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THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

The Borden-Unionist Government is returned to power, thanks to the Unionist-Liberals who gave this administration their support. While the returns from the West are anything but complete the results at the time of writing show straight Liberals elected 96, Unionist Liberals 32, and Unionist Conservatives 101 (The two Edmonton seats are not included.)

Prince Edward Island went solidly for Liberalism. Nova Scotia elected three Conservatives only, New Brunswick four, Quebec two and Ontario 59. Thus for the Eastern Provinces the returns show 68 Unionist Conservatives, 17 Unionist Liberals and 91 Liberals or a total 85 supporters for Union government and 91 for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Western Canada re-elected the Borden Administration.

THE WEST.

To say the least, Western Canada has not responded to Liberalism, wider markets and lower tariff, as was expected. For years the West has shown the strongest possible spirit in favour of a progressive radical policy. The West wanted freer trade with the United States, a lower tariff, and free farm implements. The Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier was prepared to grant these concessions, yet when it came to the general elections the results show that the farmers of the West apparently voted in favour of making no tariff changes until the end of the War, which is the policy of the present Government.

No greater reception was ever accorded a public man than was given Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his recent trip to the Coast, yet almost a solid West voted against him. Why, nobody seems to know.

Can it be that the enumerators took advantage of their position in the preparation of the voters' lists? We hope not. Is it possible that the farmers' ballots were manipulated? It is unbelievable. Can it be said that the support the Liberal party has received in the West for many years past was due to the vote which has been disfranchised in this election? We think not.

Many other reasons could be brought forward all of which are not worthy of serious consideration, thus leaving us to conclude that the race cry and the frantic appeal to men and women electors that unless Canada sent another hundred thousand men to France our boys already there would not be supported, was the chief reason why the West went strongly in favour of the Borden Administration.

ELECTION COMMENT.

So bold are the supporters of the present administration in their plans for the allotment of the Soldiers' Vote, one would be led to believe that the government already knew how the soldiers have voted.

A. R. McMaster, K.C., member-elect for Broome, Que., with a majority of 622 is to be counted out. These prophets forget that there are at the front only 200 soldier votes from Broome County. How it will be possible to vote 200 soldiers so as to reverse a 622 majority remains to be seen.