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KING CABINET MEETS TO PLAN REPORTS

WHAT IS GOOD FOR CANADA?

King Is Advised Both To Resign and To Continue—National Welfare, Not Party Tactics, Should Rule.

Premier King is being advised, both from within and outside the cabinet circle, to follow two opposite courses. He is being advised to resign, and the strategists tell him that Mr. Meighen would thus be placed in a position where his weakness would become apparent with consequent reaction in favor of Mr. King's return, and a definite union of Liberals and Progressives by being together in opposition. He is also being urged to continue in office in order that he may have the prestige of being in power to assist his appeal in a future election.

From the point of view of political tactics, there is something to be said for both courses. But political tactics and party advantage do not constitute the need of the hour. There is only one consideration which should guide decision in the present complicated circumstances; it is the good of the nation; it is the necessity of giving Canada the strongest government which the situation will permit in order first that the business of the country may proceed, and secondly to avoid plunging the country immediately into another election with winter approaching.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN? How is this consideration affected by the two courses proposed to Premier King?

Let us suppose that the first is followed; Mr. King resigns; Mr. Meighen is invited to form a cabinet and establish government. Mr. Meighen will have a maximum strength of 117 members from whom one must be deducted to act as speaker. Against him would be 128 members of an opposition composed of Liberals, Progressives and three Independents. It is doubtful that Mr. Meighen would win the vote of the house on the appointment of the speaker; it is extremely probable that his address in reply to the speech from the throne would be refused; it is certain that his first budget proposals would be decisively rejected. Any one of these defeats would mean that Mr. Meighen would be obliged to ask for dissolution of parliament, and an appeal to the people.

Let us now suppose that the second course is followed; Premier King continues in office; he accepts one of the seats which have been offered to him; he reorganizes his cabinet. Opposition to Premier King would be offered by 117 Conservative members, while support would be given by 128 Liberals, Progressives and Independents. There would be no difficulty in the appointment of a speaker; there would not likely be successful opposition to Mr. King's address on the speech from the throne; his budget proposals would have a fair probability of being sustained.

KING'S DUTY IS CLEAR. In other words it is quite possible for Premier King to conduct the business of the country without confusion and to administer a government capable of avoiding disruption. An immediate upheaval, and a mid-winter election would be avoided; the public would have the interval of at least one session of parliament in which to draw breath, survey the situation in the light of new alignments and issues revealed by the recent contest, and form a considered opinion.

Premier King should accept his task with courage, give Canada the most capable government which the circumstances permit, and whatever partisan criticism he may be obliged to endure will be outweighed by the knowledge that he has acted in the best interests of Canada.

ITALIAN FLIER IN PERIA. Associated Press Despatch. Bender Abbas, Persia, Nov. 2.—Commander Francesco di Pinodo, Italian aviator, arrived here today from Karachi, British India, on his return flight from Tokyo to Rome.

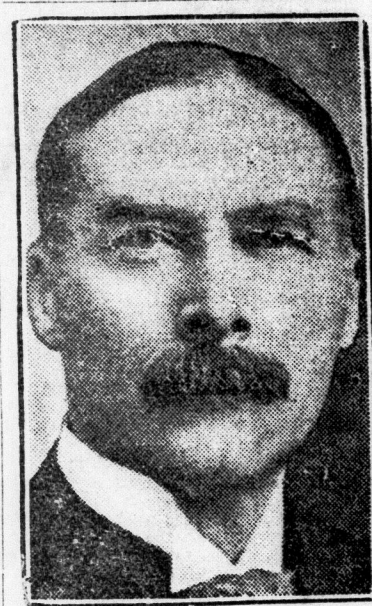
Canada's Building Figures Show 40 Per Cent Gain

Post-Election Fun In Stratford



A kazoo band and 1,000 spectators accompanied two Stratford men on Saturday as they went through comedy skits for losing election wagers. The figure with the umbrella, Bernard in the act of rolling a peanut.

"For First Time In 5 Years Canada Passes X-Y Line;" Best News For Many a Day



SENATE LEADER PASSES. Sir James A. Lougheed, Conservative leader in the Canadian senate, died this morning at his home in Ottawa following an attack of pneumonia.

SIR J. LOUGHEED DIES IN OTTAWA

Conservative Leader in Senate Succumbs to Short Illness.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Nov. 2.—The death occurred here this morning of Senator Sir James A. Lougheed, Conservative leader in the senate, who has been critically ill at the Ottawa civil hospital for several days suffering from pneumonia in his left lung. Sir James held portfolios in the governments headed by Sir Robert Borden and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen. He has been a member of the senate since 1889.

Suffering a serious breakdown last winter which confined him to his room for several months, Sir James made such a good recovery that he was able to take his place towards the end of the session as leader of the Opposition in the senate.

About ten days ago, he developed bronchitis and later pneumonia set in. Since Saturday, however, slight improvement was noted and he was held out for his recovery and the end came shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. During his illness Sir James was attended by Dr. Lafleur of Montreal.

THREE PASSENGERS KILLED ON PLANE'S MAIDEN FLIGHT

Associated Press Despatch. Copenhagen, Nov. 2.—A new Fokker aeroplane, on its first flight here yesterday, crashed at the Kastrup aerodrome. The pilot, Military Air Lieut. Murtensen and three passengers were killed. Two other passengers were gravely injured.

FREAK ELECTION BETS SETTLED IN STRATFORD. The straw hat and the skis in the above picture is Beniah (Bunny) Frier, who had to trail his weatherman's raiment around the war memorial ten times. Stopping, is Paul Bernard in the act of rolling a peanut.

across Downie street with a sharp-pointed pencil. Bernard is a follower of Brown. The man who won the best is shown on the right of the two figures fully enjoying his victory.

Babson's Index of Business Activity in Dominion Rises Above Normalcy.

EXPANSION FORESEEN "Prepare For Better Business Ahead," Is Advice of Expert to His Clients.

"Business in Canada has surmounted the X-Y line." To the average man this may indicate a very little, but to London businessmen who know Roger Babson, the statement, contained in the October report from the Babson Commercial Agency of New York, conveys a great deal. Babson's X-Y line means normal. For the first time in half a decade the dominion's line of activity is on top of it.

This optimistic message, from an authority of international reputation, continues: "For the first time in almost five years the index of business activity in the dominion has risen above the normal line of the Babson chart. The outlook is for a steady improvement, and we are urging all our clients to prepare for better business ahead."

The following is the statement of the chart: "The Babson chart shows that for the first time in five years Canadian business has risen above the X-Y line. The period of readjustment just ended is approximately the same size as the area of over-expansion which preceded it. We expect that any development on the upper side of the X-Y line will come in a conservative way, and that a period of sound business improvement is ahead. Canada's position in the business area has been built on a firm foundation. At home the various fundamental factors of business have worked out logically and conservatively during the past five years."

True Expansion Seen. "Canada's exports and imports have made rapid strides, and should continue their development, because the dominion is well attuned to conditions abroad. We have witnessed an increase of exports over imports due in part to the investments of foreign capital in Canadian developments of natural resources and Canadian enterprises. No more favorable sign of business stability could be found."

"Failures, which in number and total liabilities reached their peak in 1921, have gradually worked out so."

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CATTLE DISEASE SPREADS IN ENGLISH DISTRICTS

Associated Press Despatch. London, Nov. 2.—Eleven further outbreaks of foot and mouth disease among cattle were reported during the week-end. These include an outbreak at Henley-on-Thames, which had been rumored but had not been confirmed up to Saturday. The outbreak of the disease at Henley-on-Thames necessitates the establishment of a new 15-mile area in which dealing in cattle is prohibited and the Reading cattle market is affected thereby.

ALARM EXPRESSED AT L.S.R. LAYOFFS

Partly Seasonal, Partly Due to Buses, Says Street Railway Manager.

COUNCIL PROBLEM

The street railway situation as affected by the recent introduction of buses may be a topic at tonight's meeting of the city council. There is nothing on the agenda at present which would bring the question up, but the fact that the London street railway has found it necessary to lay off some employees, and the disappointment and alarm among the men as a result, may bring the whole question very much to the fore.

Questioned by The Advertiser this morning, Manager Leonard Tait admitted frankly that several men had been laid off. "But then that is usual at this time of the year," he added. "Have you laid off more men than usual this year?" he was asked. "Yes we have," was the reply. "How many?" was the next question. "I don't think we'd care to state that," replied Mr. Tait. "Has the introduction of the buses been responsible for some of the lay-offs?" queried The Advertiser. "Well yes, partly. The situation is not very good," Manager Tait replied.

Mayor Afraid of It. "Just what I have been afraid of all along," was the mayor's comment when apprised of what was taking place and how the street railway men feel about it. "I wouldn't mind the introduction of the buses if I thought it would get us anywhere in the solution of our transportation problem," he stated. "But it won't, especially if the buses are going to displace the street cars. The parallel existing street car line is at present having no work at all, and I would say, well and good, but the present situation is not very good."

LONDON DIVISION OF C.N.R. EARNS \$2,000,000 MONTHLY

Considered One of Best Railroad Centers in Dominion, States Superintendent. SERVICE IS EFFICIENT

"London is considered one of the best railroad centers in the dominion," declared Charles Forrester, superintendent of the London division of the C. N. R., speaking before the Rotary club at noon today, "and it has the greatest daily railway movement in Canada, with the best service of Toronto and Montreal."

"The London C. N. R. division is a heavy earning division," stated Mr. Forrester, "since, on the basis of net tons per mile, the division is credited with between \$2,000,000 and \$2,500,000 earnings per month. Of this total, 60 per cent is dispersed for operating expenses, and 50 per cent from the division offices here."

Both the C. N. R. and C. P. R. have established division head-

BUILDING TRADES CONTINUE TO SHOW STEADY INCREASE

October Showed a Gain of \$8,500,000 Over Same Month Last Year in Dominion.

ONTARIO IS SECOND

Trend For Three Months Has Been Steadily Upward, Report Shows.

Total awards for Canadian construction for the month of October, as compiled by MacLean Building Reports, Limited, were \$29,647,500, as compared with \$29,746,400 in September. The total for October, 1924, was \$21,066,800. This year's figure is an increase of 40.8 per cent over the corresponding period of last year. Residential building accounted for 23.8 per cent of the October building, amounting to \$8,262,700. Business building amounted to \$5,314,900 or 18 per cent, industrial building \$7,535,500 or 25.4 per cent, and public works and utilities \$7,970,100 or 26.8 per cent.

Ontario Second.

The activity was distributed among the provinces as follows: Ontario, 26.7 per cent; Quebec, 5.1 per cent; prairie provinces, 5.8 per cent; British Columbia, 8.5 per cent, and maritime provinces, 1.9 per cent. Total construction started from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31 has amounted to \$238,324,500, compared with \$222,573,100 during the corresponding period of last year, an increase of 7 per cent.

The above figures speak for themselves. They need no comment, especially when it is remembered that up to the end of July the total value of contracts awarded, several millions less than for the corresponding period of last year, during the past three months the volume of work started has been increasing steadily instead of falling off as is usual at this season of the year.

More Industrial Work.

It is particularly gratifying to note the increase in industrial work. For the year this amounted to 26 millions of dollars, while for the corresponding period of last year the total was less than 12 million. Residential building also shows a total increase of 16 millions of dollars for the year to date.

Quebec Is Solid.

Quebec, therefore, would prevent Mr. Meighen having a majority in the commons even if his fortunes elsewhere remained intact. The ascendancy of the Conservatives in the Maritime provinces would be as likely as not to see a Conservative slump in the Maritimes, where lack of Liberal organization was a principal cause of government losses. The same explanation is given of losses in Ontario.

COURTLAND DINES MARRIES MISS H. GIBSON, DENVER

Associated Press Despatch. Denver, Nov. 2.—Courtland Dines, Denver club man, and Miss Helen Gibson were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. M. Gibson, here, Saturday.

NEW RUSSIAN SEMINARY GETS AID FROM ROME

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Nov. 2.—The Holy See has purchased for \$5,000,000 lire the former convent of San Antonio, near Santa Maria Maggiore, for the purpose of establishing a Russian seminary. The seminary is to be founded by the Russian government, and the newly founded Russian seminary, the pope has donated to Lombard college 1,000,000 lire for the purpose of the seminary. The Propagation of the Faith will probably take care of the other institutions.

TWO PERSONS ARE KILLED BY SOUTH CAROLINA TRAIN

Associated Press Despatch. Cheraw, S. C., Nov. 2.—Two persons killed and one seriously injured were on board when a South Carolina train No. 4 struck an automobile at a crossing 17 miles south of here, near Millendorf, late yesterday. The dead are Raymond and Daisy Wilson of Jeanette, Pa. Louis Zell, who was seriously injured, was taken to the hospital.

UNKNOWN SLAYERS KILL NEW YORK CAFE OWNER

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Nov. 2.—A few minutes after they heard the sound of pistol shots, police last night entered the Lone Owl cafe, in a west side tenement, and found the body of John C. Sheridan, 49, a cafe owner, crumpled under a table. The slain man was a large number of persons had fled precipitately after the murder. In the same place a year ago, police said, a patrolman was shot and the witnesses disappeared with equal celerity.

FINAL READING TONIGHT FOR FOUR CITY BYLAWS

Four bylaws will get their final reading at city council tonight and will then be passed on to the people to be voted on at the municipal elections early in December. They include \$75,000 for repairs and alterations to the Aged People's Home and the Victoria Home in South London; \$225,000 for the nurses' home at Victoria hospital; \$75,000 for a new fire out street bridge, and a \$10,000 grant to the University of Western Ontario.

Official City Majority, 4,443; Spoiled Ballots, 102

The returning officer's official count of ballots cast in the federal election contest in this city last week was completed at noon today. The official figures give the Conservative candidate, J. Frank White, a majority of 4,443. The vote was as follows: John Colbert, Labor, 2,405; J. C. Little, Liberal, 7,777; J. Frank White, Conservative, 12,260. There were 102 spoiled ballots.

In announcing the result of the official count, Returning Officer Gordon H. Tennent paid a warm tribute to the efficiency of the deputy returning officers. All of them performed their duties to his complete satisfaction, he stated.

The empty ballot boxes have been sent to the customs house to be stored until the next election, when ever that may be. They were formerly kept at the sheriff's office in the courthouse, but a change in the law makes it compulsory to store them in a federal building wherever one is available.

GOVT. REORGANIZATION PLANNED BY PREMIER

Cabinet Ministers Summoned to Ottawa For Parley This Afternoon.

Prime Minister May Go to West For Seat—Young Blood Is Sought.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Ottawa, Nov. 2.—There is now a definite belief that the government of Mackenzie King is to remain in office. The cabinet meets today to discuss the situation, most of the ministers being here for the purpose, but the deliberations will probably turn on reorganization rather than on any question of the continuation or resignation of the government.

It is now known that many Conservative members will be prepared to support the government on matters not definitely controversial, but that they will not support a general election and risk their indemnity. They are convinced, moreover, of the possibility of losing their seats in a general election, and that another general election would reduce rather than increase its strength.

The Conservative party, it is now realized, cannot hope to make any considerable impression upon Quebec. When the Patenaude effort, with limited financial resources at its disposal, failed so completely, no attempt to split the French province can ever have a chance of success.

Quebec, therefore, would prevent Mr. Meighen having a majority in the commons even if his fortunes elsewhere remained intact. The ascendancy of the Conservatives in the Maritime provinces would be as likely as not to see a Conservative slump in the Maritimes, where lack of Liberal organization was a principal cause of government losses. The same explanation is given of losses in Ontario.

FREIGHTER ALGIERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Nov. 2.—The freighter Algiers burned off Norfolk last night, the Independent Wireless Telegraph Company reported today. A message from the freighter Birmingham City, which went to the aid of the Algiers, said no sign of life was seen aboard the burning ship.

GERALD CHAPMAN'S PAL KILLED AT MUSKOGON

Associated Press Despatch. Muskogon, Mich., Nov. 2.—The bandit slain here Saturday night after he had shot and fatally wounded Charles Hammond, city detective, was positively identified today as "Dutch" Anderson, noted thug and pal of Gerald Chapman, super-bandit. The identification was made today by fingerprints of the slain bandit and those of Anderson.

WANTED FOR TWO MURDERS.

Associated Press Despatch. Muncie, Ind., Nov. 2.—George W. "Dutch" Anderson, bandit, who is believed to have met death at Muskogon, Mich., was wanted here in connection with the murders of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hance, who were slain last August. They were killed presumably because of Hance's testimony given at the trial of Gerald Chapman, pal of Anderson, on the charge of killing a New Britain, Conn., policeman.

EAST HAMILTON COUNT.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Nov. 2.—The official count in East Hamilton gives Major-General S. C. McBurn 15,538; Alderman Sam Lawrence, Labor, 2,574; and John Sewards, Liberal, 2,150. About 60 per cent of the vote was polled.

OLD COUNTRY FOLK SMILE AT LONDON'S BLANKET OF FOG

Slows Up Motor Traffic, But Can't Compare With England's "Pea Soup" Variety.

NO ACCIDENTS RESULT

London Observatory Thinks the Density a Record, But Has No Measuring Device.

The fog which has overhung the political situation at Ottawa ever since the election of last week spread to this section of the country last night, and this morning London was enveloped in a thick blanket of the stuff of which clouds are made. So heavy was the vapor which lay over the landscape, that until a comparatively late hour the sun's rays were unable to penetrate it, and vision was seriously obscured, making movement of traffic extremely hazardous.

Railways, according to reports from the office of Superintendent Forrester of the C. N. R., were not seriously affected, the modern block system precluding to a large extent any possibility of accident. Trains last night and this morning were all on schedule.

Manager Leonard Tait of the street railway company stated that the fog this morning was not of sufficient intensity to give any trouble to motorists. It is very rarely that fogs cause any disruption of street car service, he stated.

Thickness Unknown.

Because of lack of facilities for determining the density of fog, Miss M. I. Dewar, of the local weather observatory, was unable to state just how thick this morning's covering was, or how it compared with previous fogs experienced here. "Have you any instrument for measuring the density of fog?" The Advertiser inquired. "No, I don't think there is one this side of Toronto," Miss Dewar replied. "Then there is such an instrument," the reporter queried. "I don't know," was the answer. "I thought you knew. I was taking your word for it."

Admitting that both parties to the interview were a little befogged, the subject, Miss Dewar, stated that at the Toronto observatory there are probably some means of determining the density of fog. The one which descended on London during the night was one of the thickest she remembers seeing, she stated, adding that it was a sign of approaching cold weather. Fogs are caused, she explained by cold air currents from the upper air coming in contact with a warmer strata close to the earth, thus condensing the moisture in the atmosphere into vapor.

Motor traffic was the chief sufferer from conditions prevailing last night and this morning. Garages situated along the highways reported that the volume of traffic was reduced to a minimum by the unwillingness of motorists to take chances.

Don't Drive At All!

This was as it should be, according to the proprietor of the Glendale garage on the Lambeth highway. "We would not want to have any motorists for driving in fog," he was asked.

"Don't drive at all if you can help."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; today and Tuesday, not much change in temperature. Pressure high over the western half of the continent and the lower St. Lawrence valley are relatively low over Alberta and Rocky Mountain states. The weather has been fair with some light rain, temperature in nearly all parts of dominion.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	40	Fair
Calgary	48	28	Cloud
Winnipeg	44	24	Clear
Parry Sound	40	32	Fair
Toronto	40	32	Clear
Kingston	40	30	Fair
Ottawa	42	28	Clear
Montreal	42	34	Fair
Quebec	36	28	Cloud
Halifax	44	34	Cloud
St. John	44	30	Fair
Halifax	44	28	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 24. The official temperatures for the hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 25. Sun rises at 6:55 a.m., and sets 5:08 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Sunday—8 p.m., 29.53. Today—8 a.m., 29.53.