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THE McNAMARA CASES

The trial of the McNamara brothers for capital crimes which collapsed last Friday through the confessions of the two indicted men will go down in history as remarkable for three features. It affords a striking commentary on the fundamental principles of justice as executed in the United States; it will leave its mark on the destiny of organized labor, and it reveals a characteristic of human nature which is not frequently brought into evidence by the procedure of the criminal courts.

In so far as the trial affords a sudden ending affect organized labor, it is important only because organized labor declared that the arrest and attempt to convict these now confessedly guilty men was a concrete evidence of the array of capitalistic genius, power, influence and determination to wage an unholy war on organized and organized labor at large.

When there is taken into consideration the many influences and special circumstances affecting the electoral vote of the people of Canada on September 21, it is impossible to assert whether Canada is Liberal and low tariff in its preferences or Conservative and high tariff in its tendencies. The election returns as compiled by the clerk of the Crown in Chancery at Ottawa afford some ground for the contention put forward by Sir Richard Cartwright that a more representative system of voting should be devised than that which now obtains. There is also an explanation as to why such manufacturing cities as Montreal and Toronto suggest that urban districts be given greater representation than rural districts. These cities are pre-eminently Tory, and it is little wonder that, as a measure of party protection, they should propose a system which would give the high tariff party a stable preponderance in parliament.

The Manitoba Free Press has drawn conclusions from the returns which are worth repeating. It presents the figures, comparing the returns of 1908 with those of 1911, as follows:

Liberal voters	596,533	616,948
Conservative voters	579,562	660,331
	1,176,095	1,277,279

When the returns by provinces are studied, it is seen that while the Liberals made gains in every province except three, the Conservatives made gains in every province without exception. The total Liberal gains were 20,425, and the total Conservative gains 80,769, to which Ontario contributed 27,468, and Quebec 27,959. It was in Ontario that the Liberal party suffered the heaviest loss. In the other two provinces in which there were Liberal losses in the total vote, as compared with the total vote in 1908, the losses were only in hundreds; but in Ontario the Liberal loss on September 21 was 26,328. In Quebec the figures show a Liberal gain of 10,653, as against the already noted Conservative gain of 27,959 in that province.

The totals of Liberal votes cast by provinces are as follows:

	1908.	1911.
Ontario	224,821	198,483
Quebec	158,393	168,446
Nova Scotia	56,598	57,303
New Brunswick	46,716	40,194
P. E. Island	14,496	12,998
Manitoba	30,915	37,512
British Columbia	13,412	16,350
Alberta	23,777	37,078
Saskatchewan	33,415	47,596
	596,533	616,948

The totals of Conservative votes cast by provinces are as follows:

	1908.	1911.
Ontario	236,919	264,387
Quebec	129,634	157,593
Nova Scotia	54,500	55,268
New Brunswick	34,945	38,880
P. E. Island	14,286	14,346
Manitoba	37,140	44,346
British Columbia	23,956	25,622
Alberta	22,185	29,653
Saskatchewan	25,007	30,944
	579,562	660,331

The comparisons between the totals of 1908 and 1911 for each party have been noted above for Ontario and Quebec. In Nova Scotia the voting this year shows a Liberal gain of 745, and a Conservative gain of 3,935. In Prince Edward Island, a Liberal loss of 498, and a Conservative gain of 352. West of the Great Lakes both parties made gains in every province, and in every province the Liberal gains exceeded the Conservative gains, especially in Saskatchewan and Alberta. In Manitoba the total Liberal gains were 6,597, as against total Conservative gains amounting to 6,206. In Saskatchewan the gains were 14,171 for the Liberals and 4,947 for the Conservatives; and in Alberta the figures were 13,292 and 7,468 respectively, while in British Columbia the Liberal gains were 3,638 and the Conservative gains 1,666.

ONTARIO POLITICS

One week from next Monday the electors of Ontario will go to the polls to pronounce upon the record of the Whitney administration and incidentally upon matters of advanced legislation proposed by the Liberal party. A month ago when the date of the election was announced both Liberal and Conservative papers agreed that Premier Whitney was taking advantage of the recent federal election to obtain a favorable verdict at the polls before his party organization disintegrated. The government organs consistently predicted what is called in politics a "swing over," the prestige of federal victory appearing to put the matter beyond doubt. Since that time, however, things have happened. The cabinet conspiracy at Ottawa has militated against the Liberal party, and these partial admissions which Sir James Whitney admitted when he threw the powerful influence of his organization into the federal campaign has not been realized. Mr. Borden has done some things and left undone other things which militate very seriously against Conservative prestige in Ontario.

Though the Orange body was so fully Conservative at the federal election, there is a growing suspicion among the members of this powerful organization that they have leaped out of what they called the trying pan into what they are beginning to realize is the fire. Developments at Ottawa have taken place which will compel them to pay attention unless they intend to abandon every pretence at loyalty to the principles of their order.

More than this, the Liberal leader, Mr. N. W. Rowell, has constructed a platform which is giving the reactionary Tory organs a good deal of trouble and exposing Sir James Whitney to an unusual amount of adverse criticism because of his unyielding position on some of the planks which have met with very general endorsement. The proposal to enact legislation which will empower the municipalities to test the practicability of the Single Tax system by either modifying or abolishing the taxes on improvements has struck an unexpectedly popular chord. The attitude of uncompromising hostility to this proposal which Sir James Whitney has taken has won him the opposition of several influential organs of his party while the Liberals are a unit on the question.

While more than a score of constituencies are without Liberal candidates, the concentration of forces in the many ridings where strong men are in the field make these anxious days for the premier. No one anticipates a routing of the government at the approaching election, but the new Liberal leader is making unprecedented headway in his making unprecedented headway in his popular favor and the unexpected may happen to the government at Toronto with as much surprise as the defeat of the Laurier administration occasioned on September 21 of this year.

Now that there is little hope that the new government will be induced to do anything to secure adequate docking facilities for the trade of the Panama canal when this develops, the morning paper returns to its advocacy of the theory that this enormous and expensive work should be taken up by the city.

In its marine pages yesterday, in being done in European and United States ports to provide for the increasing trade of 1911, it concludes the quotations and comments with this remarkable statement: "But all of this serves to emphasize the necessity of preparing now to handle the shipping which is to make this port its terminus. The one imperative thing today, a matter which in its importance takes precedence of everything else, is the improvement of the port facilities. No expenditure on this behalf, within the limits of the city's means, could be too great or made too soon." We are not disposed to allow such an insidious appeal to the ratepayers of the city to pass without attention being called to its unpalatable character. The business of providing dockage facilities at Victoria is the business of the federal government. The late Liberal government was pledged to the immediate initiation of this work and its prosecution to completion. Had the Liberal government been returned to power substantial advance would already be made with it. Now that there is an apparent abandonment of any plans by the new government an attempt is being made to rally the support of the ratepayers to a proposal to do this work under civic patronage. This is as impossible as it is unthinkable, and the effort only means that the people are to be distracted from an honest observation of the duplicity of the government and their utter indifference to Victoria as a seaport on the Pacific. Sir William Van Horne, who so ably helped the Borden candidates on the stump, is evidently getting in his work elsewhere.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Ambassador Bryce is expected to arrive in Ottawa on Tuesday morning. It is stated that he is not coming to Ottawa to discuss important matters of international policy except, perhaps, in an informal way, but to pay his respects to the Duke of Connaught, whose guest he will be.

Black Velvet Coats, Evening Dresses and Gowns, also Dancing Slippers and Evening Gloves at Specially Low Prices This Week

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Our Entire Stock of Plush and Velvet Model Coats Greatly Reduced in Price

To see the goods is to realize that nothing that we can say in this advertisement can flatter them; they are their own best advertisement. The excellent quality that is here combined with a low price causes enthusiastic remarks from all who see them, and there is such a wide range to choose from that you are sure of securing a size and a style to please you. Velvets, plushes, sealettes and pony skins are the materials; some are comparatively plain but others handsomely braided. Ask to see them in the Mantle Department. Specially low prices prevail this week.

A Choice Assortment of Fashionable Evening Dresses at Reasonable Prices

Here you will find a large and well assorted stock of Evening Dresses and Gowns, made in all the latest Parisian, London and New York styles. There is such a variety of materials, including nets, laces and various silks that we should only fail to do justice to the garments if we attempted to describe them, and the prices are exceptionally low compared with the high standard that these handsome garments represent. You are invited to inspect the garments now being shown in the Mantle Department on the First floor.

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- Each Item Represents an Economical Investment
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- DOROTHY TREFOUSSE WHITE GLACE GLOVES, 20 button length, per pair **\$3.75**
- SAN REMO TREFOUSSE WHITE AND BLACK SUEDE GLOVES, 16 button length, per pair **\$3.00**
- GLACE KID GLOVES, 16 button length, in colors tan, champagne, mode and black, per pair **\$2.50**
- SILK GLOVES—These are in colors white and cream, 20 button length, at, per pair **\$1.25**

Infants Dresses in New and Interesting Styles

- SILK DRESSES for children from 1 to 3 years old. These come in Empire and kimono styles with lace insertion yokes, gathered and tucked hems set with cream lace and finished at the waist with satin sash and rosette. Prices \$6.50, \$5.75, **\$4.50**
- FANCY SHAWLS—These come in all wool, wool and cotton, and wool silk, in colors cream, pink and white. Prices range from \$4.75 down to **40¢**
- BABIES' BOOTEES—Made of wool, wool and silk or silk trimmed with fancy silk and ribbons. There is quite a variety to choose from, ranging in price from 50¢ down to **10¢**
- BABIES' MITTENS—These are made in silk, all wool or wool and cotton, in white and cardinal, ranging in price from \$1 down to **15¢**

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- This week, just when you require them, we are offering some splendid bargains, the qualities are well above the average, and the prices are low. There are some particularly smart models in satin, patent leather and kid to choose from in this lot and if a low price and a high standard of quality coupled with attractive styles are an inducement, Spencer's slippers should be in strong evidence at the dances that are to take place next week.
- SATIN SLIPPERS—These come in black, white and colors, either with a strap or in the opera style. They are easy fitting and graceful slippers. All sizes, per pair **\$3.50**
- KID STRAP SLIPPERS—Some of these are handsomely beaded, but all are attractive models and splendid values at, per pair **\$3.50**

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