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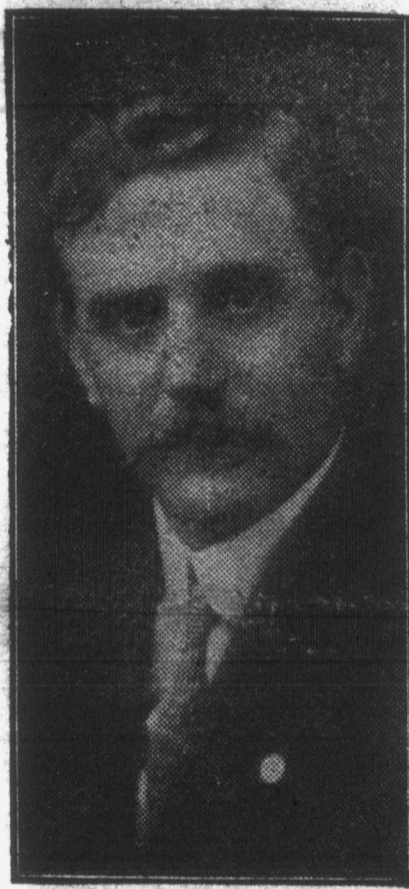
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THE DOMINION ELECTION RESULTS



JOHN W. BRUCE
Socialist Candidate for Dominion
Parliament in Toronto, West.

These notes were written the morning after the election. The results on the face of the returns, as reported in the Press, indicate that the Borden Government has been returned to power by between forty and fifty majority in the next Parliament.

The Labor candidates, while polling a respectable vote in all districts contested, appear to have been defeated at all points. In Hamilton they came nearer success than anywhere else.

There are no details at hand at this writing which permit of any intelligent analization of the results. The five Labor candidates in Toronto polled, in the aggregate, between thirteen and fourteen thousand votes. None of the Toronto Labor candidates succeeded in saving their deposits.

Labor in Canada, as a whole, has not yet learned to use its political power in its own interest, but it has made a beginning and the treatment it is about to receive at the hands of the victorious Capitalists—who will not fail to take full advantage of the stupidity of the vast majority of the toilers voting the public powers into the control of their economic masters.

This edition of the Forward will present many shortcomings but we promise you better things for the future.

The most disgusting spectacle met on the morning after the election was the headlines of the Toronto Globe gloating over the results of its own perfidy to the progressive forces of Canada.



LOREN CUNNINGHAM
Socialist Candidate for South
Wellington.



MICHAEL BUHAY
Social Democratic Candidate for
Dominion Parliament in a
Montreal District.

The Case of Comrade Bainbridge.

Comrade Bainbridge, National Secretary of the S.D.P. of C. and Editor of the Canadian Forward, is now serving his sentence in the Toronto Jail. They have put him to work in the tailor shop. We are glad to report that he is taking the medicine the Capitalists are forcing on him philosophically. His clear vision of what most progressive men of the past have had to suffer is more than sustaining him in this trying hour. Mrs. Bainbridge and the children are meeting the situation with courage and devotion, both towards Comrade Bainbridge and the cause he is being persecuted for upholding.

There is a slight chance that he may yet be released on points of law, his Attorney, Mr. Harding is presenting before the Chief Justice. If this effort is not successful the next move will be to circulate a petition to the Minister of Justice for a pardon.

In the meantime all readers of the Forward are reminded that it requires money for the Defence Fund and to take care of his family while he is paying the penalty of standing true to the cause of humanity in general and the working class in particular.

A word to the wise and thoughtful readers of the Forward on this subject should be sufficient. So send along what you can spare.

Everywhere in suering Europe the mass of people want peace, but their rulers, obedient to a remote and philosophical responsibility, which forbids then to allow the mere happiness of the present generation to weigh with them too heavily, have hardened their hearts. Everywhere the people of Europe want peace. The recent uprising of the Left in Russia owes its origin chiefly to the insistent demand in that country for peace. The people in Italian towns have rioted for peace and food. The retreat of the Italian army is due to a "demoralization" arising from a desire for peace and a lack of enthusiasm for a war into which the nation was deliberately bargained by its rulers. In France, too (it is well known, and was recently declared in the Chamber), the soldiers want peace and do not think insistence upon the "imprescriptable right" of France to Alsace and Lorraine sufficient reason for continuing the war. The desire for peace of the people of

Germany, at whose "natural docility" English and French venture to sneer, has voiced itself in an outspoken way in the recent naval mutiny.—G. S. W.

"PEACE" OF JUSTICE

"Punitive damages, the dismemberment of empires, the establishment of selfish and exclusive leagues, we deem inexpedient and in the end worse than futile, no proper basis for a peace of any kind, least of all for an 'enduring peace.' That must be based upon justice and fairness and the common rights of mankind."—From Wilson's reply to the Pope.

Socialism will not destroy religion, but it will destroy the religious hypocrisy that is typified in the building of costly temples out of rents that accrue from brothels and cheap groceries; a consummation devoutly to be desired by men and women to whom religion is an earnest reality rather than

a pretentious mockery.
—Appeal to Reason

Fighting Corruption.

Ottawa Citizen: Premier Brewster is undertaking to put an end to political blackmail in British Columbia at least to the extent of prohibiting campaign contributions by corporate interests. The law to be anything like effective must enforce full publicity of all contributions to the political parties and publicity of election aid in any and all forms. Cynical opposition to a proposed measure of publicity of campaign contributions has been put forward in Parliament in the past. It has been contended that a law could easily be passed but what assurance would there be of enforcing it? Political leaders in the House of Commons in the days before August, 1914, took the position that until the Canadian electorate purged itself of corrupt tendencies nothing could be gained merely by passing electoral reform laws.

"THE LIBERTY OF THE PRESS HAS BEEN IN EVERY COUNTRY THE LAST LIBERTY WHICH SUBJECTS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WREST FROM POWER. OTHER LIBERTIES ARE HELD UNDER GOVERNMENTS, BUT THE LIBERTY OF OPINION KEEPS GOVERNMENTS THEMSELVES IN DUE SUBJECTION TO THEIR DUTIES. THIS HAS PRODUCED THE MARTYRDOM OF TRUTH IN EVERY AGE, AND THE WORLD HAS BEEN ONLY PURGED FROM IGNORANCE WITH THE INNOCENT BLOOD OF THOSE WHO HAVE ENLIGHTENED IT."—Lord Erskine, Defence of T. Pain, 1792.