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Ramsay Macdonald is Given an Ovation on Arrival in London

RT. HON. STANLEY BALDWIN

Labor Still 21 Short of Clear Majority Over All in New Parliament With 13 Places to Hear From

LONDON, June 1.—The latest standing of the parties following the general election of Thursday with only 13 seats unreported shows: Labor, 287; Conservatives, 253; Liberals, 54; and others, 8. Labor is still 21 short of a clear majority.

Ramsay Macdonald, Labor leader, was besieged by a tremendous crowd when he arrived in London last night from Durham. He was cheered for half an hour.

It looks as though the House of Commons will have a very interesting program in democratic government to face, he said. "The ladies did it," somebody shouted.

"Never a truer word was spoken," replied Mr. Macdonald. "In every good work the ladies lead."

Tabulation of the election returns received up to last night showed that Conservatives suffered a net loss of 137 seats. Of these, Labor gained 122, Liberals 14, and Independents 1.

Ramsay Macdonald declared today that he would do everything possible to prevent the necessity of another election within the next two years. Also, it was announced officially that there would be a meeting of the Labor party chiefs shortly to consider their position.

Liberal successful candidates will also hold a meeting to discuss the situation as it concerns them.

Meanwhile, Premier Baldwin has retired to Chequers' Court for the week-end and will confer there with some of his party colleagues. He will hold a meeting early in the week.

COMMENT ON SITUATION

LONDON, June 1.—The immediate future of the British Government is in doubt today. The Liberal party led by Lloyd George apparently holds the key to the political situation, owing to Labor being the leading group but not holding a majority over all. Liberal possibilities present themselves something like this:

First, Stanley Baldwin would go to Parliament and fight for control of the House of Commons, depending upon Liberal support to keep him from succumbing to a vote of non-confidence.

Second, he might resign, either immediately or after a non-confidence vote, and Ramsay Macdonald, head of the largest group, be asked to form a Government.

Third, the political stale-mate which has resulted might cause an early downfall of any government which may be formed and necessitate a new election, probably in the autumn.

The entire situation seems to hinge on what Lloyd George and his followers might do. If Premier Baldwin does decide to try to maintain his Government, he would have to count on Liberal support, and even with that he would find himself with a bare majority on any clean-cut party vote.

Premier Baldwin was out of town today, but Sir Austen Chamberlain, the foreign minister, said: "I hope Mr. Baldwin will face Parliament and leave to Lloyd George and the Liberals there the responsibility of the situation they have created." Lloyd George, it was thought, would ask the price of his co-operation. First, reform of the electoral laws to secure better relationship between the seats held and the votes cast; second, acceptance in part at any rate of the Liberal unemployment policy.

Labor men believe that should they be called upon to form a Government they could count upon the support of some of the more advanced Liberals.

FIRE DAMAGE HIGHER THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Loss Since January 1 Estimated at \$1315, as Against \$200 in Same Period of 1928

Fire damage in Prince Rupert since the first of the year is estimated at \$1315, as compared with \$200 during the first five months of 1928. There have been twenty-three calls so far this year, as against thirteen in the same period a year ago.

During the month of May this year there were four calls and \$50 damage which was done when a mattress caught fire in the Richmond Rooms. The other three alarms were on account of brush fires.

LAWYERS WITNESSES IN CASE HERE TODAY

Practically all the legal fraternity of town as well as some importations from Vancouver are appearing either as counsel or witnesses in the County Court case of W. E. Williams et al vs Fred Stephens which is being heard by Judge H. A. Robertson of Prince George, having opened at 11:45 this morning. Witnesses for the plaintiff include S. W. Taylor, Vancouver; H. O. Alexander, official guardian, Vancouver; L. N. Ratmore, and Milton Gonzales.

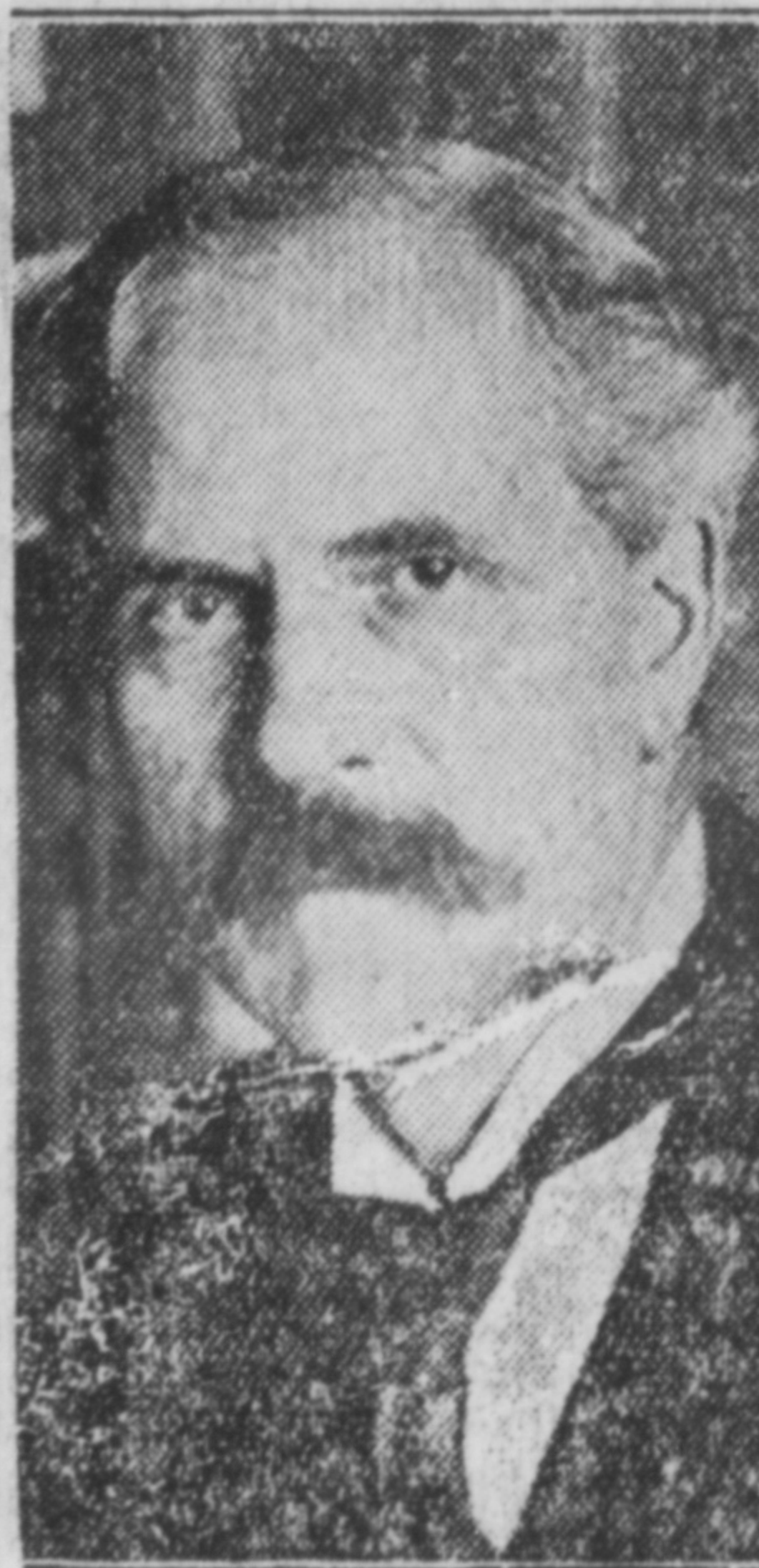
The plaintiff claims the sum of \$58.98 for legal services. The defendant claims that there was lack of instruction and negligence.

E. F. Jones is counsel for the plaintiff and W. E. Fisher for defendant.



RT. HON. D. LLOYD GEORGE

Leader of the Liberal group in Great Britain and who holds the trump cards in the present political game.



RT. HON. RAMSAY MACDONALD

Leader of the Labor Party, who is expected to be the new premier.

Lloyd George Comments on Present Situation and Will Act very Discreetly

LONDON, June 1. — Commenting that Liberals apparently held the balance in the next parliament, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George said on his arrival here last night: "That is a very responsible position and we fully realize it. You can depend on it, we shall make no unfair use of it. A strict King's Government must be carried on and in the present state of the country it is essential that it should be steady. We shall certainly bear that in mind in any course we shall decide upon."

Three Bylaws were Beaten Yesterday Large Majority

All three money bylaws which were submitted by the city council yesterday to a vote of the ratepayers were rejected in no uncertain manner. The \$5200 bylaw to provide for a water man on Eighth Avenue East was 74 votes short of the required three-fifths, while the \$12,000 McBride Street extension bylaw lacked 95 votes. The \$19,000 trunk sewer over-expenditure bylaw also failed decisively by 86 votes.

Details of the vote were as follows:

Water main—		For	Agst.
M-Z	63	110	
A-L	70	104	
Totals		133	214
Required to carry			209
Deficiency			70
McBride Street—		For	Agst.
Spilled			1
A-L	55	117	
M-Z	57	115	
Totals		112	232
Required to carry			207
Deficiency			95
Trunk sewer—		For	Agst.
A-L	61	112	
M-Z	60	112	
Totals		121	224
Required to carry			207
Deficiency			86

PRINCE HENRY AT VICTORIA

Paying Brief Visit to B. C. Capital on Way Home From Orient

VICTORIA, June 1.—Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, arrived here this morning from Japan aboard the C.P.R. steamship Empress of Asia for a brief visit. He was met by Lieut. Governor Bruce and Premier Tolmie.

The Prince, who is to be a guest at Government House, was kept fully informed of the condition of his father and displayed keen interest in the British elections.

He will proceed to Vancouver, arriving there Tuesday evening, and will continue his journey homeward.

COLLAPSED ON GOLF LINKS AND EXPIRED

VICTORIA, June 1.—The death occurred here yesterday suddenly of Frederick Moore, a well-known businessman, founder of the Victoria chemical works. He was playing golf at Colwood when he collapsed and died in a few minutes, at the age of 60.

Mountain Top Blew off at Kodiak Ids. and Lava Flowing

Entire Island Threatened as Result of New Volcano Which Is Covering Country With Ash

CORDOVA, Alaska, June 1.—The eruption of an unnamed mountain on the south end of Akutan Island, a thousand miles southeast of here was reported Friday by residents far to the westward, who said it appeared likely that lava would overspread the entire island. The top of the mountain appeared to have been blown off and lava is flowing two-thirds of the way down the mountain-side.

Nothing is known of the fate of those who may have been living on the island. Akutan, a village on the northern shore of the island, has a whaling station and cattle ranch, with probably twelve inhabitants at this time of year.

Heavy ash from the volcano clouded the sky over adjacent islands in the upper Aleutian chain and traces of ash have been seen here.

There is a theory that the S. S. Aleutian, which sank in Uyak Bay, Kodiak Island, Sunday, may have struck a mine which had recently been raised by the submarine disturbance. Kodiak is about midway between Akutan and Cordova.

WILL BE PRESENT
BOARD OF TRADE
CONVENTION HERE
The local Board of Trade has received a notification from George Ogston, Vancouver, secretary of the associated boards of Central British Columbia, stating that J. C. Brady, M.P., Dr. H. C. Winch, M.L.A. and G. A. Welton, M.L.A., have accepted invitations to be present at the convention in Prince Rupert on June 27 and 28.

1929 WEATHER MUCH BETTER

Sunshine Away Ahead of Last Year and Rainfall Is as Far Behind

There has been a vast improvement in weather so far this year when compared with conditions in 1928. So far this year the rainfall has totalled 29.26 inches, as against 38.78 during the first five months of last year. The 1929 sunshine record has reached an aggregate of 561.3 hours, as compared with 450.2 hours in the same month last year.

May weather was very fair, according to the report of the Dominion meteorologist, Digby Island, rainfall being fairly light, while there was substantial sunshine. Following are May weather figures this year:

Highest barometer reading at sea level, 30.49, on May 9.
Lowest barometer reading at sea level, 29.72, on May 24.
Maximum temperature, 61, on May 20.
Minimum temperature, 32, on May 12.
Mean temperature, 48.3.
Total precipitation, 3.76 inches.
Greatest daily rainfall, 1.06 inches, on May 19.
Total sunshine, 153.4 hours.
Total wind mileage, 1482.
Greatest wind velocity, 20 miles from southeast, on May 18.
Average wind velocity, 1.9 miles per hour.

POWER COMPANY MOVING JULY 1

Will Retain Present Quarters in Exchange Building as Well as Besner Block Premises

Retail store, warehouse and general offices of the Power Corporation of Canada will be moved on July 1 into the Besner Block, where the corner store, part of the basement and three upstairs offices, respectively, have been taken. The construction department will occupy the present offices in the Exchange Block.

There was no further word this morning in the matter of a permanent building which the Power Corporation contemplates erecting here. Nor was there any decision yet made as to the site for power development in this district.

VANCOUVER WHEAT

VANCOUVER, June 1.—Wheat was quoted on the local Exchange today at \$1.06 1-2.



Conservative premier, whose party was defeated at the election Thursday.

I. O. D. E. ASKS BRITISH FILMS

Bill Proposed to Federal Government Establishment of 20 Per Cent Quota

VICTORIA, June 1.—That the order approach the federal government and press strongly for the establishment of a twenty per cent quota system of British films in moving picture theatres of Canada, was the substance of a resolution proposed by Mrs. W. C. Hodgson of Quebec and unanimously passed by the National Chapter of the I. O. D. E., yesterday.

THIRTEEN WOMEN NEW PARLIAMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN

LONDON, June 1.—There were thirteen women elected to Parliament this week, among them being Dr. Ethel Bellamy, Jennie Lee and Dr. Marion Phillips, all on the Labor ticket.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Wong, Won, Chinese, charged with making a false statement under the Bankruptcy Act, was committed for trial by Magistrate McClelland in city police court yesterday afternoon and was taken before Judge Young in County Court where he elected for speedy trial. The hearing will take place later.

DEVELOPMENT OF INGENIKA

Payment Made by Crows' Nest Co. Manager and Railways is Suggested

VICTORIA, June 1.—W. R. Wilson of the Crows' Nest Pass Coal Co. yesterday paid \$50,000 to John Ferguson, Chris Frank and others of Victoria in the original prospecting syndicate for the acquisition of the Ferguson property on the Ingenika River. The payment follows a preliminary one of \$25,000 a few months ago.

Some 20,000 acres adjoining the original Ferguson silver-lead discovery has now been taken up and plans are mooted for a branch line railway into the area by way of Pinkey Forks, financed by the Wilson interests.

The property is now under development with a crew of some 40 men.

Dance in the Auditorium tonight. Bang! Bang she goes at 9 with H.M.S. Colombo ten-piece orchestra. Admission 50c.