

LONDON, ONTARIO, TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1923.

FERGUSON SWEEPS ONTARIO WITH 79 SEATS

CONSERVATIVE VICTORY SWEEPS ALL ONTARIO
MAKING HOWARD FERGUSON THE NEW PREMIER
WITH NEARLY SIXTY SEATS OVER OPPOSITION

With Five Ridings To Hear From Ferguson Has 80 Seats With
Only 26 Against Him—Liberals Have 14
and U.F.O. Have 10.

HAY AND DRURY BOTH MEET WITH DEFEAT

The following standing of the parties in the legislature is unofficial, but is believed to be correct:

Conservatives	79
Liberals	14
U. F. O.	10
Independent	1

It was a landslide.

The Conservatives have swept the province of Ontario, and when the next legislature meets Hon. G. Howard Ferguson will be prime minister, leading a solid party of sufficient strength to overcome all opposition present or that may develop. Last accounts give the Conservatives a majority of 49 seats over all other parties.

No reasons can be offered for such a landslide, except that people wanted a change.

The overturn was sweeping. Even in the ridings where the government seemed to be most strongly entrenched at the last election, gigantic majorities then recorded were overturned, and the Conservative candidate returned by majorities so large as to leave no doubt of the mind of the people or the general desire for a change. The encroachments by the Conservatives were most noticeable in the ridings held by the U. F. O., although the Liberal members were, with few exceptions, also beaten.

Regret will be felt at the defeat of Wellington Hay, the Liberal leader, and of Premier Drury. The next house would have been stronger if both were included in its membership.

A notable but not unexpected victory was gained in Ottawa West by Harold Fisher, Liberal candidate. Mr. Fisher, who is already mentioned as the next Liberal leader in the province, had a very strong personal following in the west or exclusively English riding of Ottawa. He had been mayor of that city for four years, retiring in favor of Frank Plant, a London-born boy. Mr. Fisher is the law partner of Hon. Charles Murphy, postmaster-general, and is bound to be a force in the next house.

Only 14 U. F. O. Seats.

The defeat of the U. F. O. is particularly emphatic. They must muster but 14 seats in the next house, and with the exception of Hon. Manning Doherty and Hon. W. L. Raney, both of whom have been returned, are sadly lacking in debating strength. In fact, the Liberals are better equipped in this respect, Mr. Fisher being a keen debater and having with him a ready speaker as R. L. Brackin or West Kent, Teller of North Essex and Bragg of West Durham.

If the Conservatives have a weakness it is to be found in a plethora of debating talent and possible cabinet timber, and it is not difficult to see a merry scrap and many heart-burnings before the plums at the disposal of the new leader are disposed of.

What About the O. T. A.?

Possibly the question which will be most generally speculated upon today is the effect which Mr. Ferguson's victory will have upon the Ontario Temperance Act. Some of the men elected to support him were outspoken in their condemnation of the present measure, few actively supported it, and many, including the leader himself, adopted an attitude which leaves them free to do as they wish now that they are in power. As a whole, the party did not come out wholeheartedly in favor of a rigid enforcement of that measure, and those who exercised the hope that a Conservative victory might mean modification are today smiling broadly.

Toronto returned to its first loves. Every riding in or touching that city returned Conservative candidates with large majorities, while, with the exception of Ottawa, which sends two Liberals, the same may be said of every large city in the province. Hamilton deserting its Labor affiliations for a return to the Conservative candidates.

A singular feature of the election was the small success scored by the Labor candidates. Undoubtedly their affiliation with the Drury government operated against most of those who were previously in the House, but it was admittedly a distinct surprise even in the Conservative camp to see such strongly entrenched Labor stalwarts as Swayze of Niagara, Rollo

and Halcrow of Hamilton and Green-law of St. Catharines fall by the wayside.

Following are the returns by ridings, the name in brackets being the former member, and the others the successful candidate with those whom he defeated:

ADDINGTON (Black, Con.), Black, Con., defeated Haines, Lib. Maj. 700.

ALGOMA (Stover, Lib.), Wallace, Lib., defeated Robb, Con., and Higgins, U. F. O.

BRANT, NORTH (Nixon, U. F. O.), Patterson, Con., defeated Hon. H. C. Nixon, U. F. O. Maj. 75.

BRANT, SOUTH (McBride, Ind.), McBride, Ind., defeated Shepperson, Lib. Maj. 700.

BROCKVILLE (McAlpine, Lib.), Clark, Con., defeated McAlpine, Lib. Maj. 500.

BRUCE, NORTH (Fenton, U. F. O.), Brown, Con., defeated Halliday, Lib., and Fenton, U. F. O.

BRUCE, SOUTH (Rennie, Lib.), McCallum, U. F. O., defeated Rennie, Lib.

BRUCE, WEST (McWhinney, Lib.), McWhinney, Lib., defeated Johnston, U. F. O., and McIntyre, Con. Maj. 400.

CARLETON (Grant, U. F. O.), Acres, Con., defeated J. E. Cole, Lib., and Hon. R. H. Grant, Maj. 600.

COCHRANE (Lang, Lib.), Lang, Lib., defeated O'Neill, Con., Vanier, Lib., and Seymour, U. F. O.

DUFFERIN (Slack, U. F. O.), McKewen, Con., defeated Slack, U. F. O. Maj. 600.

DUNDAS (Casselman, U. F. O.), Sweet, Con., defeated Casselman, U. F. O. Maj. 600.

DURHAM, EAST (Staples, U. F. O.), Staples, U. F. O., defeated Staples, U. F. O. Maj. 600.

HALTON, EAST (Halcrow, Lib.), Carr, Con., defeated Treleven, Lib., and Halcrow, Lib. Ind. Maj. 375.

HALTON, WEST (Rollo, Lib.), Gardener, Con., defeated Hon. Walter Rollo, Lib., and McQueen, Lib. Maj. 2,600.

HASTINGS, EAST (Denyes, U. F. O.), Hill, Con., defeated Denyes, U. F. O. Maj. 500.

HASTINGS, NORTH (Cooke, Con.), Cooke, Con., defeated McCaffery, U. F. O. Maj. 1,500.

HASTINGS, WEST (Ireland, Con.), Ireland, Con., defeated O'Flynn, Lib. Maj. 300.

HURON, CENTER (Govenlock, Lib.), Wigle, Con., defeated Govenlock, Lib., and Somerville, U. F. O. Maj. 750.

HURON, NORTH (Joynt, Con.), Joynt, Ind. Con., defeated Cosens, Lib., Bricker, U. F. O. Maj. 550.

HURON, SOUTH (Hicks, U. F. O.), Levartha, Con., defeated McGregor, Lib., and Medd, U. F. O. Maj. 350.

KENORA (Hannan, Lib.) acclamation.

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KINGSTON (Nickie, Con.), Nickie, acclamation.

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LANARK, NORTH (McCrory, U. F. O.), Thompson, Con., defeated McCrory, U. F. O.

LANARK, SOUTH (Johnson, U. F. O.), Steadman, Con., defeated Johnson, U. F. O. Maj. 974.

LEEDS (Gray, Con.), Gray, Con., defeated Beatty, U. F. O.

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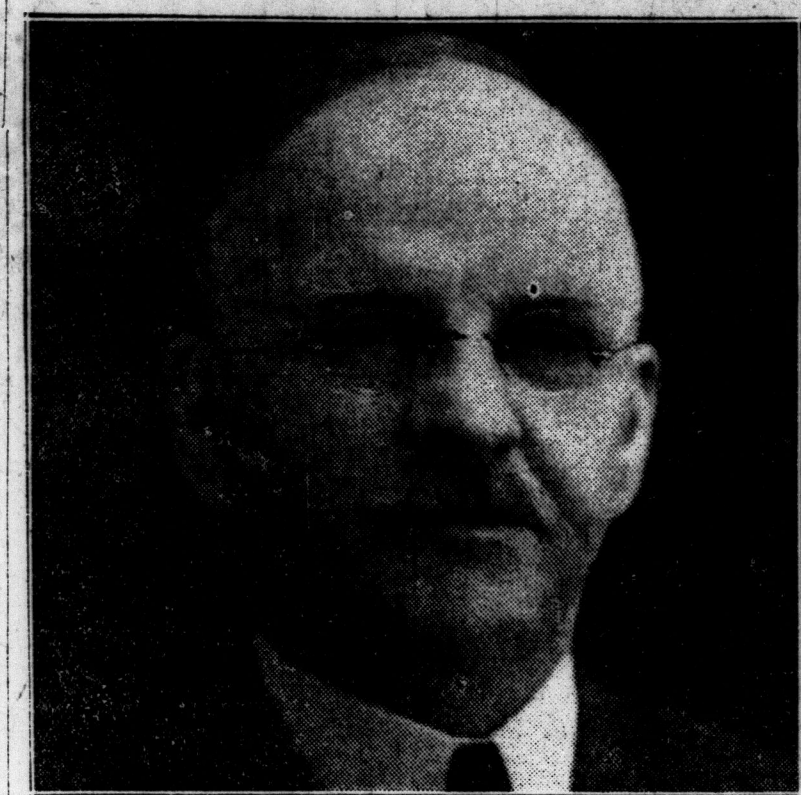
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Sangster, Lib., defeated Ross, U. F. O. Maj. 647.

GRENVILLE (Ferguson, Con.), Ferguson, Con., defeated Buchanan, U. F. O. Maj. 292.

GREY, CENTER (Carmichael, U. F. O.), Ego, Con., defeated Hon. D. Carmichael, Maj. 450.

GREY, NORTH (Taylor, U. F. O.), Taylor, U. F. O., defeated O'Flynn, Lib., and Bresse, Con. Maj. 72.

GREY, SOUTH (Leeson, U. F. O.), Jamieson, Con., defeated Leeson, U. F. O. Maj. 400.

HALDIMAND (Stringer, U. F. O.), Berry, Con., defeated Colter, Lib., and Stringer, U. F. O.

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How London Voted Beck

Railway poll	2	44	13.
	Armstrong	Beck.	Donahue.
WARD 1.			
Subdivision	1	7	37
"	2	10	70
"	3 and 4	7	45
"	5 and 6	7	66
"	7	21	94
"	8	7	105
"	9	11	91
"	10	23	98
"	11	7	89
"	12	16	121
"	13	47	156
"	14	37	150
"	15	35	131
"	16	35	101
"	17	57	144
"	18	20	144
"	19	28	85
"	20	58	138
"	21	36	177
"	22	38	151
"	23	41	179
"	24	30	87
"	25	31	76
WARD 2.			
"	26	7	54
"	27	11	44
"	28	5	59
"	29	15	53
"	30a	12	80
"	30b	7	68
"	31	26	143
"	32	43	161
"	33	27	118
"	34	17	160
"	35	31	166
"	36	31	147
"	37	16	142
"	38a	12	99
"	38b	4	57
"	39	9	130
"	40	10	104
"	41	7	102
WARD 3.			
"	42	23	110
"	43	41	171
"	44a	20	101
"	44b	12	81
"	45	21	120
"	46	19	116
"	47	11	87
"	48	14	113
"	49	14	113
"	50	19	134
"	51	19	134
"	52	12	104
"	53	8	73
"	54	19	176
"	55	13	143
"	56a	15	103
"	56b	2	59
"	57	8	94
"	58	7	141
"	59	18	134
"	60	12	93
"	61	15	126
WARD 4.			
"	66	35	117
"	67	29	89
"	68	32	138
"	69a	20	85
"	69b	30	85
"	70	22	103
"	71	15	108
"	72	24	158
"	73	18	84
"	74	16	122
"	75	41	176
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Totals	1,903	9,992	1,277