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ELECTION DATE OCTOBER 26TH.

Parliament Dissolved Yesterday and Meeting of Council Held

VOTERS' LISTS ADVANCED

Appointments to Board of Railway Commissioners Are Made

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—The general elections will be held upon Oct. 26. Upon his return this morning from Niagara Falls, Sir Wilfrid Laurier proceeded to Government House and obtained Earl Grey's consent to the dissolution of the tenth parliament of Canada, and it was decided that the appeal to the country should be made on the date mentioned, namely, Monday, Oct. 26, nominations on the 19th.

Several appointments were also put through. D'Arcy Scott, Mayor of Ottawa, and son of Hon. R. W. Scott, was appointed assistant chairman of the board of railway commissioners, and Thomas Greenway, member for Lisgar, Manitoba, and J. S. McLean, professor of economics in Toronto university, were appointed members of the board. Prof. McLean is a son-in-law of J. Lorne McDougall, former auditor general, and will be remembered for his report upon the transportation problem in Canada, which preceded the act of parliament establishing the railway commission.

Another appointment put through was that of Ald. Wm. Foran as secretary of the board of civil service commissioners. His salary will be $3,000 with a maximum of $4,000.

The date fixed for the Dominion election is somewhat earlier than had been expected. This is due to the promptitude with which the lists have been arriving at the office of the secretary of state. The lists for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island are well filled, while others for Manitoba constituencies are already in. In Saskatchewan, Alberta and Yukon districts the lists will be prepared by the enumerators.

As for the composition of the new cabinet it is understood that he will not likely be sworn in for a week or two. This means that the burden and heat of the technical official work in connection with the general election will be borne for the third time by Hon. R. W. Scott.

Earl Grey left tonight for Regina, Sask., and tomorrow Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go to Montreal to be present at the banquet of the Manufacturers' association.

LAKE TRAFFIC HAMPERED

Smoke From Forest Fires and Fog Delay Boats on Lake Superior and Sault Canals

Winnipeg, Sept. 16.—Reports received here show that traffic through the Soo canal is completely closed owing to the dense smoke and fogs. Port Arthur advices say navigation of the lake is almost entirely tied up, owing to the smoke of bush fires, rendering it impossible for boat officers to see more than a hundred yards ahead. The forest fires are dying out, but owing to the atmospheric pressure the smoke is thicker than hitherto. The delay in navigation is serious, in view of the efforts being made to expeditiously market the moving crop.

VANCOUVER FIRE

Bakery and Stores in Mount Pleasant Destroyed, With Loss of About $40,000

Vancouver, Sept. 16.—Hanbury, Evans, and Co.'s bakery and stores at Mount Pleasant were burned tonight. Their value was about forty thousand dollars. Two firemen, McDonald and Johnson, were injured by falls from a ladder.

AFTER VACCINATION

Death of Little Girl at Edmonton Subject of Coroner's Inquest—Recommendation By the Jury

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 16.—"That Vivian Foley came to her death from acute dilatation of the heart, and while there is not sufficient evidence to prove that vaccination was a primary cause, yet we recommend that in future the city employ only regular qualified physicians to be vaccinators."

This was the decision arrived at today after a four hours' session held to inquire into the death of Vivian Foley, daughter of W. E. Foley, superintendent of the poultry department of the provincial government, whose demise took place on Saturday, September 5, which it was claimed by her father was the result of vaccination.

The inquest was conducted by Coroner Dr. Smith. The most important evidence given was that of Dr. Revell, provincial bacteriologist, who made a microscopic examination of portions of the body of the deceased. According to his evidence, death was caused by the child having taken too much exercise after vaccination, which caused dilatation of the heart and subsequently death.

Russia's New Loan

Paris, Sept. 16.—It was asserted in prominent quarters here today that arrangements are being completed for the flotation of a new Russian loan on the French market. The primary object of this transaction is to take up the 800,000,000 francs (about $160,000,000 of 5 per cent. treasury notes due in the spring. These will be refired with the 4 1-2 per cent. treasa new loan of 400,000,000 francs.

Steamer Floated

Quebec, Sept. 16.—The steamer Malin Head, which collided with the Corinthian on Sunday, was successfully floated this evening, and arrived in port at 10:30 o'clock, and anchored.

Bandits Not Captured

Nelson, Sept. 16.—There is no truth in the rumor that the Midway bandits, guilty of the murder of Thomet at Midway in August last, were captured in Washington.

The Mining Engineers

Nelson, Sept. 16.—The visiting mining engineers from Europe and the east, passed through here last night on their way to the Boundary and Rossland. They will return on Friday night and will be entertained here on Saturday.

Shot for a Moose

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 16.—While out hunting, Benjamin Smith, of Beaver Dam, about forty miles from here, was shot by his brother by mistake for a moose, and is now in a critical condition. The accident happened in the woods about six miles from the town, and the wounded man was obliged to remain alone on the ground for hours while his brother went for medical aid. It was 6 o'clock in the morning when the surgeon who was summoned, reached the side of the sufferer, having had to make their way over rough roads by lantern light. At daybreak Smith was taken to the settlement on a stretcher. He is wounded by a 44-calibre Winchester. Both men are hunters of experience, but the brother who did the shooting was deceived by the dim light of the evening, when the pair were working their way around a large pond.

LIKELY TO TRANSFER CONTROL OF RAILWAY

Suits Involving Possession of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Road

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 16.—Under a new action for a receivership, B. A. Worthington again was appointed receiver of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Co., by Judge Taylor in the United States circuit court here today.

Mr. Worthington was appointed receiver of the company originally a few months ago, in the proceedings begun by the National Car Wheel company. The Central Trust Co. of New York, a strong bidder for future proceedings in the interests of the bondholders, it is said. Later it is understood the two suits may be merged. It is further intimated that the suit will result in the property of the Wheeling and Lake Erie railroad company passing out of the control of the Gould interests and into the control of the Harriman-Rockefeller group of railway financiers.

The story is based upon the fact that Messrs. Harriman and Rockefeller took up the $8,000,000 of the notes of the company which fell due August 1 last.

Gave Himself Up.

Toronto, Sept. 16.—William Snow, who escaped from prison on Sunday, gave himself up to the authorities tonight.

Commemorative Tower.

Halifax, N.S., Sept. 16.—The Canadian Club has undertaken to raise a fund to erect a tower commemorative of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of parliamentary institutions in Nova Scotia. The monument is to be placed on the Dingle, Sir Sandford Fleming's park.

HUGHES FOR GOVERNOR

Opposition to Him in Republican State Convention Meets With Complete Defeat

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 16.—The Republican state ticket is: For governor, Chas. E. Hughes, of New York, renominated; Lieutenant governor, Horace White, Onondaga; secretary of state, Samuel S. Koenig, of New York; attorney general, Edward R. O'Malley; comptroller, Chas. H. Gaus, of Albany; state engineer and surveyor, Frank M. Williams, of Madison; state treasurer, Thomas B. Dunn, of Monro; associate justice of the court of appeals, Albert Haight, of Erie, renominated.

Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, was nominated by the Republican state convention by an overwhelming majority, and on the first ballot, to succeed himself as governor of the state of New York. He received 327 votes out of a possible 1,000, as against 151 for Jas. W. Wadsworth, Jr., of Livingston county, speaker of the state assembly, and one for former Congressman John K. Stewart of Montgomery. The nomination was made unanimous upon motion of State Committeeman Wm. Barnes, Jr., of Albany, who has been perhaps the most bitter and outspoken opponent of the governor's nomination, seconded by those who had placed Speaker Wadsworth and Mr. Stewart in nomination.

The governor's renomination followed the utter failure of a desperate struggle on the part of a number of county leaders, who for four days have spared no effort to discover a candidate on whom they could unite to defeat him. The balance of the ticket was made up in the "good old-fashioned way," as an organization "slate," announced an hour or two before the session of the convention began by Chairman Woodruff of the state committee after a conference with the local leaders.

Damage by Fire.

Brockville, Ont., Sept. 15.—A big barn owned by C. J. Banta and Norman Dowsley, a house belonging to M. Hudson and four boathouses on the waterfront, containing several boats, were destroyed by fire at the village of Charleston, 20 miles from here, today. The burned buildings were insured, but the loss will not be recovered. The fire was caused by a spark from a sawmill.

OLD OPPONENTS REACH HARMONY

Messrs. Bryan and Parker Have Love Feast at the State Convention

TOGETHER ON PLATFORM

Lieutenant-Governor Chanler Chosen as Candidate for Governor

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 16.—As the culminating feature of the Democratic state convention, which closed today, there was a notable demonstration here tonight in honor of the party's standard bearer, W. J. Bryan, who addressed a mass meeting in convention hall and overflow gatherings outside.

Presiding over the assemblage was Judge Alton B. Parker, the presidential candidate of four years ago, who took advantage of the occasion to make a personal pledge of his earnest fidelity to the national ticket. As Mr. Bryan and Judge Parker stood side by side before the great assemblage, which choked the hall to its capacity, the cheering swelled up to a deafening roar. Mr. Bryan acknowledgesd Judge Parker's pledge of his own support and the support of the "united Democrats of the Empire state," in words as gracious as those in which the pledge had been extended.

"It is worth coming a long way," said Mr. Bryan "to participate in the closing hours of a great convention in this country's greatest state. I appreciate the pledge he has given, and especially do I appreciate his own earnest part in the fulfilment of that pledge.

"I am grateful to the great convention which closed today for placing at the head of its ticket one so worthy to carry the party's standard in this state. Mr. Chandler represents a class that I believe will be a grand class in this country."

Lieut.-Gov. Chanler's nomination was unanimous, and would have been made at an earlier stage if the Tammany Hall leader had been made sure of his strength in the up-state districts. When he was given that assurance he readily gave in his support to the candidate. All factions in the party express much pleasure at the restoration of harmony. The Democrats have now high hopes that they will be able to give effective opposition to the re-election of Governor Hughes and carry the state for Mr. Bryan.

JOHNSON AND BURNS MEET IN DECEMBER

Fight for World's Championship to Take Place at Sydney

Sydney, N.S.W., Sept. 16.—Jack Johnson, the American colored pugilist, has signed articles for a fight with Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion, the fight to take place in this city in December and to be for the championship of the world. Burns said today that this will be his last fight.

PROSPEROUS COAL MINES

President Galer Speaks of Condition of Royal Collieries—Shipping to Commence in November

Lethbridge, Sept. 16.—H. N. Galer, president of the Royal Collieries, Ltd., who is here in the interests of his company, states that he is very much pleased and more than satisfied with the progress made in the development of the work in general at the mine. Work on the spur line is much further advanced than he expected to find it, and will be completed inside of the time limit given by the contractors.

The company is pushing the work of development at the mine as rapidly as possible. It is expected that by November 15 at the latest the output of the mine will be at least 300 tons per day. The machinery that will be installed will be capable of handling much more than this amount. A striking feature of the development work is the matter of a water supply for the town and the plant. The water will be pumped from the river into a 100,000 gallon tank on the flat which will be conveyed by gravity to the plant and the town. The company will have a complete and large water system when it is completed. The large boilers and the pump will arrive this week. The survey for the town of Royal City is now about completed. Already the company has received many applications for the purchase of lots.

Asked as to the market, Mr. Galer stated that if the production were 1,000 tons per day they could easily find a market. Enough of the output of the mine has been distributed to create a demand. The company has done considerable prospecting, and feels sure it has an unlimited supply of the best coal. The seam is four feet three inches thick, and it is absolutely clean. It lies at a depth of about 250 feet.

The manager of the mines is Geo. L. Fraser, late of Coleman, and the superintendent is J. Richards, from Vancouver Island, who has been on the ground for some time, and who has had a wide experience in coal mining.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—The Winnipeg Street Railway company made an offer to the city council to furnish the city with 10,000 horse power for ten years at $18.40 per horse power per annum.

New Governor of Quebec.

Quebec, Sept. 16.—Sir Alphonse Pelletier was sworn in today as lieutenant-governor of the province of Quebec.

Coal Miners Laid Off.

Glace Bay, N.S., Sept. 16.—The coal company here is daily laying off men. About 300 have been discharged since Saturday, and more than 200 will go next week. Considerable coal remains on the banks, and the winter will be a dull one.

Canadian Property in Danger.

Chicago, Sept. 16.—William Robinson, manager of the interests of A. Booth & Co., conferred hurriedly with receiver Chalmers here today and then departed for New York to seek financial assistance for the Canadian properties. Mr. Robinson stated that the firm had obtained concessions in Manitoba, under agreement with the Canadian government, to make a certain amount of improvements. Unless the improvements are made soon, Mr. Robinson said, the concessions would be lost.

King and Sultan.

Constantinople, Sept. 16.—A telegram sent by King Edward to the Sultan of Turkey on the anniversary of the latter's accession to the throne, was made public today and produced a decided sensation on account of the strong friendliness of its tone. After the formal congratulations, King Edward said: "There is every reason to hope that under the enlightened direction of so eminent a Grand Vizier, your majesty's empire will have a peaceful and prosperous future and the veneration of posterity will be secured for your majesty."

PREMIER PROMISES TO ENLARGE CANAL

Declaration Made at Niagara Falls—Rural Mail Delivery Scheme

Niagara Falls, Ont., Sept. 15.—In point of numbers the Laurier demonstration here this afternoon was an unqualified success. The estimates of the number present ran all the way from 25,000 to 12,000 made by critical Conservative. In unbiased opinion it was 15,000.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, accompanied by Hon. Messrs. Graham and Lemieux, arrived here this afternoon. They were met by W. M. German, M.P. for Welland, who introduced the party to Mayor Carter and the aldermen. The mayor read an address of welcome on behalf of the citizens, to which the premier briefly replied.

The most interesting feature of the meeting was a declaration of more than local interest. Mr. German, the member for Welland, in his speech had declared that the government intended to deepen the Welland canal to 25 feet. Sir Wilfrid touched on this and made the significant announcement that the work would not be undertaken until the government had completed the important work it now had in hand and the revenue was sufficient to provide for the cost.

Another interesting feature of the meeting was the announcement of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux postmaster general, that it was his intention to introduce rural mail delivery in the near future. The mail would be delivered in this way along the lines of stage routes, boxes being placed at the farmers' gates for the reception of mail, while at branch roads provision would be made for leaving the mail for farmers in the vicinity. The announcement was received with much enthusiasm.

Situation in India

Vancouver, Sept. 16.—Sir Ralph Benson, judge of the high court of Madras, is a visitor here. He is of the opinion that India may yet be a self-governing colony, and each year the possibility of this grows stronger. The native army, he says, is still loyal, and the agitation comes from a class whose education has been too much along theoretical lines.

Unwelcome Bulgarians

Toronto, Sept. 16.—The civic authorities today received word that 200 Bulgarians, who have been working on the government railway in Northern Ontario, have gone out on strike, demanding an increase from $1.60 to $1.75 a day. They are reported to be returning to Toronto. They belong to a party which was supported by the city most of last winter. If they do return and should become a public charge, it is proposed to take steps to deport them to their own country.

GOOD COAL DEPOSITS IN NORTH COUNTRY

Geologist Leach Reports Discoveries in Copper River and Telkwa

Vancouver, Sept. 16.—W. W. Leach, geologist of the department of mines, Ottawa, who spent the past season in the Copper River and Telkwa districts, is in the city and brings news of the discovery and location of numerous coal sections on Morse river in that part of the province. The report of Mr. Leach's work will be issued next spring.

Killed By Boiler Explosion.

Linwood, Ont., Sept. 15.—As the result of the explosion of a boiler in the butter and cider factory owned and operated by Damien Huber yesterday, the building was badly wrecked and Mr. Huber and his assistant, William Attig, were instantly killed.

Shipbuilding Dividend

Cleveland, Sept.16.—The directors of the American Shipbuilding Company today declared a quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent on the preferred stock, payable October 15.

JOSEPH MARTIN THE CANDIDATE

Named for Commons by Asiatic Exclusion League in Vancouver

HAS ACCEPTED NOMINATION

Effort to Secure League's Endorsement for Other Candidate Fails

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—Joseph Martin was nominated tonight by the Asiatic Exclusion league to be its candidate in the Federal election. He accepted the nomination and will run in Vancouver.

Fifty persons were present at the meeting, of which President J. B. Wilton was chairman.

Secretary Gordon Grant, who is a McInnes man, fought hard against the resolution in favor of Mr. Martin. He proposed that they support either Mr. Cowan or Mr. McInnes, the Conservative and Liberal candidates, because the views of both were identical on the Oriental question with the ideas of the exclusionists themselves, and because the exclusionists could not possibly hope to carry a third candidate, especially in view of the poor attendance at the recent hall meeting and the rally this evening.

Mr. Grant was interrupted many times by being called a traitor and being branded as the mover of a contemptible motion. Mr. Grant spoke for some time, declaring that the acceptability of both Mr. Cowan and Mr. McInnes as candidates could not be questioned.

A. Cook declared that if they indorsed Mr. McInnes they would be under the whip hand of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

President Wilton was proposed as the candidate, but declined the nomination. Then Mr. Cook proposed Mr. Martin. He said he had Mr. Martin's consent. No other name being presented, Mr. Martin received the nomination unanimously.

Calgary Treasurer Ill

Calgary, Sept. 16.—J. S. Hall, city treasurer of Calgary, and formerly provincial treasurer of Quebec, was stricken with illness on the eastbound train last night and lies at his home very ill. He was taking his daughter to school in Montreal, and was found unconscious on the train. He is reported a little better today. Mr. Hall was formerly one of the leading lawyers in Montreal.

SITE IS PURCHASED FOR CUSTOM HOUSE

Dominion Government Pays $75,000 For Property in Vancouver

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—F. C. Wade, Henry Ridley and C. T. Dunbar today sold to the Dominion government for $75,000 cash the property immediately north of the new post office, and between it and the C. P. R. station, as a site for a custom house.

Winnipeg Assignment

Winnipeg, Sept. 15. — Archibald Wright, dry goods merchant, Main street, who has been in business here for twenty-five years, assigned today.

Killed While Driving.

Picton, Ont., Sept. 15.—Stirling Minaker, 20 years old, was killed yesterday while hauling tomatoes to the canning factory. His horses became unmanageable, throwing him from the wagon and breaking his neck.

Lord Milner's Visit

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Lord Milner, former British High Commissioner in South Africa, who is now on his way to Canada, expects to be in Ottawa towards the end of October, and will be entertained by the Canadian club.

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—A. F. Aylesworth, son of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, says his father is hurrying home from Vienna, where he has been undergoing treatment for his hearing. His condition has considerably improved, and he will again stand for North York.

Fishing Schooner Burned

Montreal, Sept. 15.—The schooner Lemille, of the French fishing fleet, was burned to the water's edge on Bank Quero, through a pail of oil being upset on the forecastle stove. The crew escaped in the dories and landed at St. Pierre Miquelon. The Lemille had 100 quintals of fish on board. She was partly insured.

VICTIM'S HISTORY

Bella Gilchrist, Said to Have Been Murdered By L. H. Johnston, Came From Near Cornwall

Cornwall, Ont., Sept. 15.—Bella Gilchrist, for whose murder Leo H. Johnston has been arrested at Seattle, was a former Maxville lady, and has two brothers who live at St. Elmo, Glengary county. Johnston was a passenger with her on the Ohio, which sailed from Seattle for Alaska. Johnston struck up an acquaintance with her, and before the journey was ended she confided to him that she had $4,800 worth of property in Butte, Mont. When they reached Nome they were married on June 15, 1905. So far as known here their domestic relations were pleasant. Miss Gilchrist's relatives here became suspicious, owing to the statements by Johnston, and detectives were put on the case.

Manufacturers Entertained

Montreal, Sept. 16.—This afternoon the delegates to the manufacturers' meeting were given a trip around the harbor as the guests of the harbor commissioners.

Killed by Explosion.

McAlister, I. T., Sept. 16.—A powder magazine used by the Campless Mining company was struck by lightning today, the explosion killing one miner and seriously injuring eight others.

Smallpox in Camp

Aldershot, N. S., Sept. 16.—Private F. Morin, of the 66th Regiment of Halifax, has been stricken with smallpox at the military camp here, and the regiment has been quarantined. Tattoo has been cancelled.

Brass Works Burned

Port Colborne, Ont., Sept. 16.—The Monarch brass works were destroyed by fire tonight. The water pump engine was put out of order early this morning, so it was impossible to fight the flames.

Nine Deaths

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 16.—Two additional deaths occurred as a result of the explosion of several hundred pounds of powder and dynamite in a freight car at Windsor, Mo., yesterday. This brings the total list to nine.

State Bank Closed

Madison, Wis., Sept. 16.—The Union State Bank at Winesconne, capitalized at $10,000, has been closed by orders of the state banking department, the state having taken charge of the institution. Overloans are said to be the cause of the failure.

CANDIDATES CHOSEN FOR COMING CONTEST

Nominations By Both Parties—Mackenzie King Not Yet in the Field

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—Word comes from Berlin, Ontario, that W. L. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, has been nominated and has accepted the candidature for the Commons in North Waterloo in the Liberal interest, but Mr. King knows nothing about it. He says no convention has been held.

Quebec, Sept. 16.—Bellechasse Conservatives nominated Charles Vezilla for the Commons.

Orillia, Ont., Sept. 16.—Mr. Manley of Midland, Liberal, will oppose W. H. Bennett, M.P., Conservative, in East Simcoe.

Hensall, Ont., Sept. 16.—South Huron Liberals today nominated M. Y. McLean, M.P., as their candidate.

Norwood, Ont., Sept. 16.—Mr. Tanner, of Lakefield, was chosen Liberal candidate for East Peterboro at the convention today.

Ottawa, Sept. 16.—F. A. Labelle was nominated Conservative candidate for the county of Wright at Hull this afternoon.

Quebec, Sept. 16.—P. E. Blondin, of Grand Mere, were nominated for the Commons to contest Champlain county in the Conservative interest.

St. John, N. B., Sept. 16.—Conservatives at a meeting here today passed a resolution recommending that the election law be amended so as to permit commercial travelers to vote in whatever constituency they may be in on election day. The motion was made by Mr. Fowler, M.P.

Saskatoon, Sask., Sept. 16.—At the Conservative convention held here last night, M. A. McInnis, a prominent real estate agent, was unanimously nominated as the Conservative candidate for Saskatoon for the federal house in the next Dominion elections.

Fredericton, N.B., Sept. 16.—O. S. Crocket, M.P., was renominated by the York County Conservatives' convention today.

By Cutting His Throat.

Hamilton, Ont., Sept. 15.—C. W. Evans, a typhoid fever patient in the hospital here, committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor.

Elevator Burned

Shoal Lake, Man., Sept. 15.—The Western Canada Flour Mills company's elevator at Oakburn was totally destroyed by fire early this morning. One thousand dollars' worth of flour was burned and three C. N. R. cars.

Killed in Runaway

Miami, Man., Sept. 15.—George Bruce one of the oldest settlers in these parts, was killed last night in a runaway accident. His head coming between the wheel and bolster, it was badly smashed. He was found at 10 o'clock last night, dead on the wagon.

Suffocated in a Well

Regina, Sept. 15.—Wm. Regan and Jack Richardson, both old timers in the Regina district, were asphyxiated by gas in a well on the farm of a German named Rolan, south of town. Dynamite was used to remove a rock and the explosion caused gas. Regan went to revive Richardson, and both were overcome. Both men have large family connections in this city.

AT COAL CREEK MINES

Visit of Inspection Paid By Mining Institute Members—Entertained By Fernie Citizens

Fernie, Sept. 15.—After spending the day viewing and inspecting the coal mines at Coal Creek, the Mining Institute special arrived back here at six o'clock last evening, and after dinner in their cars, they formed a procession, headed by the bagpipes, and marched to the Coal Company's offices, where a most successful smoker was given them consisting of songs, Scotch reels, skirt dances, etc., in which local talent as well as themselves took part. President Lindsey occupied the chair and brought forth much laughter.

Speeches were made by Mayor Tuttle, W. R. Ross, M.P., and others, and after a pleasant evening their special train left at midnight for the West.

ANCIENT COLONY HAS WARM FIGHT

Bond Government Likely to Be Defeated at Approaching Election

POLLING NEXT NOVEMBER

Opposition Thoroughly United Under Sir Edward Morris as Leader

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 16.—The political situation at present in Newfoundland has reached a most interesting stage, and there are, as a matter of fact, very exciting factors in the present contest. The pros and cons of politics here are now freely discussed all over the island, and it is obvious even to the uninterested observer that public opinion is about ripe for a change of administration. Polling will take place in the month of November, and it is plainly to be seen that excitement will be at fever heat both in the city and outlying districts long before the ballots are cast. The Opposition, known as the people's party, are putting up a splendid fight under their popular leader, Sir Edward Morris, who has been for many years a leading member of the Legislature. The opponents of the present government, and they appear to comprise about all the independent minds of the island, give as a reason for desiring a change that during the past eight years of Bond rule their interests have been sadly neglected and their legitimate demands ignored. The outport residents claim that, while the public funds have been spent on fads and fancies by the powers that be, the lighthouse, bridge, road, postal telegraph and wharf service have been sadly neglected. The declaration is also made that the schools of the island, as well as the costal and bay transportation service, have been neglected, while the oft-repeated promise of a reduction in taxation has never been kept. It is true that just now, on the eve of a general election, the people are being told that these long-promised works are to go ahead, but little confidence is expressed in such tardy promises, and it looks as if Sir Robert Bond is riding for a fall.

The people's party, as it is called, appears to be enthusiastic over the choice of Sir Edward Morris as the leader, and if one can judge of the splendid reception he is received with by the hands of the people, irrespective of class or creed, he is certainly the right man in the right place.

Sir Edward comes of a good old family, every member of which has at one time or other conferred favors upon his fellow men. There are, in fact, few men in the island today who do not remembher the noble and philanthropic clergyman, a brother of Sir Edward, who founded the first male orphanage in the colony, and, after devoting his life to the care of the fatherless, died trying to save an orphan boy's life. It is also a well-known fact that Sir Edward, although a mere boy at the time, substantially helped his reverend brother to maintain that noble institution in which the needy of all creeds were received without exception; consequently, the fair-minded men of this colony declare they want leaders of this kind, who knowing the people, work for them, and, above all, never stoop to drag sectarian appeals into the discussion of public affairs.

Sir Edward Morris has spent a quarter of a century in public life, representing the same district without intermission, and his political career is one of which any man or any country might well be proud.

SOCIALIST DEMOCRATS

Stormy Meeting in Vancouver Results in Endorsement of Socialist Candidate Kingsley

Vancouver, Sept. 16.—A meeting tonight called by the Socialist Democratic party and unaffiliated Socialists to select a candidate for the Dominion parliament ended in a fiasco. After a stormy session, in which many personalities were indulged in, the nomination of E. T. Kingsley, recently chosen by the Socialist party of Canada, was endorsed. This expression of opinion was directly in opposition to a resolution adopted early in the evening, declaring in favor of nominating an independent candidate. The friends of Mr. Kingsley gained their point after half the audience had gone home in disgust at the acrimonious discussion.

CONDITIONS AT FERNIE

Congestion of Freight in Railway Yards—Miners Laid Off at One of Coal Creek Mines

Fernie, B.C., Sept. 16.—The C.P.R. yards present a busy aspect these days on account of so much freight arriving here daily in carloads and local carload shipments. Over 125 cars of Fernie freight are in the yards today to be unloaded, which consists chiefly of lumber, cement and general merchandise.

Quite a few miners have been laid off in Number 9 mine, Coal creek, within the last week or ten days, and about 40 men out of the 30 men formerly employed at this mine are out of work. The cause is unknown.

The weather today is cloudy and cool.

Cholera on British Vessel

Helsingfors, Sept. 16.—The Asiatic cholera has made its appearance on board a British steamer from St. Petersburg. The Saxon Britain arrived at Viborg today from the capital with her captain and four sailors down with the disease. The vessel has been quarantined.