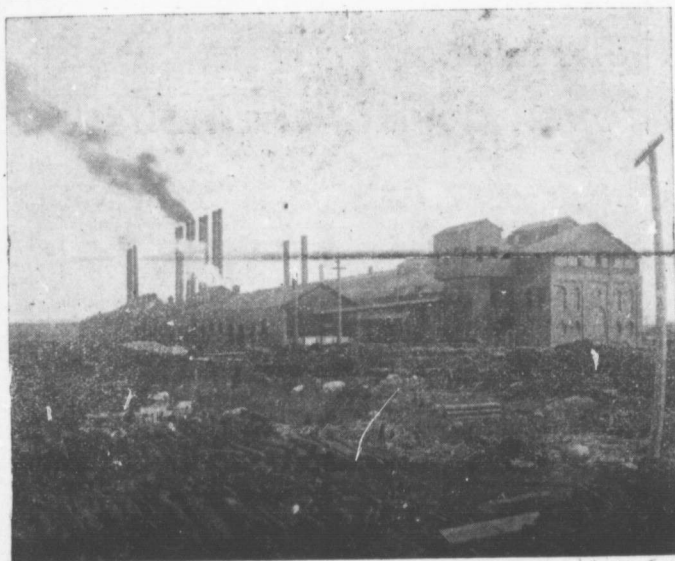


the Conservative candidates in North Oxford and in London would have been elected by overwhelming majorities. On the contrary the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Hyman, and the Liberal candidate in North Oxford, Mr. Smith, were returned by 380 in the case of Mr. Hyman as compared with a majority of 23 last fall, and 349 for Mr. Smith. This shows that the strong Protestant constituencies in Ontario are not averse to granting the kind of separate School described by the Autonomy Bill. There is no doubt that a separate school managed by any particular church is objectionable, but that question did not in the least arise in this particular matter. The separate schools in the Northwest is separate in name only because it is conducted along lines practically similar to the ordinary public schools.

Now that these bye-elections are over,

the Government will no doubt desire to push forward the session as rapidly as possible. It seems strange that although the House has been in session for several months the Budget has not yet been brought down. The explanation is, of course, that it was considered advisable to keep with the Autonomy Bill until it was sent over to the Senate. That Chamber has been adjourned again for a couple of weeks. The chief business of the Senate this session has been to adjourn from time to time. When there is no business to do is probably the cheapest thing to adjourn, and we are not imputing any fault to the Senators who are always willing to work when there is work to do. It behooves the House of Commons to get together and try and conclude the session before the dog days are upon us.



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