

## FOUR MINISTERS FACE DEFEAT

Hon. W. S. Fielding's Organization Collapses—Others are in Hopeless Situations

OTTAWA, Sept. 11.—The defeat of Hon. W. S. Fielding in Queen's-Shepparton is practically assured. The minister's organization has collapsed, the newspapers turning against him and his former followers forsaking him. Mr. Fielding is not the only Laurier minister in this position. Most of the others are compelled to stick as closely to their own constituencies as the premier is traveling almost alone. Mr. Graham is facing defeat in Brockville. Mr. Patterson in Brant and Mr. King in Waterloo.

The latest Liberal bolter in Mr. Graham's riding is Thomas J. Story, of the Canada Carriage Company.

In Ottawa, city two Conservative gains are promised. The action of J. R. Booth, the lumber king, and W. H. Rowley, of the Eddy company, in declaring against reciprocity, has had a great influence in the capital.

Hon. George Foster is back in Ottawa today after several successful meetings in the Maritime Provinces. He goes into Pontiac to help matters for Gerald Brabazon.

As the campaign progresses, the appeal to the electors to vote for Laurier for the last time becomes more frequent and well defined. T. A. Lowe in South Renfrew, tells his electors that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will soon retire. The Liberal stumpers in Brockville point out to Mr. Graham as the next premier if the Liberals win.

Every trick is being resorted to for helping the Liberals. The newest move is a report sent over the brokers' ticker from New York that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will resign the British preference to fifty per cent, or take off the duties altogether.

The railway department announces today that tenders are to be asked for the construction of several extensions to government railways in Cape Breton and in Prince Edward Island. The Minister of Justice portfolio is doing great service. Mr. Guthrie in South Wellington, Mr. Clarke in South Essex and Mr. McCarthy in North Simcoe, all being clothed with the prestige of possible elevation to the cabinet.

COBOURG, Ont., Sept. 7.—Hon. Clifford Sifton spoke here tonight. Mr. Sifton was received with ringing cheers, and gave a practical address which, judging by the way it was received, met with hearty approval. Mr. Sifton showed that even if reciprocity helped the farmer, the consumer would doubtless be the loser. He dwelt upon the danger of our market being flooded with cheap products, and advocated the wisdom of letting Canada work out her destiny without having her fiscal interests overthrown with those of the United States, which has fixed longing eyes upon the great resources of the Dominion.

### FARMERS' PICNIC

Victoria Institute Holds Successful Picnic at Cordova Bay

The picnic given by the Victoria Farmers' Institute on Labor Day, at Cordova Bay, was a most enjoyable affair. A large number attended from Royal Oak, Colquitz, Gordon Head and Cedar Hill and the sports were keenly contested with the following results: Fifty yard race, girls under 12—1, Madge Reid, Royal Oak; 2, Dorothy Fetherston, Cedar Hill.

Fifty yard race, boys under 12—1, W. Wallis, Cedar Hill; 2, A. Smethurst, Boleskin.

Fifty yard young ladies' race—1, May De Rousie; 2, Irene De Rousie, Colquitz.

Fifty yard race, girls under 16—1, Hetty Bradshaw, Cedar Hill; 2, May De Rousie, Colquitz.

Fifty yard race, boys under 16—1, Graham Scott, Cedar Hill; 2, S. Fetherston, Cedar Hill.

Hundred yard, open—1, T. McKinley, Victoria; 2, R. Woolsey, Cedar Hill.

Four hundred and forty yard race—1, W. Holmes, Gordon Head and T. McKinley, Cedar Hill.

Sack race—1, T. McKinley; 2, A. Rositer, Royal Oak.

Potato race—1, A. Scott, Cedar Hill; 2, W. Holmes, Gordon Head.

Shoe race—Harold Fetherston, Cedar Hill.

Ladies' race—1, Dolly Frank; 2, Lena Frank.

Needle and thread race—1, Edith Fetherston, Cedar Hill; 2, Lena Frank.

Married ladies race—1, Mrs. Barker; 2, Mrs. Reid.

Relay race—Won by Cedar Hill, Scott, Woolsey and Holmes.

Tug-of-war—Won by Royal Oak. Baseball match—Won by Royal Oak.

### G. T. P. TOWNSITES

Land Commissioner of Railway Company Made Inspection Trips in the North.

G. U. Ryley, G.T.P. land commissioner of Winnipeg, is here. No steps, he says, are as yet in contemplation for the placing on the market of the remaining sections of the Prince Rupert townsite. Mr. Ryley will leave in a few days for the location of the second divisional point of the G.T.P. near Aldermere. An inspection of townsite at this point will also be made, which will also be surveyed and placed on the market, this year or next spring. Other G.T.P. townsites in British Columbia now are Ellison, five miles west of Hazelton, at the head of navigable waters of the Skeena, and Houston, twenty-eight miles east of Aldermere. Another townsite placed on the market is that of Fra-

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## RECORD CROWD AT EXHIBITION

Attendance on Citizens' Day Estimated at Well Over 10,000—Varied Attractions are Thoroughly Enjoyed

Citizens' Day at the Victoria exhibition is believed to have reached its peak in point of attendance. While the exact figures are not yet available, it is estimated, conservatively, that anywhere from 10,000 to 14,000 people passed through the gates. The grand stand was taxed to its capacity, standing room being at a premium. The overflowed, forming a semi-circle three or four deep for about a quarter of a mile about the track. The centre of attraction, as is usually the case, was the horse racing. That the harness and the running competitions, as well as the bronco busting competitions which took place in the paddock immediately in front of the stand, were thoroughly enjoyed was conclusively shown by the frequency of the applause.

Beautiful weather contributed largely to the day's success. It is doubtful whether the fair's public holiday has ever been marked by a programme so interestingly varied or by a crowd so generally out not with the idea of searching for something at which to direct criticism, but for the purpose of deriving as much pleasure as possible from that which had been prepared for their entertainment. And they found that for which they were looking. In the main building Secretary McGaffey, who is in charge of the Vancouver Island Development league's splendid display, aimed at giving the stranger an insight into the island's manifold resources. It was kept busy in answering inquiries and in explaining what an unrivaled district this is for the person seeking either for profitable investment or for outdoor sport. All the others with displays also were besieged from an early hour until late in the evening. As for the attractions they were brought off without a hitch and to the evident enjoyment of everyone on the grounds.

The stock parade was one of the features which called forth much favorable comment. Those who know anything of horses or cattle were given an opportunity of seeing the show's prize winners in line and of satisfying themselves as to the truth of the judges' statement that the local collection this year excels in merit anything that has been exhibited in Victoria's fair heretofore. The sight of the gleaming heavy horses, the high-stepping lighter classes and the sleek cattle was indeed impressive. While they held the crowd's attention the Fifth Regiment band, stationed in the stand, the St. Andrew's Pipers in and about the paddock, and the Boy Scouts band at still another point, contributed music which lent gaiety to the occasion. When to this confusion of sound is added, in imagination, the uproar of innumerable "bally-hos" adorning the "Incomparable attractiveness" of their several shows, it isn't necessary to say anything more in the endeavor to prove that Victoria's exhibition yesterday was all that the ideal fair should be, and incidentally many of the older boys, find so delightful in such an affair.

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