

## DIARY OF THE MONTH.

1913.  
November.
- 2 **RT. HON. R. L. BORDEN** at **LOTOS CLUB, NEW YORK** reported as saying, regrets Reciprocity had not come to pass.
- 3 Customs returns for October show decrease of \$922,911.  
**PEEL (Ont. Provincial) BY-ELECTION**, consequent on resignation of **MR. SAMUEL CHATTERS (C)** to accept registrarship  
**JAS. R. FALLIS (C)** 2,546—408.  
**A. H. MILNER (L)** 2,138.  
*Representation unchanged.*
- MR. RICHARD JEBB**, in **LONDON MORNING POST** criticizes efforts to centralize Naval Defence.
- 6 **HON. W. S. FIELDING** in **LONDON MORNING POST** discusses letters by **MR. RICHARD JEBB** and **ADMIRAL FREEMANTLE** on **IMPERIAL NAVAL DEFENCE**.
- 7 **ARMSTRONG-WHITWORTH SHIP-BUILDING COMPANY** secures Canadian Incorporation, to establish plant at Montreal.  
**REPORT ON CONTROL OF OCEAN FREIGHT RATES** presented by **CHAIRMAN H. L. DRAYTON** of Railway Commission.
- 10 **RT. HON. WINSTON CHURCHILL** at **GUILDHALL BANQUET** says British Navy greater than it has ever been, and that there is less danger to European peace than for many years.  
**ST. JOHNS COUNTY (Quebec Provincial) BY-ELECTION** consequent upon **SIR LOMER GOVIN** vacating his seat for another riding.  
**MR. MARCELLIN ROBERT (IND. L)** 938—119.  
**MR. BROSSARD (L)** 819.  
**MR. POULIN (L)** 616.  
**MR. TRUDEAU (IND.)** 9.  
*Representation unchanged.*
- HUNTINGDON (Quebec Provincial) BY-ELECTION** consequent upon death of sitting member, **MR. H. WALKER (L)**.  
**MR. ANDREW PHILLIP (L)** 1,292—161  
**DR. MOORE (C)** 1,131.  
*Representation unchanged.*
- 11 **HON. MESSRS. G. E. FOSTER** and **L. P. PELLETIER** at **Canadian Club, NEW YORK**, on **RECIPROCITY** and **PARCELS POST**.  
**MACDONALD (Man.) BY-ELECTION** voided, the respondent, **MR. ALEX. MORRISON (C)** admitting that his election had been secured by corrupt means.  
**QUEBEC LEGISLATURE** opens.
- 14 **CHATEAUGUAY BY-ELECTION PROTEST** filed by Liberals; demands unseating and disqualification of **MR. JAMES MORRIS (C)**.
- 20 **MR. AETHUE HAWKES** announces himself as **INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE** in the **SOUTH LANARK BY-ELECTION**, declares for "Canada First" and opposes Borden Naval Contribution.  
**LORD EMMOTT**, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies at **LONDON** says time not ripe for any organic change in direction of Imperial Federation.  
**SIR WILFRED LAURIER** celebrates his seventy-second birthday at Ottawa; receives congratulations from King George and from statesmen in all parts of the world.
- 22 **CHATEAUGUAY CONSERVATIVES** file preliminary objections to Liberal protest against election of **MR. JAS. MORRIS (C)**.  
**DELEGATION OF SEED MEN** wait upon **HON. MR. PELLETIER** with protest against increase of postage on seeds.
- 24 **RT. HON. HERBERT SAMUEL** at **NATIONAL LIBERAL CLUB, London, Eng.**, on "Liberalism and Imperial Policy".
- 25 **TOM RICHARDSON**, British Labour M.P. at **LONDON** denounces use of Militia in Nanaimo strike.
- 26 **SIR WILFRED LAURIER** at **HAMILTON BANQUET** given by **ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LIBERAL CLUBS** to **SIR WILFRED LAURIER** and **MR. N. W. ROWELL** enunciates **LIBERAL POLICY** of removing all **CUSTOMS DUTIES ON FOOD** in order to reduce cost of living. **MR. W. B. PRESTON**, President, in the chair. Speeches by Messrs. **Preston, O'Connor** ((Kingston), **J. A. Soule** (Hamilton), **Stanley Kerr** (Toronto) and by **Hon. Messrs. N. W. Rowell, K.C., Graham, King** and **F. F. Pardee, M.P.**
- 27 **EAST MIDDLESEX (Ont. Provincial) BY-ELECTION** consequent upon death of **MR. GEO. W. NEELY (C)**.  
**MR. JOHN MCFARLAN (C)** 2,265—293.  
**MR. JOHN LAIDLAW (Alliance-L)** 1,972.  
*Representation unchanged.*
- MEETING OF 1,500 UNEMPLOYED** at **WINNIPEG** demands corporation relief works.  
**SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE** adopts resolution demanding free wheat, only three Conservatives voting against it.
- 28 **GENERAL REFORM ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO** annual meeting at **TORONTO**. President, **HON. W. L. MACKENZIE KING** in the chair. Annual address by President and speeches by **MR. N. W. ROWELL, K.C., HON. G. P. GRAHAM, SENATOR J. K. KERR**, and others. Resolution unanimously carried endorsing Liberal policies and leaders in Dominion and Province—Election of Officers 1913—14.  
**HON. MESSRS. GRAHAM** and **KING** at **TORONTO WARD III LIBERAL ASSOCIATION** on **CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT RECORD** and **FREE FOOD POLICY**.  
**GOVERNMENT ISSUES STATEMENT** that expenditures will be greatly increased during year to tide country over hard times.
- 29 **KILDONAN & ST. ANDREWS (Man. Provincial) BY-ELECTION**, consequent on resignation of **DR. O. I. GRAIN**.  
**HON. DR. MONTAGUE (C)** elected.  
**MR. A. E. BREEDIN (L)**.  
*Representation unchanged.*
- PREMIER BORDEN** returns to Ottawa after absence of a month in Virginia.

## THE MACHINE AND THE PEOPLE.

THERE is a prevailing suspicion all over Canada that the political life of the country is being debauched by Hon. Robert Rogers with the knowledge and consent of Premier Borden and the other members of his Cabinet. This general suspicion has been confirmed by the voiding by the court on November 10th of the seat in Macdonald. Alex. Morrison the Conservative candidate elected in the by-election in October of last year confessed through his counsel that his campaign agents had committed serious irregularities and improprieties. The charges of wholesale corruption and intimidation were substantiated by affidavits read in the Commons last session. These affidavits showed that the by-election of last year was characterized by practically every unscrupulous device of machine politics known to Messrs. Rogers and Roblin. "I know how to win elections", was Mr. Rogers' cynical comment in the Commons last session on the storm of protest against the Macdonald outrages on political decency and fair play. The outcome and the hasty throwing up of the sponge by Mr. Morrison on instructions from Mr. Rogers, with the connivance of Premier Borden, shows how Mr. Rogers "wins elections".

It was Mr. Rogers, too, who took charge of the Hochelaga by-election a year ago, and the Hon. Louis Coderre still confronts the unrefuted affidavits charging bribery and promises of government positions to influential voters who had to be conciliated.

In Chateauguay where Mr. Rogers took personal charge of the Government's campaign methods, the ensuing "victory" promises to be much more costly than defeat.

On November 19th, a protest was entered by the Liberals of the riding, demanding the unseating and disqualification of Mr. Morris, the Conservative Candidate. The protest is now pending before the courts.

In East Middlesex, the only other by-election where the Government candidate won, Mr. Rogers did not take personal charge of the campaign and the Conservative majority in 1911 was reduced by 256.

Liberalism meanwhile has in the federal arena won South Bruce, South Renfrew and Richelieu.

In Ontario the last three by-elections have shown a similar tide against reactionary Toryism in provincial politics. In East York a Conservative majority of 782 in December 1911, for the Whitney Government was reduced on September 8th last to 702. In Peel the Conservative majority of 716 at the general election of 1911 was reduced on November 3rd last to 408. In East Middlesex a Conservative majority of 539 obtained in 1912, was reduced on November 27th last to 293.

The by-elections that have been nominally won for Premier Borden and for Sir James Whitney have brought no solace or encouragement to them. Either previous Conservative majorities were reduced or else, as in the cases of Chateauguay and Macdonald, defeat were preferable to the victory gained.

The by-election record clearly indicates the trend of public opinion.