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HOUSE LIKELY TO MEET NEAR YEAR'S END

CALL FOR DEC. 10 NOT THOUGHT PRACTICABLE

Election Writs Have Not Started To Come In Yet

BY-ELECTIONS

None Can Be Held Until Month Or More After Issue Of Writ

OTTAWA, Nov. 5.—Parliament is technically called to meet on December 10. But that is only the pro forma call given in the election writs. In all probability this date will not be found practicable. The actual date will likely be either later in December, or in early January.

Although election results have been announced in every constituency, theoretically no members have been yet officially returned to the new parliament. The writ in each case to be returned and the result gazetted before a candidate can become a member.

NO WRITS RECEIVED

And so far not a single writ has yet been returned. The date of return of the writs is fixed for December 7, but expectation is that they will start coming in within the next few days, and drift in all through the month according generally to the distance the constituency happens to be from Ottawa and difficulties attendant on completing the official count.

BY-ELECTIONS

Until writs are returned, no by-elections can be held to make way for any necessary cabinet reorganization. But once a return is in from an individual constituency, and the constituency again rendered vacant, a writ for a by-election may be issued. As to when the earliest by-election could be held, there is no official pronouncement beyond the fact that the constituency must be returned within 35 days of the issue of the new writ.

MAY MERGE PORTFOLIOS.

A seat will have to be found for the Premier—West Middlesex is mentioned among the possibilities although there is no official pronouncement beyond the fact that the constituency must be returned within 35 days of the issue of the new writ.

CABINET MEETING.

Cabinet meets again this afternoon, when there will be further consideration of the situation. Meanwhile, there is no official pronouncement beyond the fact that the constituency must be returned within 35 days of the issue of the new writ.

OIL-ELECTRIC CAR MAKES NEW RECORD

Finishes Trip, Montreal to Vancouver in 67 Hours, Running Time

Special to The Times-Star.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 5.—All records for transcontinental travel were broken yesterday, when a new C. N. R. oil-electric car arrived in Vancouver, after making the trip from Montreal in three days. It was the longest non-stop run ever made by an engine. During the 2997 miles covered, the car engine did not stop once. Eliminating detentions due to meeting trains, and other delays, which came to 300 minutes, the actual running time was slightly over 67 hours.

DEATH TOLL IS 16

Eight Bodies Recovered, Eight Are Missing in Welsh Flood Mishap

CONWAY, Wales, Nov. 5.—It is estimated that not more than 16 persons met death Tuesday when the dam of the power company on Lake Eglan burst and loosed some 3,000,000 tons of water down the mountainside.

Industrial Needs of Maritime Provinces Outlined; Survey Urged

POTATO CRISIS IS MOST ACUTE SINCE 1869

Many Troubles Worry Gloria Swanson At End of Stormy Voyage Across Atlantic

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—Numbering among its passengers Gloria Swanson and her husband, the Marquis De La Falaise De La Courde, and Ignace Paderewski and the Prince and Princess Aga, of the Japanese Royal House, the French liner Paris reached New York last night, 24 hours late, after one of the roughest voyages it had ever made.

Cunard Director To Wed His Housekeeper

LONDON, Nov. 5.—The engagement of Sir Alfred Booth to Miss Margaret Lucy Brighton, his housekeeper, is reported in the Daily Express. Lady Booth died in the United States a year ago. She was Mary Blake Dwight, daughter of Edmund Dwight, of New York. They were married in 1903. Sir Alfred formerly was chairman and now is a director of the Cunard Line.

PICTOU ISLAND TO HAVE NURSE'S CARE

43 Families Previously Were Without Medical Assistance in Winter

HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 5.—The 43 families on Pictou Island, in the Northumberland Strait, who heretofore have spent several months of each year, winter-bound, and isolated from medical care, will this winter have the services of a skilled public health nurse, in the person of Miss M. B. McCallum, daughter of the island postmaster, and the only Islander ever to become a graduate nurse. She trained at Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and has been appointed through the joint action of the Nova Scotia Red Cross Society and the Provincial Government.

FIFTY ENTRIES FOR LITERARY AWARD

Sir Andrew MacPhail is Among Contestants For David Prize

QUEBEC, Nov. 5.—Fifty literary efforts, eight of them in English, have been entered for the 1925 David Literary prize. The entries include Sir Andrew MacPhail's historical work on the medical services during the war. This book came in for some considerable criticism, following its publication, also for a great deal of approbation. Sir Andrew's attack on the administration during the early years of the war, involving as it did, some pungent comments on the late Sir Sam Hughes, evoked nation-wide interest.

LATE PAPERS

OWING to a recurrence of trouble with the large new double-unit press, delivery of The Times-Star during the last few days has been rather late. The management sincerely regrets these delays, and hastens to assure subscribers and agents that everything possible is being done to overcome the mechanical disabilities. It is hoped that these will be quickly rectified, and that the prompt and early delivery of The Times-Star will be resumed within a day or two.

CANADIAN CROP SMALLEST ON RECORD, BELIEF

\$3.25 a Bag Today; Were 85 Cents Last Year

WORLD SHORTAGE

Ten Countries In Northern Hemisphere Produce 12 Per Cent Less

TORONTO, Nov. 5.—Due to a combination of adverse conditions, unfavorable weather for the growing crop in the spring, and fall blight, rot and early frosts, bringing about a greatly reduced production, potatoes today reached the crowning price of \$3.25 for a 90-pound bag, and still mounting, compared with last year's yield of 85 cents a bag.

SUPPLY IS SHORT.

The fact of the whole matter is that the supply of potatoes this year, is short not only in Canada, but in the United States, and in many other countries. An estimate of the production of 10 countries in the Northern Hemisphere places the yield at 87,485,000 hundredweight, against 492,092,000 for the same countries in 1924, and an average for the five years 1919-23, of 410,216,000 hundredweight. The American crop is placed at 211,960,000 hundredweight against 272,870,000 last year.

SMALLEST ON RECORD.

The Canadian crop of 41,258,000 hundredweight is believed to be the smallest on record, and compares with a harvest of 56,648,000 hundredweight a year ago, and a five year average of 66,298,000. Old timers in the potato trade say that such a situation as exists at present, has not prevailed since 1869.

MAY BE WORSE.

Indications are that there will be very little easing in the situation, but rather the reverse. In ordinary years, prices moved upwards in the spring, when supplies in the warehouses were becoming depleted and bad roads handicapped the farmers in marketing their surplus crops. This year, however, the shortage has occurred early. What the result will be, time alone will decide. In 1920, when the price reached \$7 a bag, with no indications of a halt, Toronto housewives took the matter into their own hands, and inaugurated an unofficial boycott with some material effect in causing a collapse of the market.

BUYING BRISK.

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., Nov. 5.—A raid is being made on Lincoln county potatoes by American buyers this week. Several carloads have been bought and shipped to Buffalo and other points in New York state. Farmers have secured \$2.25 per bag, a slight advance on the local wholesale price.

HALIFAX PRICES.

HALIFAX, Nov. 5.—The price of a 90-pound bag of potatoes in Halifax this morning ranged from \$2.25 to \$2.75 according to quality.

IRON DUKE RETIRED

Raises Persian Hopes

TEHRAN, Persia, Nov. 5.—Great hopes for Persia's future were expressed by Reza Khan, the Premier, who has taken his place as head of the provisional government at a public court and reception, after the deposition of the Kajar dynasty, which brought an outburst of national sentiment throughout the country.



REZA KHAN

The Parliament, realizing the danger of revolution, placed the power temporarily in the hands of Reza Khan, leaving the decision as to the permanent form of government to the constituent assembly.

In the meantime the Minister of Finance has been appointed acting Premier. The best-apparent to the throne, Mohamed Hassan Mirza, brother of the deposed Shah, has gone to Europe.

WETS WIN VICTORY IN NEW ZEALAND VOTING

Ballot is 277,981 to 310,596 on Question of Prohibition—Government Scores Decided Triumph—Recount Puts Woman Out of Running.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Nov. 5.—The prohibitionists have not yet succeeded in their efforts to make New Zealand dry. The question whether New Zealand should continue its present liquor license system, adopt "state purchase" or government control of liquor, or swing to prohibition, was voted on in a referendum during yesterday's general elections.

GOVERNMENT WINS

In the parliamentary election the government won a decisive victory. Premier J. G. Coates obtained a good margin in the next parliament. On the first count, it was thought that the New Zealand parliament was to have its first woman member, Miss Melville. A recount of the vote, however, showed that she had been defeated for the seat for Grey Lynn by the Laborite candidate.

SUPPORT FOR R. C. HIGH SCHOOLS ASKED

Bishop Fallon Launches \$20,000 Appeal For Chair at London Seminary

SARNIA, Ont., Nov. 5.—"If there is any justice in this country, the time comes when Roman Catholic high schools will receive public support," declared Bishop Fallon, last night, at a meeting of the Women's Catholic League of the London Diocese.

APPEAL FOR \$20,000

An appeal was made by the league to raise a fund of \$20,000 to endow a chair on church history in the London Seminary, provide in perpetuity for the living expenses of a professor, and also install a church history section in the library. He recalled the fact that two years ago the league was successful in a drive for funds for a monastery for Sisters of the Precious Blood, and he felt the organization could be as successful in this proposed drive. He pointed out that the amount asked meant about \$400 for each of the subdivisions of the league.

MAJORITY OF 25.

Premier Bruce of Australia is reported to have expressed gratification at the result of the vote in New Zealand which gives the administration of Hon. J. G. Coates a clear majority of 25 over all other parties.

Archbishop Requests Orders To Marry

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 5.—Archbishop Mora Del Rio today in a statement condemned the law enacted in the state of Tabasco, requiring priests of all creeds, to marry in order to exercise their offices. "It is a monstrous outrage," said the Archbishop, "contrary to the freedom of the church and ecclesiastical laws, and we energetically protest. No Catholic bishop or priest will heed such an absurd law."

LOWER RATES, BETTER SERVICE RECOMMENDED

Provincial Advertising Is Urged in Saint John Report

PRICE-CUTTING

Means to Prevent Unfair Competition Against Small Industries Sought

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Nov. 5.—The Maritime Board of Trade, at its opening session this morning, took up the subject of industrial development of the Maritime Provinces.

NEEDS OUTLINED.

The industrial needs of the Maritimes were summed up as follows:

1.—Lower freight rates to and from the west.

2.—Cheap water transportation to Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton and Port William, during summer.

3.—Improved steamship service to Mediterranean ports and other overseas points.

4.—An agricultural restructure.

5.—The practical development of Maritime mineral potentialities and necessary amendments of mining regulations.

6.—Genuine interest in export possibilities.

7.—Provincial advertising on an effective scale.

8.—More population, through immigration.

9.—Definite means to prevent large Canadian concerns from hampering small New Maritime industries by unfair price cutting.

There was a discussion on this subject, also on reports submitted yesterday by J. O. Hyndman and W. F. Burchett on the economic status of the Maritimes under the Confederation pact.

Pipe Blamed As Worst Fire Menace

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—The pipe, and not the cigarette, is the greatest member of the smoker's trinity in industry, forest fires, the Federal Secret Service has discovered in experiments made in the California forests. The pipe-smoker in the woods, as a result, hereafter will share suspicion with cigarette and cigar smokers.

The Weather

SYNOPSIS—Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast, and over the far northwest, while a fairly deep disturbance is centred north of Lake Superior. The weather has been fair in Eastern Canada, and showery in Northern Ontario. Zero temperatures are reported from sections of the west.

FORECASTS:

Cloudy and milder. MARITIME—Moderate winds, fair, Friday increasing southwest winds, mostly cloudy and somewhat milder. NEW ENGLAND—Rain late tonight and Friday; warmer tonight, and in east portion Friday; increasing southwest winds, becoming strong late tonight and Friday.

Temperatures TORONTO, Nov. 5.— Lowest Highest during S. a.m. Yesterday night