

ROWELL TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW

Liberal Leader Regards Small Gain as Sign That Province is Tiring of "Unprogressive" Government.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 11.—(Special.)—N. W. Rowell, K.C., the Liberal leader, gave a World representative the following statement at 8:30 o'clock tonight: "I look upon the splendid majority given me by North Oxford—a majority larger than has been given even a local man in years—as a great compliment to me. I look upon it as an endorsement by the electors of North Oxford of myself as the leader of the Liberals of Ontario.

"The returns so far received indicate a substantial number of Liberal gains, but there will also be several severe losses, the apparent net result being a gain of a few seats to the Liberal party. The Liberal party went into the contest more or less demoralized after their defeat of Sept. 21, without organization and without literature. It was not possible in the time at our disposal to secure either organization literature or such other equipment that a political party generally have in an election campaign.

Finds Some Solace.

"On the other hand, the government entered the contest with an overwhelming majority at its back, with the prestige of the Conservative victory on the 21st of September, with complete organization and an abundant supply of literature, and all the resources necessary to carrying on an aggressive and successful campaign. If under these conditions the Liberal party had simply succeeded in holding its own and retaining 18 seats, I would consider this a substantial gain, but we have, according to the returns so far received, done substantially better, and I take this as a clear indication that the tide has turned and, if we continue, as we will, our propaganda in the interests of progressive measures and expansion of the best sentiments of Liberalism, both in the legislature and in

the country during the next four years, we have every reason to expect that the country will by that time have wearied of the autocratic and unprogressive character of the present administration and will endorse our progressive policy.

"I believe we may look forward with confidence to a great revival in progressive reforms and that in the next four years the province will return the Liberal party to power, thus giving effect to these progressive measures. I deeply regret the loss from the legislature of some of the best members of the Liberal contingent. On the other hand, we will welcome those strong men who have been elected to join the Liberal ranks."

Big Majority Surprise.

The large majority which Mr. Rowell received in North Oxford to-day came as a big surprise to Liberals and Conservatives alike. At no time during the campaign was the Liberal leader conceded a majority of over 200 by his most optimistic workers. Mr. Lookhart, the Conservative candidate, blames his defeat in no small degree to the last-minute tactics of the Liberals of this riding, when they spread around a sensational story that the liquor men were pouring money into the riding to assist the Conservative candidate.

The City of Woodstock gave Mr. Lookhart a majority of 183. The farming community, however, voted strong for Rowell. The Liberal leader, however, was apparently well pleased. He thanked his workers for their excellent support and stated that he was now seriously thinking of becoming a resident of this city, for the time being at least.

As far as can be learned South Oxford gives Mayberry a majority of about 200.

RYNE AND WHITESIDE PARTICULARLY PLEASED

Seat B Candidate Jumped His Majority to 1700—East Toronto Showed Little Interest.

To hear the results of the election in East Toronto, and to congratulate the two Conservative candidates whose election was considered as inevitable, a little group of friends of Dr. Pyne and T. R. Whiteside gathered at the corner of Parliament and Gerrard streets. The candidates arrived upon the scene about half past four and sat down to quietly await the results. Dr. Pyne chatted about the various

constituencies, while Mr. Whiteside tilted his chair against the wall, pulled out a big briar pipe and smoked peacefully.

About 5:30 the first report came in. It was from subdivision 19, and the figures were: Bullock 2, Pyne 48, Reid 5, Stevenson 2, Whiteside 42. This was rather a good beginning, and the candidates smiled with satisfaction. Others followed, but the result was all ways the same, and even the ratio only varied slightly. After the first dozen reports were read by Joseph Thompson, the thing became monotonous, and interest was transferred to other constituencies.

At half past six the reports received gave Dr. Pyne a majority of about 1500, while Mr. Whiteside had something over 1100, which was somewhat of a surprise, as it was believed that more votes would be polled for the Independent Conservative, J. B. Reid.

The election, however, had been won and won easily, and the candidates were called upon to speak.

Pyne Will Stick.

Dr. Pyne thanked his supporters for electing him to the legislature for the fifth time.

"I am going to stick to you," he said, "because you have stuck to me. I hope we will never see a Liberal elected in Toronto, and you gentlemen know it. I can only thank you as large a vote as last time, but still there was a smaller vote polled, and the other fellows got almost nothing. In proportion this was a great victory as that of former elections. I thank you one and all for electing me, and I hope you won't regret it. He thanked everybody, and hoped he would always have the confidence of the electors.

"Mr. Reid," he said, "has depicted the machine, yet it is the machine which does all the work. His meetings were full of falsehoods and lies from beginning to end, and you gentlemen know it. I can only thank you with all my heart, and let me say that if there is anything I can do for you don't hesitate to approach me. I will do anything I can for you."

The little group soon broke up, and the candidates wended their way to Oddfellows Hall at the foot of Broadview avenue, where the returns for the province were given out. Here again they both made brief speeches.

Both candidates, speaking to "The World," expressed their satisfaction with the results. They accounted for the small vote by the fact that the weather was bad, and both believed that the Liberals were not taken seriously by the electors.

Coast Extension Filled.

A route map has been filed by the Canadian Northern for the extension of their line running northwest from Edmonton through the Peace River country and across the northern branch of the Columbia River to the coast of Stewart on the Pacific Coast. Next spring the route over which the new line is expected to pass.

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will approximate 315, something over half the majority given him before, when he was returned by 625.

In East Toronto, Hon. Dr. Pyne also fell behind his last majority. At the previous election he received 3390; this time he was given with one subdivision missing, 2321.

Despite the fact that he was in a three-cornered fight, T. R. Whiteside beat his previous record by a big margin. Before he was returned by 280 majority, yesterday's was about 1712.

Public Apathetic.

"Well you wouldn't know it is election night, except that the bars are closed," remarked one worthy to his companion last night. And his remark was literally true. The crowds on the streets were not unusually large and the newspapers that gave the returns on the screens found but small audiences. Less enquiries were received over the telephones as to the results than on any previous election.

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