

SCOTT IS VICTOR IN SASKATCHEWAN; HAS FIFTEEN TO THE OPPOSITION'S NINE

Liberals Carry New Province, According to Latest Returns, and Will Have a Working Majority—Both Leaders Elected—Minister Calder Defeated at Regina South.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The latest information from Saskatchewan returns gives the Liberals 15, Conservatives 9, and one constituency in doubt. Mr. Scott will have a working majority. Of his ministers, Calder is defeated.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—Latest returns of the Saskatchewan election indicate the return of Premier Scott's administration by a small working majority.

The First Returns.

Regina, Dec. 13.—All the returns received so far from the constituencies indicate a remarkably close and strenuous battle for supremacy in the first Legislature of Saskatchewan between the Scott ministry and the Conservatives, led by Hon. F. W. Haultain. Owing to the vast territory involved, and the isolated sections remote from telegraphic connection, it will be impossible to secure a definite standing of the parties, tonight, but at 11:30 (central time) the Government are leading in thirteen constituencies out of twenty-four and have besides one seat, Humboldt, by acclamation, which is a fair criterion of the interesting struggle. The returns are coming in very slowly.

All Ministers Returned.

The Liberals are sanguine, and at present expect to carry sixteen seats, which will give Mr. Scott a working majority of seven.

Hon. J. H. Lamont has carried Prince Albert in the face of heavy odds in a three-sided contest after a great fight, by a majority of eight.

An idea of the trouble in collecting the returns may be obtained from the fact that some of the outlying constituencies have anywhere from 42 to 50 polls, and the majority of these have to

be reached by driving. This it is that makes a forecast impossible, as early majorities may easily be shattered by the final returns on either side.

In Cammington the Opposition candidate early in the evening piled up a majority of 400 and looked like a sure winner. However, the rural polls gradually wore this down as they came in, and, remarkable as it may seem, Stewart, the Liberal, leads at present, and his friends claim his election is assured. The same applies to Mooseomin, where at present Ellis (Opposition) leads by 65, but the Liberals are confident that Smith will carry the seat.

The Protested Votes.

A feature of the election in the more closely contested seats is the very large number of protested votes. The voting is governed by the same conditions as in the old territories, there being no regular list, but every voter may swear to his qualifications. If challenged, his vote is sealed in an envelope and laid by, to be considered at a scrutiny afterwards, and the challenged voter must prove his right to vote before a magistrate or his ballot is not counted.

In Regina city, Laird (Opposition) is returned by 19 majority, the vote standing: Laird, 428; Bole, 409. There are 160 contested ballots. In Moose-jaw city, Wellington (Conservative) has 52 majority, the vote standing 378 to 326 in his favor, with 238 contested ballots. In Prince Albert, Attorney-General Lamont's majority is 8, with 168 contested ballots. There elections will, no doubt, be decided by the courts, when the contested ballots are finally scrutinized. One of the surprises of the campaign is the election of Dr. Shadd in Kinistino, where Sanderson was believed to be invincible. Shadd is probably the first negro to obtain a seat in a Canadian Legislature.

Liberals Elected.

Cannington—J. D. Stewart, 173 majority.
Battleford—A. Champagne.
Batoche—W. G. Grant, 254 majority.
Humboldt—D. Neeley (acclamation).
Lumsden—Hon. Walter Scott, 140 majority.

York Loan Shareholders to Hold a Mass Meeting

Local Depositors Will Meet in City Hall Saturday Night to Outline a Plan of Action.

A number of the shareholders of the York County Loan met in the office of Mr. T. H. Luscombe, barrister, last night, and after considering the matter carefully, decided to hold a mass meeting in the city hall on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The shareholders present appeared to be very much worried over the turn of affairs. Many of them were women, who can ill-afford to lose their small savings. Mr. J. A. Dickinson was appointed chairman of the meeting and Col. W. R. Colby was made secretary. An executive committee composed of Messrs. Wilson, Mullins and Sutherland, was named to look after the arrangements for the meeting in the city hall, and also for the collecting of the funds necessary to commence proceedings if thought necessary.

The committee urges all shareholders to be present, and if it is impossible to attend the meeting to have representatives there.

It is understood that Messrs. Flock & Flock, barristers, have a large number of briefs from York County shareholders and they are awaiting the action of the meeting on Saturday night before issuing writs.

If Government Investigates.

If the Government orders an investigation, it is probable that the issuing of writs against the company will come to a stop, for a while at least, and many local shareholders are disposed to await the Government's action before going further in the matter.

If the people bring actions themselves they will be compelled to supply funds, whereas if the Government take a hand in the inquiry, the public treasury will be called upon to foot the bill. Naturally the shareholders prefer to wait and see what the Government will do.

About Continuing Payments.

Shareholders who are paying on installment stock in the company have been anxiously inquiring whether they had better continue their weekly payments or cease contributing until the final destiny of the company has been determined. A reporter called on Mr. Alfred Briggs, in Toronto, who has been acting for a large group of shareholders, and propounded the question to him. Mr. Briggs was averse to giving a decided opinion, but stated that unless shareholders paid their subscriptions in full to the date of the meeting in January, when the proposed merger will come up, they could not by the bylaws of the company vote at the meeting. The statute providing for this contingency states that so long as the shareholders have not fallen more than six months in arrears they may be present and vote. It seems that every shareholder not more than five weeks behind in their payments may apply for a suspension under the rules of the company.

Many have also inquired whether in case the present winding-up proceedings are successful, those who have subscribed for a \$50 share and only paid a few dollars into the company will be forced to pay up the total amount of their stock, and then take up a pro rata share of the proceeds available. Such is not the case, as by section 11, R. S. O., chapter 205, it is provided that upon a loan company of this variety being wound up, subscribers for installment stock shall only be compelled to pay those calls which are

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Moose Jaw (District)—John Sheppard, 100 majority.

Prince Albert (City)—Hon. J. H. Lamont, 8 majority.

Qu'Appelle (North)—Hon. W. R. Motherwell.

Redberry—George Langley.

Rosthern—George Ens, 185 majority.

Saltcoats—Thomas McNutt, 50 majority.

Saskatoon—W. C. Sutherland, 19 majority.

Yorkton—A. Garry, 100 majority.

Kinistino—Sanderson.

Prince Albert—Tyreman.

Conservatives.

Greenfell—Dr. Argue, 100 majority.

Maple Creek—D. J. Wiley, 30 majority.

Moose Jaw (City)—J. H. Wellington, 52 majority.

Mooseomin—Dr. D. Ellis, 141 majority.

Qu'Appelle (South)—Hon. F. W. G. Haultain, 70 majority.

Regina (City)—H. W. Laird, 16 majority.

Souris—J. T. Brown, 360 majority.

Whitewood—A. B. Gillis, 180 majority.

Wolseley—Dr. W. Elliott, 140 majority.

Regina (South)—G. B. Hawkes.

Nothing Crooked About York Loan

President Phillips Declares the Assets Are All There and Courts an Investigation.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Mr. Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan Company, said yesterday that when the company was buying its property in the High Park district it was found that some of the owners could be better dealt with if the company did not appear directly in the transaction. The York Realty Company in such cases took the conveyance instead of the York Loan. The property standing in the name of the City Realty is, therefore, an asset of the York Loan.

"There has been no property sold under price or made away with," he continued, "nor anything done against the interests of the shareholders. Everything has been done to protect the interests of the company, and the idea that there has been anything crooked is utterly baseless. If the directors have not done their duty or have made away with any property they are all there to be dealt with." Mr. Phillips stated that no officer of the company ever received anything for his connection with the Realty Company. He explained that he had refrained from publishing a statement of the assets and liabilities of the company by the direct advice of their counsel. The fullest information would be given the shareholders at their meeting, to enable them to judge of the advisability of the proposed merger.

"I can only repeat that there is no good ground for the excitement created. I believe, in the interests of those whose ends would be served by defeating the proposed agreement. The fees and expenses to be made out of a winding-up sufficiently account for the activity of lawyers and would-be receivers, and perhaps the idea that there may be bargains going in real estate if the company's property could be brought to the hammer has something to do with the agitation."

"I do not believe the shareholders can be stampeded into refusing to consider what the management has called them together to consider. If the valuation after the meeting shows a loss of assets, which I am confident on a fair valuation it will not, it will still be open to the shareholders or the public to demand an investigation. But the talk of investigation now seems to me to be another method of preventing the shareholders from considering the agreement. Some who advocate investigation say it is to prevent a winding-up, but I think it is really to cover the other design. Of course, we court an investigation, but we do not want it to interfere with holding the meeting."

Cattle Thief Sentenced.

Chatham, Dec. 13.—Herbert Miller, charged with stealing cattle in this vicinity, came before Judge Dowlin in the county court today, and on the jury bringing in a verdict of guilty was sentenced to seven years in Kingston Penitentiary.



EX-PREMIER HAULTAIN,
Leader of Saskatchewan Conservatives

RUSS LANDLORDS FIGHT FOR LIFE

Threaten to Organize Army to Crush Peasants.

BLOODY NEWS FROM LIVONIA

Wires From Petersburg Being Cut as Fast as Put Into Service—Situation Remains Serious.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Via Eydtkuhnen, Dec. 14.—The Government is making little headway in crushing the telegraph strike. The wires of the few lines over which service had been temporarily restored, are constantly cut, and not a single wire is working out of St. Petersburg today.

News comes from the Baltic provinces today to the effect that many of the German landlords who have not been establishing a network of small forts, and are standing a regular siege. There has been much killing and burning. Inhabitants of the Baltic provinces who are now residing in St. Petersburg were immensely gratified at the publication yesterday of the imperial ukase, promising local self-government, which, they say, means the abandonment of the Russification policy begun in 1867 to destroy the unity of the old provinces of Lithuania.

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JOHN MITCHELL'S MEN MEET

Great Anthracite Miners' Convention Opens at Shamokin.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14.—The anthracite coal miners' convention began its sessions here today. About seven hundred delegates were present, John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, called the convention to order. The miners' leaders plan to convene the convention to request a conference of the operators. This will be made in the form of a resolution, and the following demands, it is said, will be made if the conference is granted.

A party agreement, better known as recognition of the union.

An eight-hour work-day.

An increase in pay to all classes of employees of at least 10 per cent, and possibly 20 per cent, based on the wages in effect April 1, 1902.

Montreal Brokers Assign.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—The banking and brokerage firm of Meredith & MacLaren today had a demand for assignment made against them by J. A. McFarlane, barrister, of Ottawa.

Henry MacLaren, one of the firm, afterwards consented to assign. He estimated the liabilities at \$94,000 and assets at \$42,000, and office furniture.

The firm dealt in New York stocks.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cloudy and Fine.

London, Thursday, Dec. 14.
Sun rises, 7:43 a.m. Moon rises, 7:25 p.m.
Sun sets, 4:42 p.m. Moon sets, 3:35 a.m.

Toronto, Dec. 13-8 p.m.
Light sleet and rain have fallen today in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fair.

General indications now point to somewhat higher temperature in the Northwest Provinces, and lower in Ontario and Quebec.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 42-48; Kamloops, 32-36; Calgary, 16-46; Qu'Appelle, zero-22; Winnipeg, 16 below-10; Port Arthur, 10 below-2; Parry Sound, 14-22; Toronto, 32-32; Ottawa, 12-26; Montreal, 10-30; Quebec, 12-30; St. John, 23-42; Halifax, 14-38.

FORECASTS.

Thursday, Dec. 14-8 a.m.
Today—North and east winds; fair and cold.

Friday—Easterly winds; cloudy and fine.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 24 22 Fair
Winnipeg 8 20 Fair
Toronto 13 10 Fair
Ottawa 2 8 Fair
Montreal 14 14 Fair
Quebec 10 10 Fair
Father Point 18 20 Fair

The weather is now fairly cold in Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, while further west it is comparatively mild. From present indications it is probable that the Gulf of Mexico disturbance will move up the Atlantic coast.

S. P. found them a wme mbr of LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 34.5°; lowest, 26.5° above.



PREMIER SCOTT,
of Saskatchewan, Where Elections Were Held Wednesday.

MILITIA OFFICER REMOVED

Lieut.-Col. Boulanger Punished for a Serious Irregularity.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Lieut.-Col. Boulanger's name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia. This announcement in yesterday's militia orders in regard to a very popular officer in charge of the ordnance store corps at Quebec caused a very painful feeling at headquarters. The irregularity for which Lieut.-Col. Boulanger is punished did credit to his heart, but not to his judgment. Considering his men insufficiently paid, he had them placed on the pay rolls of other corps at camp, so that they drew more pay than they were entitled to. Some, in fact, were paid sums equivalent to the pay of three men. The one redeeming feature about the business is that none of this money went to Lieut.-Col. Boulanger, nor did he personally benefit to a great extent of one cent.

Lieut.-Col. Boulanger, Seventeenth Regiment, Lewis, succeeds Lieut.-Col. Boulanger in charge of the ordnance store department at Quebec. Major Talbot, M. P., will be gazetted commandant of the Seventeenth Regiment, vice Morin.

UNCLE SAM'S ARMY A POOR AFFAIR

An Expert Says Providence Alone Has Kept the American Nation Safe.

New York, Dec. 14.—Praising the military organization under a monarch as a model system, and holding up to sharp criticism the American army and its democratic methods, Lieut.-Col. James S. Pettit, Eighteenth United States Infantry, delivered a radical and startling address yesterday before the Military Service Institution of the United States on Governor's Island, says the Press.

He said the United States military policy was so bad that the safety of the country is due solely to the watchful care of Providence. He made many sarcastic comments on the army, analyzed the system, pointing out the various spots and proposing a larger standing army, with a reserve of well-trained militia and men who have formerly served in the regular army. His ideas were received with applause by major-generals and other officers of high standing in the army.

That a man who is still an active officer of the army should be permitted to make such severe comments on the discipline and system of which he is a part, was discussed widely after his speech.

ORTE'S DEMANDS ACCEPTED

Military Expenses To Be Included in Administrative Expenses.

Constantinople, Dec. 14.—The Porte's latest demands, the inclusion of the military expenses for Macedonia in the administrative expenses, and that the financial counselors appointed by the powers shall appeal to the Turkish authorities, did not to the ambassadors of the powers.

The news agency says that the ambassadors will accept these propositions, thereby closing the negotiations and the dispute.

BIG BROOKLYN FIRE

Large Business Building Destroyed at a Loss of \$250,000.

New York, Dec. 14.—The four-story stone building at the corner of Fulton street and Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, owned by State Senator Charles Cooper, and occupied by business firms, was gutted by a fire that broke out shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. The flames, the origin of which was not determined, started within the building, and made such rapid progress that the building was consumed almost before the firemen could get to work.

The loss, it is thought, will amount to \$250,000.

The ground floor contained \$50,000 worth of oil paintings, the property of Senator Cooper, the loss on which will be total.

China Is Nervous.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—At 11:30 a.m.—The tardiness in the conclusion of the negotiations at Peking between the representatives of the Governments of Japan and China is causing uneasiness here among the Chinese residents.

It is feared that Baron Komura, who represents Japan, has made some proposition, which is viewed in the light of another humiliation by China.

Accident to "Denny" Regan at the Grand Trunk Depot

Railway Officer Run Over by Gravel Train and Probably Fatally Injured

Dennis P. Regan, who for years has been night policeman at the Grand Trunk station, was struck by one of the work trains at 12:45 this afternoon and received injuries from which his physician says that there is practically no hope of recovery.

"Denny," as the unfortunate man is known by his friends, had crossed Nos. 1 and 2 tracks and was about to receive a slip of paper which the conductor of each through freight is obliged to hand in at every telegraph station. The freight was moving on track No. 3, and a gravel train was backing up in the same direction on track No. 2. The latter was going slowly to allow the freight to go ahead. Regan evidently did not see the gravel train, and it struck and carried him for fully 50 feet. The train came to a standstill and the victim of the accident was pulled out from under it.

The sight was a most pitiable one. One leg had been severed, only a few

shreds of flesh connecting it with the body, and one arm was injured so badly that it will have to be amputated. Regan also received several severe bruises on the face.

Medical aid was at once summoned, and Dr. Drake, who was quickly upon the scene, attended the injured officer. So serious was Regan's condition that the last rites of the church were administered. Regan was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital in the ambulance.

"Denny" Regan has been with the G. T. R. for upwards of 25 years, and a more careful employee is not on the staff of the railway. He was liked by every employee. Regan was on duty in the absence of Constable Logan, who received an injury to his leg a short time ago.

"I would not be so much surprised were it anyone else," said one of the station men shortly after the accident, "but 'Denny,' in all the time that he was here, was the most careful man we ever had. I can't understand how it was possible that he got caught at last."

A spectator said that he saw no one on the back of the gravel train.

Constable Regan lived with his brother, Mr. Wm. Regan, and his sister, Miss Julia, at 245 William street.

ENGINEER SAYS SCHEME WILL SAVE MONEY FOR THE CITY

Favors a Trial of Ald. Gillean's Plan for Street Watering —Is Disgusted.

At last night's meeting of No. 3 committee, Chairman Matthews distinguished himself by pooh-poohing Ald. Gillean's scheme for the watering of the city streets by civic employees and teams and by the street railway, instead of by the present unsatisfactory contract system.

Ald. Matthews made things so unpleasant for Ald. Gillean that the latter was compelled to lay over the reports he had secured on the subject from Detroit, Toronto and Hamilton.

In the afternoon Ald. Gillean and Matthews met Manager King of the street railway, in City Engineer Graydon's office. Mr. King expressed a willingness to do the work if the city would give the company a ten-year contract, as a special can would have to be purchased for the purpose, and the company does not feel like spending several thousand dollars on a one-year's contract.

Mr. King first suggested that it would cost the city \$180 a mile to have the streets watered every day, three times a day, for seven months in the year. As the company traversed ten miles of streets, this would mean that the company would be paid about \$1,800 annually for street watering. City

Engineer Graydon explained, however, that there are only 282 days in seven months, and the city only waters the streets now 110 days during the season, and Mr. King then said that he thought the work could be done for \$150 a mile.

Engineer Favors Scheme.

"It is a scheme which should be tried, and which cannot fail to be successful," Mr. Graydon said to The Advertiser today. "If it is not adopted now it will be a big loss to the citizens."

The engineer then expressed himself in plain terms in regard to the action of No. 3 committee re remitting fines imposed on the street watering contractors.

"What good are the inspectors to the city?" Mr. Graydon asked. "The use of fining these men at all? They come into my office and laugh at me when they are fined, and they tell me to my face they will go to the aldermen and get the money back. They defy the city and the citizens and the aldermen back them up. I'm sick of such business."

When the contractors came before the committee, it was plainly to be seen that Ald. Matthews wanted to square himself.

"It's Christmas-time," he said. "We may, I think, remit the fines."

But he didn't think of the citizens who have been suffering all summer, and who are taxed so much a foot for street watering.

PEABODY HEADS MUTUAL

Standard Oil Man Is President of Big Insurance Company.

New York, Dec. 13.—Of the nine insurance companies investigated, seven paid "yellow dog" money to Andrew Hamilton, who is in Paris, "for his health."

The companies which have admitted carrying Judge "Andy" on their payrolls are: Equitable Life, Mutual Life, New York Life, Mutual Reserve, Provident Savings, Metropolitan Life, Prudential Life.

Andy is only one of the rats driven into exile and oblivion.

George Perkins, Morgan's right-hand man, has got out of the New York Life, his evidence before the commission not tending to strengthen his hold on public confidence.

An important move in the insurance situation today was the election by the trustees of the Mutual Life Insurance Company today of Chas. A. Peabody, to succeed Richard A. McCurdy, as president of that company.

At \$50,000 a year, Mr. McCurdy's salary was \$150,000. Mr. Peabody is a lawyer, and the American representative of William Waldorf Astor.

This puts the Mutual Life into the hands of the Standard Oil Company.

Just before adjournment today, Haley Flake, vice-president of the Metropolitan Company, told of an incident in which that company commissioned William A. Read to buy 3,333 shares of railway stock for the company.

Police Arrest a Young Man as He Is About to Leave the City.

Raymond Leslie Foreman, a young man of good appearance, was charged in the police court this morning with stealing an overcoat and a suit of clothes from Norman Ryckman. Foreman was about to leave the city for Montreal when the detectives arrested him. The suit of clothes was found in the young fellow's room.

Foreman was not ready for his trial. He elected to be tried by the magistrate summarily, and was remanded till Monday next to give him an opportunity to prepare his defense. The goods alleged to have been stolen were valued at about \$28.

Mary Brooks was fined \$2 for being drunk the other night. She wears a black eye to remind her of her spree.

Not Likely to Raise Ships.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The raising of the sunken British gunboats at the mouth of the Grand River and in the River Thames at Chatham is not likely to be undertaken, because of the great cost of recovering the historic relics. The matter rests almost altogether with the imperial authorities. Chatham offered to contribute \$500 towards the effort, but the sum required would be so vastly in excess of this that the archaeological department of the Ontario Government is not disposed to go to the expense.

Owen Sound, Dec. 13.—A story of a pitiable incident, showing diabolical neglect by fellow comrades, comes from the woods. Two young Englishmen, lately arrived in this country, found employment in a lumbering camp at Beaverstone, a point on the north shore of Georgian Bay. Together with a party of "lumber jacks," they were making their way to Killarney, a point twenty miles distant, about two weeks ago. The temperature was 6 degrees below zero, and the wind was cold and blasting.

After traveling heavily laden with their luggage, quite a distance through the woods, the two Englishmen became fatigued and steadily dropped behind. Their comrades took their luggage and went on, leaving the two to find their own way, and to the mercy of the winds

and cold. The next day, without anything to eat or drink, the two started again on their weary trip. Finally one could go no farther, and he lay down in the snow. His chum hastened as best he could, arriving at Collins' Inlet that night, with one hand badly frozen. He found his other mate there engaged in rifling the luggage of his chum. He then spread the news of his comrade's state.

Parties were at once organized and started out in search of the lost one. They hunted for two days through the woods, but could find no trace of him. He was finally picked up on the side of a small logging road by a foreman of Killarney, and taken into town. For four days and four nights he had been without food. His feet were so badly frozen that he may lose both. Both boys were taken to the hospital in Owen Sound.