

ELECTORAL REFORMS ARE PLANNED

POLICE CHIEF JOHN FRY OF VICTORIA IS SUPERANNUATED

Important Changes Are Advocated in Text of Bill Published Today

Basis of New Measure Is Proportional Representation Which Liberals of Britain Have Long Fought For—Long Debate Expected

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The government today published the text of an electoral reform which, if passed by Parliament, will effect the greatest changes in the British electoral system since the Reform Act of 1832. The basis of the new measure is proportional representation which the British Liberal party has long fought for. It is expected there will be a lengthy discussion in the House of Commons on the question as there will be many important arguments advanced for and against.

PRESIDENT HOOVER
SIGNS RELIEF BILL

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 16:—President Herbert Hoover last night signed a bill making available the sum of \$35,000,000 to be used in the relief of drought-stricken farmers in 21 southern and western states.

FLYER HAS NEAR CALL

Seattle Customs Officer Lost Control of Plane Which Hit Boat Mast

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Seattle had a near air tragedy yesterday. Roy Jones, customs officer and pilot, lost control of his machine temporarily when a gust of wind blew a blanket in his face. The plane crashed into the mast of a vessel in Lake Union and a wing was broken. The machine plunged on to the surface of the lake but, fortunately, was kept afloat by its heavy pontoons. Jones suffered no injury.

PRINCES ON TRIP

Wales and George Arrived in Paris Today En Route to South America

LE BOURGET, France, Jan. 16.—The Prince of Wales and his brother, Prince George, landed here this afternoon after a flight from Hendon airport, England, in the course of 18,000 mile journey to South America.

BIRTH

There was born December 11 at the Prince Rupert General Hospital, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. James N. Forman, 536 Sixth Ave. West.

BOXING! TONIGHT

Empress Social Club Arena
Cor. 2nd Ave. and 6th St. (upstairs)
MAIN EVENT—10 Rounds

BILLY BAGSHAW
VS.
BENNY WENDLE
GOOD PRELIMINARIES

Doors open 7:30 p.m. Curtain-raiser 8:30 p.m. Admission inc. tax \$1.65 Phone 592 up to 6 p.m. for reservations. Ladies specially invited

AMY GOING BACK HOME

Bad Weather Prevented Her Hoping Off Today From Warsaw For England

WARSAW, Jan. 16.—Snow, rain and fog today prevented Amy Johnson, British aviatrix, from starting her flight back to London in the plane she cracked up near here recently while en route to Peiping, China, the flight to which place she has now abandoned until spring when weather is more auspicious.

MERGER OF TELEGRAPHS

Many Processes Will Have to Be Gone Through Before Canadian National Consents

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Careful examination by technical officers of the Canadian National Railways, consideration by the board of directors and consultation with the government of Canada will precede any announcement by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, on the attitude of that company toward amalgamation of the commercial telegraph systems of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways. Sir Henry admitted here yesterday that the amalgamation was under consideration in connection with a proposed merging of Canadian wireless and cable system into a single system.

Seattle Red Cross President Elected

Dr. R. T. Matthews Named President of Branch in Puget Sound City

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Dr. R. T. Matthews was yesterday elected president of the local branch of the National Red Cross Society.



Unusual view of New York, as seen from top of new Empire State building, world's tallest building. At right, with modernistic spire, is the Chrysler building, second only to the Empire State building.

Municipal Election Results In Return of Three 1930 Aldermen With One New Face On Council

Ald. S. D. Macdonald, prominent labor man and member of the city council for several years, headed the polls in the contest for four seats on the aldermanic board here Thursday. W. J. McCutcheon, pioneer druggist, came second, being the only new member to be elected to the board. Ald. P. H. Linzey and Ald. Theo. Collart were the other two to be elected. Ald. W. M. Brown, chairman of the board of works last year, went down to defeat in fifth place and Ex-Ald. R. F. Perry and Najeeb Mussallem followed.

By a vote of more than three to one the voters expressed themselves against a two-year term for mayor. Mayor C. H. Orme was re-elected by acclamation at the nominations Monday as were W. J. E. Barrie, W. J. Greer and J. J. Gillis to three vacant seats on the school board. The figures for the aldermanic contest were as follows:

Elected	
Ald. S. D. Macdonald	482
W. J. McCutcheon	447
Ald. P. H. Linzey	441
Ald. Theo. Collart	409
Defeated	
Ald. W. M. Brown	363
R. F. Perry	360
N. Mussallem	322

Fifteen ballots were spoiled.

Mayorality Term
In the vote on the mayorality term, figures were as follows:
For Two Year Term 206
For One Year Term 644
Spoiled Ballots 27
Other members of the 1931 council completing two-year terms are G. W. Rudderham, J. H. Pillsbury, James Black and H. F. Pullen. School trustees having terms to complete this year are Mrs. T. M. Spencer and L. W. Waugh.

MANY DIE IN QUAKE

Mexico Temblor Was More Serious Than at First Believed

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—What was believed when it occurred on Wednesday to be a slight temblor had caused the death of 25 persons near this city while scores of others were injured, it was learned yesterday.

FINANCIERS ARRESTED

Prosecutions Launched Against Officers of Toronto Company

TORONTO, Jan. 16.—Prosecutions under the direction of the attorney-general of Ontario have been launched against three officers of G. A. Stinson & Co. Ltd. and subsidiary companies on charges of conspiracy to defraud the public. The provincial police arrested F. G. Johnston, president; L. E. Clark, vice-president and W. J. Dow, secretary. A warrant is also out for the arrest of H. H. Thomas, former sales executive of the concern, who is said to be in Boston, Mass.

Johnston, Clark and Dow were arraigned in police court today and remanded until January 23. Later it was decided not to lay a charge against Dow and he is being held as a material witness, being released on bail of \$3,000. Johnston and Clark were granted bail in the sum of \$50,000 each.

TO ATTEND FARM MEET

C. N. R. Officials Travelling From Winnipeg to Edmonton

WINNIPEG, Jan. 16.—T. P. Devlin, superintendent of farm employment, and Robert England, manager of the colonization department of the Canadian National Railways at Winnipeg have left for Edmonton to attend a meeting of the secretaries in charge of districts entered in the 1930 community progress competition which was conducted under the auspices of the Canadian National. The meeting will be held in the university buildings at Edmonton today.

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH DISCOVERS EIGHTY POUND GOLD NUGGET

KALGOORLIE, Western Australia, Jan. 16.—A 17-year old boy was reported yesterday to have found at Larkinsville a gold nugget weighing seventy-eight pounds and worth \$26,785. The nugget measures 26 inches by three by 12.

MAYORS IN PROVINCE

Wells Gray Re-elected in New Westminster—Some New Chief Magistrates

Mayors elected in British Columbia Thursday included: New Westminster—A. Wells Gray (re-elected). North Vancouver—Ald. E. H. Bridgeman. Fernie—H. E. Douglas. Vernon—L. L. Stewart. Nelson—J. P. Morgan. Alberni—J. R. Motion. Port Alberni—John Kendall. Ladysmith—J. Mason. Duncan—R. F. Prevost (re-elected).

RICHFIELD RECEIVER

Has Adequate Assets and Will Continue Under the Action As a Going Concern

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—The Richfield Oil Co. of California was placed in the hands of a receiver yesterday on petition of the Public Supply Co. of California which listed the assets of Richfield at \$120,000,000 and liabilities at \$35,000,000. The Supply Co. listed claims of \$275,000. Under the action, Richfield may continue as a going concern instead of being forced into liquidation.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Ross S. Ingram wish to thank all those who so kindly extended sympathy and help and sent flowers at the time of their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Joe North Makes Good on Resolve For Shake-Up In Capital

Her Move For Dismissal Amended to One of Pensioning and Carried—Sergeant Thomas Heatley Is Named Successor

VICTORIA, Jan. 16.—Supplementing by action the statement made shortly after her election as police commissioner last month that Chief of Police John Fry would be replaced, Mrs. Margaret (Joe) North yesterday moved for the dismissal of the chief at the first meeting of the new board with Mayor Herbert Anscomb presiding. When Commissioner McGavin intimated that he would support a motion for superannuation but not one for immediate dismissal of the chief, Mrs. North introduced a second motion to conform with McGavin's view. The resolution then carried. The resolution calls for the immediate relinquishment by Chief Fry of his duties.

WITNESS INJURED

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Mrs. H. W. Howard, elderly wife of a local college professor, one of the principal witnesses for the state in the Bowles-Loucks murder trial, was seriously injured yesterday when an unidentified assailant attacked her with a club as she stepped on to the porch of her cottage.

Nelson Bowles, wealthy young Portland broker, and his paramour, Erma G. Loucks, who are charged with the murder of the former's wife, emphatically denied knowing of or having anything to do with the attack upon Mrs. Howard. It was the second time recently that Mrs. Howard had been attacked.

IS DEAD IN FALL

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—F. Edward White, president of Armour Co., was killed yesterday in a fall from the second storey of his home north of this city. Mr. White had suffered a good deal lately with dizziness. He was one of the United States leading business men.

Prince George Rolls Up Largest Majority In History For Mayor Patterson At Election Yesterday

PRINCE GEORGE, Jan. 16.—Mayor Patterson was given a very flattering endorsement by the electors yesterday when he offered for re-election for his fifth consecutive term, with former Mayor J. H. Johnson as his opponent. Mr. Johnson had the backing of all members of the city council with the exception of Alderman Griffith, but Mayor Patterson was given a three to one vote and the largest majority ever accorded a mayoralty candidate in the city. The vote was, Patterson, 367; Johnson, 121.

Alderman Griffith, who supported Mayor Patterson, headed the poll in the aldermanic contest. J. N. Keller was well up in second place, and William Bexon was third with a total vote of 212. William Hughes was but two votes behind Bexon and, on the official count, the returning officer may have the privilege of casting the deciding ballot.

In the election for school trustees, F. C. Saunders, retiring chairman, headed the poll with R. A. Harlow second and Mrs. Julia Abbott, third. Stanley F. Jones who failed to secure election was but seven votes behind Mrs. Abbott.

The ratepayers endorsed three money bylaws and rejected two. The bylaws approved included that for waterworks supplies, \$5,000; public works relief, \$10,000; and street machinery for \$7,000. The bylaws to provide \$15,000 for semi-permanent street surfacing and \$20,000 for a skating rink and sports centre, were decisively beaten. The bylaw approving of the contract with the Canadian National for the supplying of power was given a big majority.

SALE HAS RESIGNED

Quits Presidency of Hudson Bay Co. Which Is to Be Reorganized

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The resignation of Charles Vincent Sale from the governorship of the Hudson's Bay Co. was accepted at a crowded meeting of stockholders today when the report of a special committee which investigated the company's affairs was under consideration.

The meeting adopted a resolution to replace Sale and two other specified directors by three new directors to be elected later. The meeting was noisy at times. Recommendations of the special committee, which included one for the formation of a separate company to control store businesses in the Dominion as distinct from the dealing and other activities of the company, were left to the discretion of the newly constituted board.

VANCOUVER WHEAT
VANCOUVER, Jan. 16.—Wheat was quoted on the local Exchange today at 54½c.