Government Is Sustained

Electors Yesterday Passed Emphatic Vote of Confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Liberals Will Meet Parliament With a Majority Not Diminished.

British Columbia Solidly Endorsed the Party Now in Power.

That the Laurier government has been sustained in a very emphatic fashion as a result of the general elections throughout Canada yesterday is demonstrated by the returns from all points in the Dominion which are published below. In very many instances the figures are incomplete, but the landslide which has overtaken the Conservatives is clearly indicated by the bulletins to hand. The greatest surprise of the campaign in British Columbia was contained in the result in New Westminster, where even Liberals anticipated that T. D. Taylor, the Conservative candidate, would be a winner. The various bulletins which were supplied by the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company are as follows:

ONTARIO.

Ottawa.

Belcourt (Lib.) 5,998
Stewart (Lib.) 5,561
Birkett (Cons.) 4,960
Champagne (Cons.) 4,476
Brockville.
Derbyshire (Lib.) .....Elected
Hamilton.
Zimmerman (Lib.) .....Elected
East Toronto.
Kemp (Lib.) 2,785
Leslie, (Cons.) 1,460
South Simcoe.
Lennox (Cons.) .....650 majority
West Northumberland.
McColl (Lib.) .....Elected
Waterloo.
Seagram (Cons.) .....200 majority
North York.
Mulock, (Lib.) .....1,200 Majority
Welland.
Gorman (Lib.) .....Elected
Broon.
Fisher (Lib.) .....Elected
East Simcoe
Bennett (Cons.) .....Elected
East Hastings.
Northrup (Cons.) .....Elected
London.
Hyman (Lib.) .....20 Majority
North Perth.
McLaren (Cons.) .....200 majority
West Elgin.
Jackson (Cons.) .....500 Majority
East Toronto.
Kemp (Cons.) .....1,800 majority
North Oxford.
Sutherland (Lib.) .....1,000 majority
Dundas.
Broderick (Cons.) .....300 majority
Stormont.
Pringle (Cons.) .....144 majority
Ottawa
White (Cons.) .....Elected
East Algoma.
Dimont (Lib.) .....250 majority
London.
Hyman (Lib.) .....200 majority
West Lampton.
Johnston (Lib.) .....Elected
West Hastings.
Porter (Cons.) .....Elected
North Perth.
McLaren (Cons.) .....Conceded
North Essex.
Sunderland (Lib.) .....Elected
North Toronto.
Foster (Cons.) .....Elected
South Waterloo.
Claire (Cons.) .....Elected
South Toronto.
McDonald (Cons.) .....Conceded
South Ontario.
Christie (Cons.) .....Conceded
Kingston.
Harley (Lib.) 500
Toronto Centre.
Clark (Cons.) .....Elected
North Toronto.
Foster (Cons.) .....Leading
Brantford.
Cockshutt (Cons.) .....165 majority
Toronto.
Haggart (Cons) .....282 majority
South Essex.
Sutherland (Lib.) .....150 majority
West Toronto.
Osler (Cons.) .....1,048 majority
East Kent.
Gordon (Lib.) .....Elected
South Renfrew.
Wright (Lib.) .....Elected
Durham West.
Ward (Con.) .....Leading
East Middlesex.
Elson (Con.) 300
Pael.
Blaine (Con.) .....7 majority
Brant.
Paterson (Lib.) 250
South York.
McLean (Con.) .....Elected
South Bruce.
Mackenzie (Lib.) .....Elected
East Grey.
Sproule (Con.) 700
Welland, Ont.
Geman (Lib.) .....800 majority
Wentworth.
Seeley (Lib.) .....Elected
North Wellington.
Martin (Lib.) .....302 majority
Norfolk County.
Tisdall (Con.) .....200 majority
North Bruce.
Bland (Con.) .....324 majority
West Huron.
Lewis (Con.) .....Elected
Centre York.
Campbell (Lib.) .....120 majority
West Peterborough.
Hull (Lib.) .....200 majority
North Lanark.
Caldwell (Lib.) .....40 majority
East Middlesex.
McEvoy (Lib.) .....150 majority
North Grey.
Telford (Lib.) 27
Parry Sound.
Watson (Lib.) 111
Leeds.
Laylor (Con.) .....Elected
Middlesex West.
Calvert (Lib.) .....100 majority
Nippissing.
McCool (Lib.) .....Elected
Prescott.
Proulx (Lib.) .....1,100 majority
Wentworth.
Smith (Con.) .....Elected
East Elgin.
Ingram (Con.) .....Elected
Haldimand.
Thompson (Lib.) .....100 majority
Lennox and Addington.
Wilson (Con.) .....Elected
Muskoka.
Wright (Con.) 738
West Northumberland.
McColl (Lib.) .....Elected
Prince Edward.
Alcorn (Con.) .....200 majority
Oxford South.
Schell (Lib.) .....417 majority
Victoria-Haliburton.
Hughes (Lib.) .....Elected
North Grey.
Thompson (Con.) .....Elected
Prince Edward County.
J. O. Alcorn (Con.) .....200 majority
Peterboro East.
J. Finlay (Lib.) .....300 majority

QUEBEC.

Levis.

Demeries (Lib.) .....85 majority
Charlevoix.
Forget (Cons.) .....80 majority
Frontenac.
Avery (Cons.) .....88 majority
Sherbrooke.
Worthington (Cons.) .....200 majority
Muskinonge.
Maynard (Lib.) .....300 majority
Terrebonne.
Desjardines (Lib.) 140
Montcalm.
Dugas, (Lib.) .....Elected
Stanstead.
Lovell (Lib.) .....157 majority
Joliette.
Dubeault (Lib.) 200
Portnuef.
Delisle, (Lib.) .....300 majority
Compton.
Hunt (Lib.) .....200 majority
Berthier.
Archambault (Lib.) .....100 majority
Montmagny.
Lavergne (Lib.) 100
Soulanges.
Bourbonnais (Lib.) .....200 majority
St. Antoine.
Ames (Con.) .....640 majority
St. Lawrence.
Bickerdike (Lib.) 119
Lupie (Con.) 789
St. Ann's.
Gallery (Lib.) .....730 majority
Morrison (Con.) 1,745
St. Mary's.
Piche (Lib.) .....159 majority
Maisonneuve.
Prefontaine (Lib.) .....470 majority
Bonaventure.
Marcille (Lib.) .....Elected
Richelieu.
Brunneau (Lib.) .....Elected
Hochelaga.
Bernier (Con.) .....Leading
Gaspe.
Lemieux (Lib.) .....Elected
L'Islet.
Paquet (Con.) .....Elected
Quebec City.
Maloin (Lib.) 800
Quebec East.
Laurier (Lib.) 2,040
Chambly-Vercheres.
Geoffrion (Lib.) .....530 majority
Stanstead.
Lovell (Lib.) .....205 majority
St. John's.
Demers (Lib.) .....Elected
Temiscouta.
Ganovrien (Lib.) .....Elected
Jacques Cartier.
Monk (Con.) .....490 majority
Vandreuil.
Bastiere (Lib.) .....479 majority

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News Of The Army And Navy

Viscount Bury's Appointment as Earl Grey's Aide-de-Camp.

Gunner Appointed to H. M. S. Shearwater—Notes of the Service.

From Our Own Correspondent.

London, Oct. 22.—Viscount Bury, First Battalion Scots Guards, son and heir of the Earl of Albemarle, has been appointed aide-de-camp to Earl Grey. His Lordship, who has served three and a half years in the Guards, is a cousin of Captain Colin Keppel, D. S. O., late commanding H. M. S. Grafton, flagship on the Pacific station.

Gunner A. G. Westaway has been appointed to H. M. S. Shearwater, thus completing the new list of officers. Gunner Westaway is a smart officer, who has held his rank for the past four and a half years.

Nothing further in connection with the contemplated reduction of the battalions of the Royal Garrison Regiment has been officially intimated, but there seems to be little hope for their continuation on the establishment. The fact is they are very expensive, so many of the rank and file being married, with families and that is a very serious consideration in these days of cheesparing and retrenchment. All the same it is a great pity that five battalions of the finest troops in the world should be reduced for the saving of a few thousands per annum.

An army order just issued changes the period of enlistment for recruits to twelve years—nine years with the colors and three in the reserve. This is the result of Mr. S. John Brodrick's three years' system which under the pressure of supplying foreign drafts has collapsed ignominiously as indeed did almost every thing that heaven-born genius meddled with. The new system will fill the ranks with mature soldiers and not the country with discontented reservists.

Great crowds visited Trafalgar square yesterday and today to inspect the imposing decorations of the Nelson column. The anchor emblem from County Wexford occupied a prominent position on the west side of the monument's base, and was greatly admired. The post of honor on the south side of the column facing Charing Cross is specially set apart for the floral anchor sent by the surviving sons and daughters of officers who fought at Trafalgar. Close by is a remarkable tribute from the Victoria Esquimalt branch of the Navy League. It is emblematic of the United Kingdom. A rose, thistle and shamrock are worked in leaves and flowers and an anchor composed of moss on a bed of autumnal leaves. A novel tribute has been sent by the New Zealand branch—a wreath packed in ice. The most interesting contribution on the east side is a wreath from Nelson's birthplace, bearing the inscription: "To the immortal memory of Burnham Thorpe's illustrious son." A notable wreath was one of huge dimensions tied with the French tricolor and the Spanish color sent by the Navy League. "With respect and honor to the memory of the gallant French and Spaniards who fell at Trafalgar." The Navy League also placed a chaplet of bay leaves inscribed "To the immortal memory of Nelson" on the tomb of the hero of Trafalgar in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Making Doubly Certain

Belleville, Nov. 3.—A sensation was sprung in political circles in West Hastings this morning. Gus Porter, Conservative candidate, brought to the police station five ballot boxes which were ingeniously arranged so that the ballots could be switched by the mere turning of the handle of the box. The boxes were found in poll No. 5, where P. A. Lott, brother of the Liberal candidate, was deputy returning officer. J. A. Williams, returning officer, has promised to prosecute the offender. The Liberals are highly indignant and disclaim any knowledge of the fraud.

MASSACRE OF BRITISH

London, Nov. 3.—According to information from the Island of Perim, at the entrance to the Red Sea, a boat's crew of seventeen men which left the British steamer Baron Inverdale, was massacred by the natives of Massira island. Nine of the murderers have been arrested.

Slykyns—Gaybey has a new typewriter.
Flykyns—Did he break the old one?
Slykyns—No, she broke him.—Town Topics.

CLOSING SCENES OF PORT ARTHUR SIEGE

At Daylight Yesterday, Whole Line of Russian Forts Were Again Submitted to a Bombardment Preparatory to an Assault.

BATTERY AFTER BATTERY WAS UNMASKED.

Twice the Japanese Reach Crest of Kleekwan Fort and Are Driven Back, but Third Time Make a Lodgment.

Japanese Third Army Headquarters before Port Arthur, Nov. 3.—In the morning the siege guns opened a desultory fire and a division of infantry assaulted the Russian redoubts at Rihlung mountain. The trenches were taken.

The operation began in earnest at daybreak with a bombardment of the whole line of Russian forts. Battery after battery of Japanese artillery was unmasked, the Russians replying spasmodically. The Japanese infantry made a general advance against the Russians first trenches along the railroad in the centre of the Shuishi valley, and also in the valley between the east and west of Shuishi village. To the south the city was protected by four advance half-moon forts, in the form of a hollow square open at the rear, and connected by bomb proof trenches and having a twenty-foot moat in front.

A desperate attempt was made by the Japanese to capture the strongest fort. The infantry charged, crossed the moat with scaling ladders, stormed the fort and drove the Russians back. But the real strength of their position lay in the bomb-proof trenches filled with troops and machine guns, which forced the Japanese to retire. The Russians also recaptured the trenches in front of Rihlung fort.

On the right flank the Russians were forced back 174 yards. A hill was captured at the point of the bayonet by the Japanese. Their casualties were 1,400. Three hundred and fifty Russian dead were left there.

At 4 p. m. a fort east of Kleekwan fort was struck by a Japanese shell and burst into flames and the Russians retired.

At daylight the Japanese centre batteries fired on the Banjsan and Kleekwan forts. The Japanese, however, were driven out of the east Kleekwan fort, endangering the Japanese foothold on the fortified ridge and General Nogi held a council of war, during which several companies without orders charged up the slope to the broken wall of the trench around the crest of the fortified hill. The Russians behind the wall and in the fort poured out a hail of rifle bullets and the machine and quick-firing guns belched forth on the Japanese. Twice they were forced back till the slope was covered with bodies, but a third attempt was made and a score of Japanese reached the break in the wall. The terrible fire of the Russians, however, started their retirement.

Suddenly a Japanese officer stood up, called out an order, planted his regimental flag on the wall and was immediately riddled with Russian bullets. The effect of this sacrifice was instantaneous. The retreating infantrymen stopped, hesitated and then charged the Russians with bayonets and forced many of them up the glacis, over the ramparts and into the fort. The fact that they had reached the corner on the dead ground enabled the Japanese to hold on, though the entire Russian fire was concentrated on that point for six hours. The Japanese were reinforced from time to time from rushes made by their comrades up to the deathway from the trenches, and they stubbornly scaled the corner wall and a small section of the Russian trenches till 5 o'clock, when two companies of another regiment worked through the trenches and attacked the West Banjusan fort, the magazine of which had been blown up a short time before. Taking advantage of a diversion of the Russian fire, the Japanese, attacking the first fort, forced the Russians back, captured the fort at the point of the bayonet, and pursued the Russians along the connecting trenches to the Chinese wall. The West Banjusan fort was captured with slight resistance, the Japanese being unable to occupy it, as the magazine

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NEWS NOTES FROM GRAND FORKS

Phoenix Branch Line Is Nearing Completion—Accident at Summit City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Grand Forks, B. C., Nov. 2.—A very successful dance was given last night in the ballroom belonging to the Yale hotel, when the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The music, which was excellent was furnished by Miss Ayre. During the evening it was decided to form a club for the purpose of giving dances and other forms of entertainment for the winter months. A strong committee was formed to take the management of these dances which will be held once a month in the future.

As the Phoenix branch and other railway work is nearing completion and as some of the sawmills are shutting down for the season in this district, a number of men are thrown out of employment and many of them have left for Europe and the United States. M. J. Quigley, United States immigration agent, who resides in Rossland, says that the number that passed through Northport during the month of October was very large. Of these the majority were going to the United States to look for employment.

Judge Leamy returned from Nelson yesterday where he had gone to hold chambers, but there were no applications forthcoming as many of the local practitioners were out of town.

Tim Gascon, who recently pointed a gun at an aged man here named Wene, and who otherwise created a disturbance recently, for which he was taken in charge by the police, made his escape yesterday from the city lockup by tying his blankets around the iron bars of the window and then making the other end fast to the door, and by swinging the door back and forward succeeded in prying the bars apart and thus successfully made good his escape. However, Acting Chief of Police Savage was soon on his track and succeeded in locating the runaway about three o'clock in the afternoon near the post office. When captured Gascon had his pockets full of stones.

Alderman Neil McCallum, who has been on a visit to Eastern Canada for the last two months, returned to the city yesterday.

The sitting of the Supreme court which has been going on here for the last week under Chief Justice Hunter will conclude this afternoon when the Judge and the various visiting lawyers will leave for their respective homes.

Hallowe'en was very quietly observed in Grand Forks, while the small boys were out in the early part of the evening. No harm of any importance was done.

Word reached here last evening from Summit City of the terrible death by explosion of one Salvator Dominico, an Italian foreman in charge of a gang of men in Johnson's camp on the Phoenix branch of the Great Northern Railway. It appears that several blasts were set off and one of the charges did not go off. The dead man against the precautions of others went out after working hours and tried to remove the charge from the hole when the shot suddenly took effect and literally tore its victim into atoms, his remains consisting of particles of limbs, etc., were gathered together and brought to Grand Forks for burial. The deceased was a general favorite with his workmen.

The Granby Company has just started work on the big shaft that is being sunk on the Ironsides property. It is proposed to sink 100 feet from the 300-foot level to the 400-foot level. This winze will be put down at a point northeast of the No. 2 shaft. It will take several months to complete this work to the 400-foot level, although No. 2 shaft on the Ironsides is down to the 400-foot level yet there are no workings on that level from that shaft. The Ironsides is one of the best properties owned by the Granby company.

Bert Roy, general superintendent of the Betts and Hesperus mine, on Hardy mountain, some four miles from here is making preparations for extensive mining development work this coming winter. This morning Mr. Roy let a contract to Taylor and Fisher, contractors, for the building of a wagon road from the Fourth of July creek to the Betts and Hesperus mine. The road will be one and a quarter miles in length, and will take over one month to complete. In addition to this large gang of men are employed cutting timber for mining purposes. In the course of a couple of weeks extensive mining machinery will be brought to the mine, and within the next month the property will be worked most extensively.

A party composed of H. B. Cannon, Rube Hull, George A. McLeod and others arrived last evening from Franklin camp, where they have been inspecting properties for the past two weeks. They say that the McKinley, Gloucester and Banner are the three most promising properties in that camp. The McKinley and Gloucester are now being extensively developed. On the McKinley property one cut in the lead had a face of 10 feet of pay ore, with a floor over 40 feet, also in solid ore. This cut was 15 feet wide. A tunnel is also being run on this property, and will be continued until the width of the ore body is determined. The Gloucester is owned by Thomas Newby and others, who have made extensive preparations to work their mine all winter. The Banner property was one of the first properties in the camp to be worked, and is looking well.

Chief Engineer Sinclair, of the International boundary line survey, has a gang of men engaged in putting in substantial stone monuments about five feet in height. They are composed of the strongest kind of metal, and will practically last forever, as a divisional line between two of the greatest countries in the world.

Word has been received that Charles McGee, president of the Betts & Hesperus mine, will be in town in a short time on business connected with the mine.

A few days ago a rather severe accident happened Mr. Thomas Newby, a well-known rancher here. Mr. Newby was standing up in his buggy, when the horse started. The unexpected jerk of the buggy caused him to lose his balance and fall to the ground, the wheels of the buggy passing over his face and cutting him badly.

The latest report is that the injuries, though painful, are not considered dangerous, and it is expected that Mr. Newby will be about again in a few days.

The Ladies of the Maccabees of this city gave a grand ball last evening in the Eagles' hall. Over 50 couples were present. The music was excellent and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Ernest Miller, city solicitor, accompanied by Al. Frawminser and Coolgardie Smith, local sportsmen, have just left for the Rock Creek district on a hunting expedition. They are expected to return in about a week's time, provided the game is plentiful.

Smith Curtis, the well-known mining man of the Rossland and Boundary districts, has just returned to his home in Rossland, after spending about ten days on a tour of inspection of his various interests in this section. Mr. Curtis is authority for the statement that the Oro Denoro, Emma and Mountain View mines, in Summit Camp, are now shippers, and that on the Oro Denoro property great ore bodies had been located. He corroborated a statement previously made that the Great Northern Railway grade has cut across and exposed an ore body on the Oro Denoro that is over 100 feet in width. He further stated that the Emma property was being well developed and had an excellent showing.

EXPECT A RESPITE.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 4.—(1:25 a. m.)—There is a scarcely veiled feeling of relief throughout St. Petersburg that the day has passed without bringing news of the fall of Port Arthur. It is now felt that there may now come another period of respite. The authorities stated that they are without direct news from Port Arthur, and everyone is depending on foreign sources for tidings of the devoted garrison.

TURNING ROMANCE INTO A TRAGEDY

Festive Swain Applies for a Marriage License and is Arrested.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Kamloops, Nov. 3.—Instead of receiving the marriage license that he applied for Deputy Registrar Pearse placed F. T. Willson, of Notch hill under arrest thereby turning what was to have been a romance into a tragedy. Willson has been wanted by the Vancouver police for the past seventeen months for obtaining money under false pretences. A year ago last July Willson inveigled a Miss J. Waite to advance him $200 on the strength of a package said to contain valuable Masonic secrets. He left Vancouver and the woman's suspicion being aroused she had the parcel opened which was found to contain two newspapers. The police traced Willson here, but he slipped them only to be captured just as he was about to enter the bonds of matrimony. Detective McLean leaves tonight for Vancouver with the prisoner.

WHEAT PROSPECTS IN OLD MEXICO

Reported That the Country May Enter Market as a Great Producer.

S. S. King, chief deputy grain inspector of the state of Washington, believes there is a strong probability of Old Mexico's entering the markets of the world within the next five years as one of the great wheat-producing countries. During the past week, 13,440 bushels of turkey-red wheat have been shipped through Tacoma to Mexico, to be used in the western tablelands for seed wheat.

"A number of syndicates," said Mr. King, "have obtained concessions from the government there by which they have the use of large areas of land for terms of years. They have been experimenting with different kinds of wheat, and have found that, while the ordinary kinds of grain produce but from three to five sacks per acre, the turkey-red will produce from twenty-five to thirty sacks, or from 50 to 60 bushels to the acre. This is a magnificent showing, and is well worth the most careful experimenting.

"The turkey-red wheat does splendidly on arid or semi-arid lands, as compared with other grains. It is grown with great success in the dry portions of Adams, Franklin and Asotin counties.

"It was through this known characteristic of the variety that it came to be tried in Mexico. It is a splendid fallow grain, and if it proves true that large crops of it can be raised in Mexico, it will prove a commercial help to that country such as it has not received, probably, in the past 50 or 100 years.

"Mexico has extensive arid belts, which, aside from affording slight pasturage to a few herds of cattle, are practically valueless at present. If wheat grows well in these sections this character of land will immediately jump up in value, and there will be a large immigration from the United States to Mexico on the part of energetic farmers."

NORTH SEA TRAGEDY.

Negotiations Regarding Inquiry Are Progressing Satisfactorily.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 4.—(1:25 a. m.—Negotiations regarding the North Sea court of inquiry have not yet been concluded. The Associated Press is informed that the present position is as follows: The terms of the draft of the treaty for the constitution of the court are now under consideration by the Emperor, who may desire some modifications, in which case re-submission of the draft to London will be necessary, but the amendments, if any, are not expected to be of importance. One of the points already agreed upon is that Great Britain and Russia will jointly propose that France and the United States appoint a high naval officer as a member of the court which probably will sit in Paris.

VANCOUVER BOY MURDERER TO HANG

Youth Who Killed a Lulu Island Rancher to Be Executed Next January.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 3.—Kay, the boy murderer, who killed John Spittal, a rancher of Lulu island and stole his rifle and shotgun, was this evening sentenced to be hanged on the 17th January. It is likely that he will die before that time. Today Justice Duff allowed the prisoner to make an unsworn statement to the jury. He said the rifle and shotgun of the murdered man Spittal had been given him by an unknown man to sell and this man offered him a commission for selling them. Justice Duff charged strongly against the prisoner. Kay bore the sentence of death better than was expected. The jury made a recommendation for mercy. It is likely on account of the boy's youth that the sentence will be commuted to imprisonment for life.

D. Miller of Westminster was found in a cabin on Powell street, Vancouver, places. He may recover. He had been drinking hard and imagined that the crowd was after him to lynch him.

GEN. STOESSEL WOUNDED.

London, Nov. 3.—A despatch to a News agency from St. Petersburg says Lieut.-General Stoessel, commander of the Russian troops at Port Arthur, is reported to be wounded in the leg.

SOUND CANNERY.

Leased by a Vancouver Cannery—Other Canneries Under Negotiation.

A local syndicate, composed of Messrs. G. I. Wilson and R. Welch and Messrs. Evans, Coleman & Evans, has acquired a lease of the salmon cannery of the Washington Packing Company, at Bellingham, Wash., and has in view the leasing of some others.

According to the reckoning of those engaged in the salmon-packing industry, next year should be that in which the big run occurs, and this syndicate is securing the control of a number of canneries in anticipation of a big pack. The lease of the Washington Packing Company's cannery will take effect on May 1st next, and will run one year. The plant has a capacity of 3,000 cases daily, and in addition to the payment of a rental, a royalty will be paid on each case packed.

The members of the new syndicate were formerly connected with the British Columbia Packers' Association.—News-Advertiser.

NO IDLE TONNAGE.

Puget Sound Busier Than for Many Years Past.

The Tacoma Daily News says: A prominent shipping man said this morning:

"There is no idle steamship tonnage, and there is more freight offering than ever before at this season of the year. This is always a busy season for the cotton and tobacco crops are generally unloaded for Oriental shipment at about this time, as well as additional lots of flour and general freight. Besides this cargo, this year, there is the enormous amount of Japanese government supplies, such as railway material, steel plates, food stuffs and general army supplies.

"It is true that some of this stuff is sometimes considered contraband, but it is billed through to private parties and certainly shippers cannot afford to refuse the freight."

The China Mutual and Blue Funnel line steamships operated by Alfred Holt & Co., of Liverpool, for whom Dodwell & Company, of Tacoma, are agents, are not accepting any such questionable freight as outlined above, yet all of the steamers are leaving with full cargoes and the last to leave, the Telemachus, carried the largest and most valuable cargo ever shipped from Tacoma or any other port of the Pacific ocean.

Liberals Win In Victoria City

Col. Prior Goes Down to Defeat Before Opponent in Local Election.

Grit Candidate Headed the Poll by Majority Which Surprised His Friends.

George Riley, Liberal, 1,690.
E. G. Prior, Conservative, 1,192.
J. C. Watters, Socialist, 336.

The result of the election in the city yesterday was no surprise to either party, although Mr. Riley piled up a larger majority than was anticipated. It was realized by Col. Prior's supporters that their candidate had heavy odds to fight against. The brevity of the campaign and the better organization of the Liberals, together with the advantage naturally accruing to the candidate of the party in power, combined to make success for the Conservatives exceedingly difficult. Added to these influences the almost unanimous desire for another transcontinental line, almost at any price, may have been the chief factor in the result.

Col. Prior undoubtedly gained ground as the campaign proceeded, but the result shows that the time was too short for him to make good. Very little interest was taken in the election, which was, by common consent, about the quietest on record in Victoria. The general feeling prevailing that the Liberals would be returned to power doubtless was the cause of this, and the vote was not large, showing probably a slight increase on the vote of 1901. In that year the figures in the city were: Prior, 1,645; Earle, 1,473; Drury, 1,468; Riley, 1,445, showing an apparent total vote of 3,015, against the vote of 3,218 recorded yesterday. These figures show a considerable falling off in the Conservative vote, amounting to about 450, and an increase in the Liberal vote of 217, indicating that a very considerable number of Conservatives did not vote. The Socialist polled fewer votes than anticipated.

Business at the polling booth commenced early in the morning, and a constant stream of electors passed through the doors all day, right up to 5 o'clock, when the polling booths were closed. The counting only occupied about three-quarters of an hour, and the result was apparent a few minutes after the boxes were opened, Mr. Riley being ahead from start to finish in every box but one.

Much more interest was taken in the results of the elections throughout Canada than in the local election, and a large crowd assembled outside the Colonist office to read the bulletins which were placed in the window as soon as they arrived over the wire. The first to come in announced Conservative victories in New Brunswick and the prospect of a considerable reduction in Sir Wilfrid Laurier's majority in the House looked good. Later returns, however, pointed to the probability of there being little change in the standing of the party. The news of Mr. R. L. Borden's defeat in Halifax, which arrived at 4:30 over the Western Union lines, caused considerable regret being expressed on all sides.

At 9 o'clock the usual procession, consisting of several hacks containing the more prominent supporters of the successful candidate and a guard of honor consisting of a large number of small boys with brooms, formed up outside the Liberal committee rooms on Broad street. The Fifth Regiment band took the lead, and, followed by a hack containing Mr. Riley, Senator Templeman and Mr. Frank Higgins, and the hacks with the lesser lights, the procession paraded around the city. Returning to Broad street a halt was made and Mr. Riley addressed a few words to the assembled crowd. His remarks were quite inaudible to any but those very close to him, but he thanked the electors for returning him, and promised to do his best for Victoria. Senator Templeman then stood up and added his thanks to those of Mr. Riley. He said that British Columbia was destined to have widespread prosperity as the result of the election of so many Liberals in the province, and added that there was much more chance of getting better terms for British Columbia from the Laurier government than from Mr. Borden if he had been returned to power. Mr. Frank Higgins then arose and expressed some of the joy he felt at the victory of the Liberal party, after which the crowd dispersed.

BALTIC SQUADRON AT TANGIER

Tangier, Morocco, Nov. 3.—Vice-Admiral Rojesvensky's squadron arrived here during the day.

MAY SUCCEED SAKHAROFF.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 3.—It is reported that Gen. Zilinsky, Viceroy Alexieff's chief of staff, will become chief of the general staff, succeeding Gen. Sakharoff, the present minister of war, who was chief of staff under Gen. Kuropatkin, and whose place has been only provisionally filled by Gen. Proloff since Sakharoff's promotion.

Sunk Pride Of Jap's Navy

Should Baltic Squadron Reach Far East Tables Will Be Turned.

An Interesting Disclosure Now Shows That Togo's Squadron Is Outclassed.

Loss of Battleship Long Concealed by Tokio Authorities Evened Matters.

Paris, Nov. 3.—The Associated Press was put in a position today to state positively that its despatches from Chefoo, Port Arthur and Tokio last June to the effect that the Japanese battleship Yashima had been sunk by a mine off Dalny, which despatches were denied by the Japanese authorities at the time, have finally been officially confirmed. The Japanese government has notified the foreign governments of the loss of the ship. The number of men who went down with the vessel is not known, but it is believed to have been small. The official details show that the Yashima struck a Russian mine and later attempted to make Dalny harbor, but this proved impossible and she sunk in deep water.

The loss of the Yashima has been concealed by the Japanese, though the Russian authorities have believed for some time that the reports that the battleship had been destroyed were correct. It is important, since it is now disclosed that Japan has only four more modern battleships remaining. These are the Ashahi, Fuji, Mikasa and Shakishima.

The Yashima was one of the finest battleships of the Japanese navy. Her displacement was 15,000 tons. The Russian squadron at Port Arthur includes five modern battleships more or less damaged, and Rear Admiral Rojestvensky's command, which is now en route to the Far East, also numbers five battleships.

HOLD-UP ON SHASTA ROUTE.

San Francisco, Nov. 3.—The Bulletin today says that with the arrival in Berkeley of Samuel Hume, a Wells-Fargo express messenger on the Oregon run, comes the story of a desperate hold-up on the Shasta route. Two masked men robbed the train crew on the overland freight that preceded the Oregon express by an hour or two.

WILL INVESTIGATE MORMONISM

Blackfoot, Idaho, Nov. 3.—United States Senator Dubois is at home after a thorough canvass of the state. The senator said great interest all over Idaho is being manifested on the subject of Mormonism, and that the sub-committee of the senate will resume investigation of the Smoot case in Salt Lake and Southeastern Idaho commencing about November 15.

LUMBER EXPORTS FALL OFF.

Canadian Imports Aggregate 87,600,000 Feet for Season.

Bay City, Mich., Nov. 3.—Lumber receipts from Canada during October totalled 15,200,000 feet, the aggregate for the season being 87,600,000, somewhat less than last year. The receipts of saw logs from Northern Michigan, however, have increased greatly this season over last year, the Mackinaw division of the Michigan Central railroad bringing 150,000,000 feet this season, against 110,000,000 feet last season. Many million feet are still to come.

TROUBLE IN PROSPECT.

Act of Castro Almost Involves Venezuela and Colombia in War.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Mr. Snyder, the American charge d'affaires at Bogota cabled the state department today that President Castro of Venezuela has issued an order closing navigation on the River Zuba. The closing almost involved Colombia and Venezuela in war. There have been rumors for some time past of a considerable agitation in Venezuela looking to a revolution directed against Castro, and it is surmised that he closed the navigation of this river to prevent arms and ammunition from reaching the would be revolutionists

CABINET MEETING.

Meeting in London Discusses Question of Convention.

London, Nov. 3.—The fourth meeting of the British cabinet within a week took place this afternoon. The Anglo-Russian situation was considered. After a two hours' session the cabinet rose at 5 o'clock. After the cabinet had adjourned the Associated Press was informed that, so far as the foreign office was concerned, all matters regarding the international commission had been satisfactorily settled, but the officials were unable yet to say whether in all the details the arrangements will be satisfactory to the Russian government. The foreign office further stated that no official announcement will be made tonight.

DIE FROM POISONED PUDDING.

Dish Sent to Theatrical Boarding House by Unknown Person.

New York, Nov. 3.—Two persons, who ate part of a pudding sent to a theatrical boarding house in West Forty-third street, are dying in Roosevelt hospital; a third is in a critical condition, and the police are scouring that part of the city in an effort to locate the messenger who left the package at the door. It is believed that the sender of the package planned the death of the entire household, with an idea of revenge for some unknown cause. Had the pudding reached the dinner table, as was intended, the lives of a score of persons would have been imperilled. The colored housekeeper, her son, who acts as bellboy, and another negro lad were the victims. They ate some of the pudding before meal time. A few moments later they were writhing from the effects of arsenic poisoning. A young man left the pudding at the door, saying it had been sent by a caterer in a near-by street. Fortunately for the boarders, the next meal was some hours away, and a wholesale poisoning was avoided.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO BUILD.

New York, Nov. 3.—A new home in Central Park West will be erected by the New York Historical Society from money made available by a gift of $150,000 in cash which has just been announced. The donor also will pay for an entire granite front of the building, which will cost an additional $50,000. His name will not be announced until the completion of the first part of the building.

THE TRUANT AIRSHIP.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3.—The Baldwin airship has been found sixteen miles west of St. Louis in a cornfield. It is damaged and was still floating when discovered, although it had anchored itself.

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