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Conservatives Made Sweeping
Gains in Every Division
of North Renfrew.

| Division | Conservative | Liberal |
|--------------|--------------|---------|
| Pembroke | 15 | 10 |
| Cobden | 15 | 10 |
| Algonquin | 15 | 10 |
| Alton | 15 | 10 |
| Bromley | 107 | 60 |
| Peterborough | 17 | 10 |
| Port Hope | 23 | 10 |
| Stouffville | 10 | 10 |
| Westminster | 10 | 10 |
| Whitby | 10 | 10 |
| Totals | 152 | 60 |

Setting aside the personal popularity of Ned Dunlop, the failure of Lorne Hale to stir the Liberals in the masterly organization of Robert Birmingham and the discredited presence of the Liberal machine, the result is a popular rebuke to the Hon. Mr. Stratton and the Ross government, and an indication that the great jury of the people believe Gamey's charges in spite of the judgment of two judges. Gamey was a force in the riding from the moment he appeared at Beaufort. At every polling sub-division where he spoke, courtiers report that voters publicly announced that they voted believing that what Gamey said was true. Dr. McLean of Cobden, a Liberal member and friend of A. G. Mackay, M.L.A., refused to vote after hearing Gamey's speech. The deputy returning officer at Forestburg Falls, a Liberal, voted for Dunlop and rejected a fair Liberal ballot as a result of Gamey's campaign.

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Death Blow to Machine.
The result is looked on as a death blow to the machine. There is a well-defined suspicion that the Liberal campaign fund, which has been estimated at about \$50,000, did not all trickle thru the fingers of the machine before the election. It is believed a great deal of the fund went into the pockets of those with whom it was entrusted and into the pockets of the heads of the machine. Sutherland, Vance and Marshall, got out of the riding immediately after the election. There was a rebuke to Mr. Stratton when Gamey's influence might have been checked. A week before the election a prominent Liberal wrote to the government predicting that if Hon. Mr. Stratton did not accept Gamey's challenge and meet him on the platform, the riding would be lost. Mr. Stratton did not do this.

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A SEVERE BLOW.

Dr. Goldwin Smith does not believe the government can survive the blow administered by the North Renfrew defeat. To the World last night Prof. Smith gave this crisp estimate of the situation: "I presume generally this is regarded as a severe blow to the government, or, I should perhaps say the machine. I have no feeling toward the government. They have now only a majority of three. This is not enough to carry on the government. It would expose them to the control of any two unscrupulous members. This majority is not sufficient to guard against sinister influences. It has been my conviction that the government should have met the legislature after the last general election, and have settled how the government was to be carried on. It certainly would have been done in England, and should have been done here.

Wreck on Pere Marquette

22 Killed; Many Injured

Collision Caused by Wind Blowing Out Signal Lamp Where One Should Have Stopped.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 27.—Twenty-two persons are dead and 28 injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early Saturday night of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette Railroad, one half mile west of East Paris.

The collision was caused, according to a statement by the officials of the road, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCord's, where the westbound train should have stopped and received orders to pass the east-bound train at Fox.

The death toll includes: Mrs. I. J. Baldwin, Mulliken, Mich.; Louis Baldwin, his son, Mulliken, Mich.; Lester Williams, Lansing, Mich.; Mrs. Daisy Giles, Lowell, Mich.; Burt Myers, Grandville or Lake Odessa, Mich.; Walter Jordan, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Joseph Hall, colored, Windsor, Ont.; Austin L. Wagner, Detroit, Mich.; Charles A. Stodard, Detroit, Mich.; George A. Stodard, Detroit, Mich.; William Heinrich, Detroit, Mich.; F. M. Gillet, Burr Oak, or Portland, Mich.; Allen H. Wells, Big Rapids, Mich.; Frank Burns, Detroit, Mich.; John W. Peters, Wiering, Grand Rapids, Mich.; George Palmer, Detroit, Mich.; American Express agent on No. 6, William Smith, Saranac, Mich.; four unidentified men.

The seriously injured include: Gerritt Motman, Grand Rapids, Internat. Injuries; Charles West, Saranac, Mich., probably fatally injured; John W. Clark, Detroit, Mich.; Michael Malburg, Hart, Mich.; Frank Waterman, Detroit, Mich.; five Internat. Injuries; George N. Grand Rapids, conductor train No. 5; R. E. Gay, Detroit, brakeman, leg injured; H. M. Moon, Grand Rapids, conductor train No. 5; Mrs. H. Kent, Grand Rapids, Internat. Injuries; H. C. Branch, Sunfield, Mich.; George Crammon, Grand Rapids; Timothy Quilty, Grand Rapids.

News from North Renfrew Was Sad Blow to Queen's Perk People.

That the news from North Renfrew was a sad blow to the government and its supporters, no one can for a moment doubt. Mr. Ross was very anxious during the day, and the wires were hot between the Parliament Buildings and the result with unmitigated satisfaction. Premier Ross has not yet made up his mind what he is going to say about what happened in North Renfrew Saturday night. Saturday night "The World" gave an interview with him, but he would not be seen. On Saturday night he was asked if he had anything to say about the result of the election. He said, "I will not say anything to-day. I have not had all the returns yet. What is the latest you have heard?"

It is considered to-day that about 400 majority is a safe estimate. "I thought it was more than that. But I do not wish to say anything till tomorrow. I have not said a word since to the Globe, and I will pursue the same course with all. I wish to see my friends and colleagues from the country tomorrow before I have anything to say for publication."

LOST.



SEARCHING PARTY: Their initials look awful like Lorne Hale's.

Boiler Explodes at Wolseley Barracks

Casualty List: One Dead; Five Injured

Men Hurl'd in All Directions and Lungs Filled With Scalding Steam.
Private James Burnett.
DEAD.
Private James Burnett.
INJURED.
I.M.S. Bernard Dunlevy.
Corp Thomas Sandy.
Private Walter Worsack.
Private Thomas Worsack.
Herbert Tuit.

London, Dec. 27.—(Special).—With a report that shook the building in every quarter, one of the big boilers used in connection with the hot-water heating system of Wolseley Barracks exploded between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday morning, killing one man, probably fatally injuring another and seriously injuring four others, all soldiers at the barracks. The soldier who lost his life was Private James Burnett, and the injured are Quartermaster-Sergeant Bernard Dunlevy, Corporal Thomas Sandy and Privates Walter and Thomas Worsack and Herbert Tuit.

Boilers Gave Warning.
All day Saturday the boilers had been giving the alarm in a little amount of trouble. There was a foaming and turbulent action which caused uneasiness, and about 8 o'clock in the evening Col. Young was notified. The colonel personally inspected the boilers, and a broken elbow was found on a feed pipe, which it was thought was to blame. A plumber, Wm. Greene of East London, was sent for, the barracks plumber for some reason or other not being called. Greene put on a new elbow, but made no inspection of the boiler, not having been instructed to do so, he says. The foaming ceased when the repairs were made until about midnight, when the boilers again began to act queerly. The two firemen, Privates Walter and Thomas Worsack, again reported the matter to Corporal Dunlevy, who in turn reported to Quartermaster-Sergeant Dunlevy. The two officers and the two privates then made a thorough inspection of the boilers, but in the meantime the foaming had ceased. The four men then turned to leave the boiler room, but a little in the next year, and remarking: "It looks as if everything is all right now." The words had scarcely left his lips before the east boiler exploded. The men who were not over six paces away, were hurled in all directions. Burnett was thrown into the coal bunk in the next room, the other three being knocked down or blown into the hallway which leads to the boiler room.

British Steamer Burned.
Captain and Crew Reached Porto Rico Completely Exhausted.
San Juan, P.R., Dec. 27.—The British steamer Lady Jolez, Capt. Smith, bound from Chilean ports to San Juan, Ga., Wilmington, N.C., and New York City, with a full cargo of nitrate of soda, took fire, and sank 70 miles south of Porto Rico last Wednesday. The fire was caused by an explosion in the cargo, and the vessel went down within two and a half hours.

Hurled From Their Cots.
In the room next to the boiler room Sandy, who is the cook, and Tuit, the fireman, were hurled from their cots.

PROF. SPARLING OF U.C. IS DEAD

Prominent Toronto Educational Ex-press Suddenly in Montreal.
Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special).—Prof. George B. Sparling, mathematical master of Upper Canada College, Toronto, who arrived in the city Thursday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Fred J. Shaw of Arlington avenue, passed away very suddenly on Saturday afternoon.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.
Toronto Ministerial Association, Y. M. C. A., 10.30 a.m.
Hotel Liberal Club, O'Neill's Hall, 8 p.m.
Hiverson Old Boys, Chas. Webb's, 7.30.
Ridley College Old Boys, McConkey's, 8 p.m.
Kenilworth Club Old Boys, King Edward's, 8 p.m.
Ward's Conservatives' smoker, Brockton Hall, 8 p.m.
Christmas tree at Children's Shelter, 8 p.m.
Theatres—See public announcements.

R. R. WREATHED IN SMILES SATISFIED WITH VERDICT

Gamey Made an Issue by Government and Result Discredited Stratton.

R. R. Gamey smiles a mighty smile these days. He has just returned to Toronto from the scene of battle in the north. He is satisfied now for the second time since the court refused to sustain his story of the government's tactics. He declares the appeal to the people has satisfied him. Since Mr. Ross and Mr. Stratton saw fit to attack him personally, and with great bitterness, Mr. Gamey thinks the government cannot now claim that a direct appeal was not being made to the people to sustain Mr. Stratton's version of the bribery scandal. This is the substance of Mr. Gamey's remarks to The World last night:

"I consider this a vote of want of confidence in the government by the people," he observed with a smile. "The Premier was particularly bitter toward me, and Mr. Stratton's activity in the riding places him certainly in a position of a discredited person."

"This result should convince any one how the people regard me. To me, of course, it is a personal triumph as well as a district victory. This is an answer to Commissioners Boyd and Falconbridge if any answer was needed more than was given in Muskoka. It was splendidly received by the people. Attention is especially called to the fact that the government circulated thousands of specially prepared copies of the Gamey charges and the trial results all over the North Renfrew riding. In addition, there were thousands of pamphlets containing extracts from Mr. Stratton's speech in reply to the charge were circulated there. This is the best evidence of the real issue that the government sought to provoke with such dismal results.

"The Liberal candidate was the best one, I think, the Liberals could have selected. The Liberal officeholders and machine did their best, but the people in the riding seem sick and tired of the bunch. At Ottawa for a few hours I was very kindly received by many citizens.

Where Votes Were Changed.
"But of greatest importance was the fact that the government was on trial as to its character, and scores of Liberals came to me and assured me in the presence of many that they would no longer support such a corrupt campaign."

NEW YEAR'S VERY COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 27.—(8 p.m.)—Temperatures have been below zero to-day in Eastern Manitoba, the Lake Superior District, Eastern Ontario and Quebec, whilst in the Northwest Territories unseasonably mild weather has prevailed. In the lower lake region it has been somewhat milder, with light snowfalls and fogs having occurred from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Many Strangers in Town.
Perhaps Toronto never had so many holiday visitors as this Christmas. The stores are a never-ending source of interest. The fur showrooms of the Fairweather store at 84-86 Yonge street, with its unique display of furs and fur garments, are one of the most attractive of the shopping sights.

ROSS WILL CALL LEGISLATURE TO FORESTALL THE PROTESTS

Election Trials Cannot Go On While the House is in Session.
A prominent politician professed to know what Premier Ross would do in the present emergency. "There is no doubt he intends to hang on as long as he can, and at the present time of the Premier is to call the legislature together immediately in order to forestall the five election trials involving the seats of his supporters, which are to be heard within the next few weeks. The unseating of two or three of his followers would leave Mr. Ross without a majority, and there is no doubt that this is the situation in which he will find himself by delaying the meeting of the legislature beyond January. The first trial is set down for Jan. 10, and the others within a week or two from that date.