

British Election Standing: Ministerialists 55, Unionists 43

A GOVT. VICTORY SEEMS ASSURED BY SATURDAY'S POLLING IN BRITAIN

Best That Unionists Can Hope for Now, It Is Believed, Is Reduced Majority for Liberals—Unionists Gain Eighteen Seats But Government Majority Remains Large.

'ALL ENGLAND IS DECLARING HEAVILY AGAINST GOVT. BY PEERS': LLOYD-GEORGE

Birmingham As Before Goes Strongly for Tariff Reform—Sir Gilbert Parker, Canadian Novelist, Elected—Chancellor Lloyd-George Menaced by a Hostile Mob at Grimsby on Polling Day.

THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

CONTESTED ELECTIONS SATURDAY.

Liberals	27
Unionists	22
Labourites	6

GAINS.

Unionists	18
Liberals	3
Labourites	1

ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

Unionists	11
Nationalists	12
Liberals	1

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[Special Cable to The Toronto Daily Star and The London Advertiser, by Joseph T. Clark.]

London, Jan. 17.—Both parties are working today with redoubled energy, each feeling that victory is within reach.

Optimists on both sides are well pleased with Saturday's polling, but the fact is that the Liberals lost more seats than they expected, while the Unionists did not gain as many as they counted on.

At Opposition headquarters they say that a net gain of fifteen seats in one day is a fine beginning, but they must gain more rapidly to win, and expect larger gains today, when 104 members will be elected, thirty of them in London.

The Liberals say that as only five Irish seats were heard from on Saturday, and none in Scotland or Wales, the Unionists made no such gains the first day as they required.

The Times divides the candidates into two simple divisions—Ministerial 48, Opposition 43.

DIVISION IS CLEAR-CUT.

In this contest the division is clear cut. The Labourites and Nationalists are Ministerialists, but if the present rate of going is continued the Government would retain power dependent on the volunteered support of these minor wings of the party.

The Chronicle says that except for 1906, the Liberals have never stood so well for twenty years in the seventy-four seats heard from, and argues that Asquith will have a strong majority.

It seems to me the voting shows so many vagaries that a strong slump either way may set in today, with the chances favoring the Liberals.

JOSEPH T. CLARK.

SEVEN NATIONALISTS UNOPPOSED.

London, Jan. 17.—John F. Redmond, for Waterford City, and six other Irish Nationalists were returned unopposed today.

[Associated Press Dispatch.]

London, Jan. 15.—The first engagement in the fight for tariff reform, a great navy and the supremacy of the Lords, as against free trade, reform of the House of Lords, and home rule, ended tonight with neither party in a commanding position. The results of the polling today tend to confirm the forecast that the Liberals will retain control of the Government, but with a greatly reduced majority. The Unionists have gained an encouraging number of seats, although less than 20, which they expected to take away from the Liberals out of the 74 held for.

THE POPULAR VOTE.

The popular vote goes strongly against the Liberals. The members of that party, who hold seats, won today by majorities ranging from 50 to 60 per cent below their majorities in 1906, except in a few boroughs, where special conditions figured in the campaign. The popular votes polled by the Liberals for the 12 London seats, show a stronger hold on power than in the provinces. The majority of the London boroughs were labor districts. Of those the Unionists carried 5, 3 being captured from the Liberal column, but by small majorities.

UNIONIST GAINS.

Manchester and Birmingham gave heavy Unionist gains. Birmingham has been strongly Conservative, largely the result of Joseph Chamberlain's crusade for protection, and today the Unionists carried the city solidly by increased majorities. The majority of the London boroughs were labor districts. The Unionists increased their votes, for while the Liberals still have 5 of the 6 seats, the Liberals' majorities were decreased nearly 9,000.

A SWEEPING CHANGE.

The most sweeping change in London was in Fulham Borough, where the middle-class population went enthusiastically for tariff reform, giving W. Hayes Fisher, the Unionist candidate, a majority of 2,000. In this borough, in the last election, the seat went to the Liberal by 600. Devonport, where the big navy issue was predominant, wiped out the Liberal majority of 1,300, and returned two Unionists by 500, Sir J. Jackson, an Sir C. Kinloch Cooke.

NORMAN DEFEATED.

Sir Henry Norman, the Liberal journalist, recently appointed assistant postmaster-general, was defeated at Wolverhampton South, by a small majority. In order to retain his place in the cabinet, he will be nominated from another borough.

DURAND AND ASTOR LOSE.

Sir H. Mortimer Durand, the former ambassador to the United States, and Waldorf-Astor, who contested the two Plymouth seats as Unionists, were defeated, but cut down that city's Liberal majority from 2,387 in 1906 to 948.

Davidson Dalziel, a promoter, and at one time conspicuous in Wall street, running on the Unionist ticket, turned out J. H. Seavorns, a Liberal, from his seat for the Brinton division of Lambeth.

W. Joyson-Hicks, the Unionist, who defeated Winston Spencer Churchill in the Manchester by-election of 1908, by 429 votes, loses his seat to Sir G. Kent, Liberal, by 783.

The Right Hon. G. Wyndham, who will be governor-general of Canada if the Unionists take on the Government, carried his seat by a slightly-increased majority.

The Liberals took away a thousand votes from Sir Gilbert Parker in the Gravesend district, but he retains his seat as a Unionist.

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ZELAYA GOING TO EUROPE.

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—After having leased and taken possession of a house, with the announced intention of making his home here for several months at least, former President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, announced today that he would sail for Belgium as soon as he could make arrangements. This decision was said to be due to a receipt of a telegram from Mrs. Zelaya, now in Managua. She has decided to go direct to Mexico to live.

INCOMPLETE RETURNS OF TODAY'S VOTING

LATEST.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
London, Jan. 17.—The known elections to the new Parliament today, counting of the ballots not completed, are as follows:
Opposition—Unionists 44.
Ministerialists—Liberals 37, Irish Nationalists 13, Labor 6.

TODAY'S POLLING A RECORD ONE

Heavy Vote Brought Out in Second Day of English Election.

104 SEATS CONTESTED

John Burns Having a Hard Fight at Battersea—Unionists Seem to Have London.

[Associated Press Cable.]
London, Jan. 17.—Clear weather and a host of workers on either side, using thousands of motor cars and carriages to convey voters to the stations, gave promise of a record poll at today's elections for members of Parliament.

In doubtful districts the party organizers were reinforced by an army of canvassers, and few voters escaped. In all 104 seats were contested today. Of these 21 were London constituencies, and 23 provincial boroughs. Last year the Unionists held 36 of the 104, the Liberals 52, and the Labourites 16. The proportion for London alone was Unionists 17, Liberals 12, and Labourites 2.

Unionists Have London.
The city of London itself is quite safe for the Unionists, and A. J. Balfour and Sir F. G. Bannister doubtless will receive majorities even larger than they had at the last election.

There are a number of prominent members of the last House, however, whose seats are in danger. John Burns, president of the local government board, is having a hard fight against A. Shirley Benn, the Unionist candidate for Battersea and Clapham, Battersea division. In 1908 Burns had a majority of 1,500, but that was abnormal, his majority at the previous election having been only 254.

T. J. McNamara, Liberal candidate for Camberwell, north division; A. Honor, Unionist, for Camberwell, Dulwich division, and W. H. Long, Unionist, for the Strand, are quite secure.

The Liberals doubtless will lose Greenwich and other London districts. Among the provincial seats contested today are Blackburn, held at present by Philip Snowden, Labor, one of the leaders of the Labor party; Bristol, where A. Birrell and C. Hobhouse hold seats and in which districts both sides profess confidence in making a clean sweep; Hull, Leeds, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sheffield, York and Portsmouth, where the Unionists are depending upon Admiral Lord C. Beresford, their candidate, and their denunciation of the Liberal naval policy to reverse big Liberal majorities, returned at the last election; the candidacy of the Socialist nominee will assist them.

Two Welsh and four Scottish boroughs, all heretofore Liberal strongholds, will also vote today.

Consols Drop.
The stock exchange inclined to be disappointed that the Unionist gains of Saturday were not greater, and the dealings this morning caused the loss of some advances registered last week in anticipation of a Tory victory. Consols fell 5-16, while home rails and Kafirs were weaker on realization.

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SPANKING WAS TOO VIGOROUS THE FATHER OBJECTED TO IT

Alimony Case of McIntyre vs. McIntyre Being Heard at the Assizes—Some Evidence in Regard to How the Family Baby Was Handled by Wife's Sister.

The first case heard today at the opening session of the assizes held before Chief Justice Meredith was an action for alimony on the part of Louisa McIntyre against her husband, James McIntyre, of Lobo.

Mrs. McIntyre, on her examination, told of being struck by her husband on April 13 last, and of similar assaults dating back for 22 years. On several occasions he had caught her by the throat, leaving the marks of his fingers there. On another occasion he had struck her over the head with a club, and on another occasion had struck her with his fists. And also

he had been accustomed to use profane and filthy language toward her.

The other side.

Under cross-examination, Mr. Perrin brought out the fact that the wife had sworn out an information against her son and husband, the former for assault, and the latter for abusive language.

Mr. Perrin tried to establish the fact that the plaintiff had continually annoyed her husband by continuous complaint and loud language.

"Did you ever get \$350 for a horse and deposit it in your own name?" she was asked.

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NEW COUNCIL ARE CONSIDERING SCHEME TO CUT TAX RATE

Proposal to Make the People Bear the Whole Cost of Local Improvements Instead of One-Half, as Formerly—A Project to Clip the Wings of the Board of Education.

Municipal reforms are in the air. The finance committee have many proposals to submit shortly that will ameliorate conditions, they say.

The first question to be solved is that of the local improvement debt. This has been mounting very rapidly of late years, and is one reason, perhaps the most important, why the tax rate is so high.

It has been the custom for many years for the city to pay half the local improvement rates.

In 1906, the sum paid by the city was \$33,835.33; 1907, \$40,521.72; 1908, \$44,552.12.

The rate has not been made up for 1909 as yet, but it will be less than in 1908, perhaps in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

It will be readily seen by the above that the city, as a whole, has had to pay 1 mill to 2 mill a year for local improvements—rather a serious sum.

Tax for Entire Cost.

The proposal being considered at the present time is to make the property holder pay for the sidewalks and curbs and gutters. An amendment to the London bill will be asked, by which the city will be absolved from any share in the cost of these improvements.

This, it is expected, will effectually prevent any increase in the debt of the city.

The proposal was suggested to many about the city hall today, and while the opinion prevailed that the local improvement debt was increasing very rapidly each year, people did not consider it would be readily seen by the above.

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A PROBE INTO THE CITY HALL ALD. MORGAN MOVES FOR IT

Says the People Should Be Reassured and If Everything Is All Right an Investigation Will Do No Harm—Matter Will Come Up Tonight.

At the council meeting tonight Ald. Morgan will produce a motion calling for the appointment of a committee to go through the city hall and suggest improvements.

According to his view of the question there has been an agitation to have the city hall investigated, and he considers it due the citizens that the whole question be looked into, and a report submitted to the council.

The investigation.

"I do not expect to find things wrong there," said Ald. Morgan. "However, there has been a demand that something be done with respect to conditions prevailing there, and I am in favor of doing something. Let a committee be appointed, from the council, I think, and make them go through the city hall, and find out what conditions prevail there. If everything is found to be satisfactory, all well and good. The people will be satisfied. We must reassure them somehow, and I think the best way to do it is by naming a committee. They will soon learn."

System of Accounting.

"If the system of accounting is correct, we should know it. If some improvements are necessary, allow us to find out what is needed, and we will make the necessary changes."

"Something must be done, and I am going to start the ball rolling tonight."

Mr. Brodrick has heard nothing of the matter.

"So far as I know there is nothing in it," said Mr. Brodrick. "I have no anticipation of leaving London."

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FORMER LONDONER SHOTS WIFE AND TURNS REVOLVER ON SELF

Sad Tragedy in Buffalo in Which Walter Garner Figures.

WIFE WILL LIVE MAN MAY DIE

Garner Was a Former Barber in the Tecumseh House in This City.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Coming home Saturday afternoon after a week's debauch, Walter Garner, a barber, 32 years old, of 186 Morgan street, shot his wife, Maudie, 29 years old, twice, one of the bullets striking her left arm, and the other striking her in the right shoulder. Garner then turned the gun on himself and fired two shots, one missing, and the other penetrating his right temple. Mrs. Garner is not in a serious condition. Her wounds were not serious enough to necessitate her being taken to a hospital. Garner was taken to the Emergency Hospital in an unconscious condition.

Was On a Spree.

Garner and his wife lived with Mrs. Hiscott, mother of Mrs. Garner. According to stories told by Mrs. Hiscott, Mrs. Garner and her neighbors, Garner has been away from home on a spree since last Monday, when he was locked out of the home by Mrs. Garner, after he had abused her for three days.

Since Monday Garner has spent several times to get into the house, but was unsuccessful, because the doors were locked. The front door of the house was accidentally left unlocked today, and while Mrs. Garner was arranging a bed in a rear bedroom, she heard someone coming down the hall. As she looked up her husband appeared in the doorway of that room. He said to her: "I came in here to speak with you. Come here."

Temporarily Insane.

As Mrs. Garner went towards her husband he pulled a 22-calibre revolver from his coat-pocket, pointed it at his wife, and fired three shots, two of which struck her. The other went into the wall. She screamed and fell across the bed. As she fell Garner turned the gun toward himself and fired two shots, one missing, and the other penetrating his right temple. Mrs. Garner is not in a serious condition. Her wounds were not serious enough to necessitate her being taken to a hospital. Garner was taken to the Emergency Hospital in an unconscious condition.

Solomon Hiscott, father of Mrs. Garner, lives at 29 Gould street, Toronto. The parents of Garner live at 14 Cannon street, East Hamilton, Ont.

A Former Londoner.

Walter Garner, the former Londoner who attempted to kill his wife in Buffalo yesterday, and who afterwards indicted himself, was a barber in the Tecumseh House barber shop. He finished his trade there.

Garner's father conducted a second-hand shop and later conducted a large dry business. In 1892 the barns were burned out, and several horses were burned to death. The family then moved to Hamilton.

Went to Hamilton.

Young Garner then went to Hamilton, where he opened up a shop. He made frequent trips to London, and always called on Mr. Hiscott. The last visit he made was about five years ago. Since then he has not been heard from again. At that time he was still conducting a shop in Hamilton.

It is not known definitely when he left for Buffalo, but it is presumed that he went there about four years ago.

"I knew young Garner very well," said Mr. Hiscott to The Advertiser. "I did not hear of the tragedy until you told me, and I am very much surprised, and very sorry, I am sure."

Was a Barber.

"Young Garner learned his trade with me, coming to the shop when he was quite a young fellow. After he learned his trade he went away, going to Hamilton. He visited me occasionally after that. The last time he was here it was about five years ago, perhaps six. He was doing well at that time."

Home for Stage Men.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 17.—R. C. Numan, of Toronto, grand secretary of the Theatrical Mechanics Association, entered into an agreement whereby his order is to take about ten acres of the Fischer farm near Mount Clemens as a site for the society's proposed home. The land will cost about \$10,000. Geo. Howard leaves for New York Feb. 1 to work up a subscription.

New Bridge Wanted.

A petition will be circulated shortly asking the council to erect a bridge over the Thames, connecting South London with West London, on the Wharfcliffe. Mr. W. T. Mullins is the inflammable packing material taking an interest in the matter, and will assist in the circulation of the petition. It would prove of great benefit to the citizens generally, and Mr. Mullins. "We are all in favor of it over here."

Correct Names.

It is thought that Deane's correct name is Hildebrandt and that he was in Toronto and Hamilton recently.

The men spent Thursday night at the Hodgins House, but on Friday evening they were asked to pay up and leave, as the proprietor did not like their looks.

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