are not yet in and with close to twenty constituencies to hear from it is impossible to state definitely what will be the final outcome of the election of yesterday. The Conservatives have within four or five of a majority over all, but it is hardly expected they will get the required number to give them a majority. In the meantime Mackenzie King is holding on to the Premiership and may continue to lead the government. Nothing is certain. There are a dozen seats the Premier can have if he wishes them and whether he continues premier or not he will probably wish to be in parliament.

**CORONER JURY GIVES VERDICT**

Harold Berensen up for Preliminary Trial on Murder Charge Today

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—The coroner's jury which investigated the death of Evedoskoff, the Russian sailor on the steamer Grotton Hall early Wednesday morning, yesterday returned a verdict of death due to a wound inflicted by a shipmate, Harold Berensen, who will come up for preliminary hearing on a charge of murder today.

**CHARGED WITH TAKING MONEY**

Employee of Granby Brought from New York in Answer to a Warrant.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—H. J. Ballion, arrested in New York on a warrant charging him with fraudulent conversion, appeared in the police court today and was remanded until November 6.

Ballion is alleged to have converted to his own use approximately \$2,000 of the funds of the Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, with whom he was employed.

Walter Shaw returned on the Galala last night from Vancouver. He is located in the Fraser Valley and has come north to make arrangements for permanently moving south in the near future with his family.

**GEORGE BUSHBY THANKS SUPPORTERS**

To my supporters in Skeena Riding: I just want to extend my sincere thanks to the people of Skeena Riding for their splendid loyalty and support during the general election.  
**GEO. G. BUSHBY.**

**HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN**



Leader of the Conservatives who led his party to what seems like victory in the election yesterday.

tend to discuss the situation with the Governor and I will then make a statement of my intentions."

**Possible Next Step**

OTTAWA, Oct. 30.—Should Hon. Arthur Meighen not secure a clear majority in the House of Commons as the result of the election of yesterday, gossip has it in Liberal circles, that Mackenzie King will decide to meet Parliament and challenge a vote of confidence on the issue of high protection. On such a vote the Liberals think all members not definitely aligned with Meighen would vote with the  
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**LATEST STANDING OF THE PARTIES**

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—The latest report of the standing of the parties at 2 p.m. today was:

Conservatives	120
Liberals	92
Progressives	13
Labor	2
Independents	1
Doubtful	17

**CABINET SLASH WAS BAD ONE**

**Premier and Seven of His Ministers Defeated at Polls Yesterday**

TORONTO, Oct. 30.—Besides being defeated himself, Premier Mackenzie King lost seven other members of his cabinet in the landslide yesterday which carried the Liberals into a minority in the new Parliament and gave the Conservatives either a majority or very close to it. While final results are not known it is sure that the following Liberal ministers were defeated:

- Hon. W. E. Foster, secretary of state.
  - Hon. Herbert Marler, without portfolio.
  - Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor.
  - Hon. G. N. Gordon, minister of immigration.
  - Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways.
  - Hon. Vincent Massey, without portfolio.
  - Hon. Thomas A. Low, minister of trade and commerce.
- It is also probable that J. E. Sinclair, minister without portfolio will be shown to have been defeated when all the returns are in.

**WHALEN SALE IS ON TODAY**

**Over Five Million Dollars Offered for the Plants and Timber, it is Said**

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—An application for further postponement of the sale of the bankrupt Whalen Pulp and Paper Company's assets by holders of the second debenture issue was refused by Mr. Justice Gregory in chambers yesterday with the result that the sale will be held today.

It is understood that an offer for the properties amounting to more than five million dollars has been received, which would protect the holders of the first bond issue. The assets of the company include three pulp mills, one of them at Swanson Bay, another at Port Alice on Vancouver Island and a third at Woodfibre. There are also extensive timber limits under perpetual lease from the provincial government.  
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Who was yesterday defeated at the polls and whose tenure of office is still in doubt

**Standing of Parties This Morning Shown by Provinces**

TORONTO, Oct. 30.—At 11.00 o'clock this morning the following was the standing of the parties:

	Libs.	Cons.	Progs.	Ind.	Doubt- ful.	Lab.
Prince Edward Island..	2	2	0	0	—	—
New Brunswick .....	4	10	—	—	—	—
Nova Scotia .....	3	11	—	—	—	—
Quebec .....	59	4	—	1	1	—
Ontario .....	9	71	2	—	—	—
Manitoba .....	2	7	6	—	—	2
Saskatchewan .....	11	—	1	—	9	—
Alberta .....	2	3	3	—	8	—
British Columbia .....	3	10	—	1	—	—
Yukon Territory .....	0	1	—	—	—	—
	92	118	12	2	18	2

**ELECTORS OF SKEENA RIDING**

I take this first possible opportunity of extending to you my hearty thanks for electing me as your representative in the Dominion Parliament. I trust that I shall be able to serve you in the future as well as I have in the past.  
Yours faithfully,  
**FRED STORK.**

**VANCOUVER EXCHANGE**

	Bid.	Asked.
Wheat .....	1.38	—
B.C. Silver .....	1.40	1.43
Daly Alaska .....	—	0.5
Dunwell .....	1.40	1.60
Hazelton .....	—	.02
L. and L. .....	3-4	.6
Marmot .....	—	.10
Premier .....	2.27	2.15
Porter Idaho .....	.11	.17
Silver Crest .....	.05 1/2	.07
Terminus .....	—	.40
Howe Sound .....	29.00	31.00
Surf Inlet .....	.06 3/4	.07 1/2
Granby .....	19.50	—
C. P. R. .....	119.00	—
Gladstone .....	.24 1/2	.26
Rufus .....	—	.17
Silversmith .....	.24	.24 1/2
Lucky Jim .....	.14 1/2	.16
Glacier .....	.26 1/2	.28
Indian .....	.04	.06

**Stork Elected by Huge Majority Yesterday in Constituency of Skeena**

Fred Stork, member for Skeena in the last House of Commons, was re-elected yesterday by a large majority over George G. Bushby, Conservative candidate, and was also given a plurality over both opposing candidates. Figures for the riding as far as available this morning gave Mr. Stork a majority of 706 over Mr. Bushby and a plurality of 37 over both Mr. Bushby and Mr. Nickerson. The latter will lose his deposit. All the more important polls have been accounted for and delayed returns from outlying points cannot possibly affect the general standing.

Mr. Stork was given a majority of 370 and a plurality of 32 in Prince Rupert. Returns from outside points in the district increased his lead by 236. At the last election he was given a majority in the riding of 38 over Col. Peck, the Conservative, his lead in Prince Rupert having been at that time 219.

The total vote in Prince Rupert was 2,228 as compared with 2,159 in 1921. The district vote also shows an increase as incomplete returns this morning for the entire riding gave a total of 6,571 as compared with the total vote in 1921 of 6,481.

Topley .....	0	0	10
Ocean Falls .....	264	39	293
Logan Inlet .....	13	5	18
Forstadaie .....	10	5	20
Palling .....	10	7	12
Hazelton .....	103	6	75
Francois Lake .....	15	5	20
Discovery .....	7	3	18
Allin .....	35	1	67
Port Essington .....	31	1	26
Pacific .....	6	0	22
Total to date.....	2612	669	3318

**SEIZURE MADE OF MORPHINE**

Consignment of Drug Valued at \$100,000 Came From Hamburg, Germany

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—The seizure of morphine valued at \$100,000 sent from Hamburg, Germany, for shipment to Japan on the Empress of Australia which sailed for Yokohama yesterday was made by the Vancouver customs before the sailing of the boat, it was learned. The authorities had held up the consignment in a vain effort to learn the identity of the senders.

**NAHMINT SANK ON WEST COAST**

Wallace Fisheries Vessel Wrecked off Vancouver Island but Crew Escape

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—Striking a rock at the entrance to Kyquoot Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island, the Wallace Fisheries vessel, Nahmint, sank in fifty feet of water yesterday. The crew reached shore safely. The Salvage King proceeded to the scene today and will make an attempt to raise the sunken vessel.

**CASEY CARTAGE IS INCORPORATED FOR \$10,000 THIS WEEK**

VICTORIA, Oct. 30.—The Casey Cartage and Fuel Company Ltd. of Prince Rupert, B.C., was this week granted incorporation with a capital of \$10,000.

**NICKERSON'S THANKS.**

To the Electors of Skeena: I take this opportunity of thanking you for your support in this campaign. Because we did not win is not a reason for discouragement. Very sincerely yours,  
**G. W. NICKERSON.**

**JOSEPH MARTIN IS CAPTURED**

**Man Convicted at Prince Rupert and Who Escaped is Again in Custody**

VANCOUVER, Oct. 30.—Joseph Martin, who was convicted of theft at Prince Rupert and who escaped from the steamer Prince Rupert at Powell River Saturday night when being taken south by a constable to serve his time at Okalla, has been recaptured, the provincial police here advise.

**BIRTH.**

A son was born last night to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Silversides, Eighth Avenue East.