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CITY ELECTORS ARE ROLLING UP RECORD VOTE

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Two Thousand More Ballots
Predicted by Party
Leaders Here.

PERCENTAGE GROWS

C. N. R. Shops, Banks, Rolling
Mills and Dispensary Are
Closed For Day.

London went to the polls today. Party leaders were confident that 2,000 more votes would be cast today than in any previous federal contest here. The betting had it that majorities would be under the 1,000 mark, and that candidates would probably finish up like an abbreviated straight 9, 8, and 7, with pretty even betting on the high card and the second. There is every prospect that the total vote in London will reach the 24,000 mark.

Hamilton road was the center of activity. Every vote in the district has been thoroughly canvassed. The C. N. R. shops and the London Rolling mills were closed all day. The banks closed at noon. There was only a morning mail delivery. The government dispensary was closed all day.

Official figures show that the percentage of the electorate which actually votes in London is increasing year by year. Ontario average is going down. That of the whole dominion is going down. Only a struggle of centuries gave the franchise to every man and woman, though the percentage of the electorate which chooses representation is often pathetically small.

Few Vote in U. S.
In recent British elections 52 per cent of the registered voters cast their ballots. In the last presidential election of the United States only one-half of the registered voters exercised the franchise. In the 1921 Canadian election the percentage was 70.3 of the registered vote, a decrease of 11.2 per cent from 1910.

Canadian citizens are today electing 245 representatives to the dominion house of commons. These representatives will, for a period, control the destiny of a nation composed of 9,226,740 people, having an aggregate tangible wealth of about \$22,155,000,000, and a potential wealth of an untold amount.

In London there is a possibility that the representative vote will show the greatest percentage of electors in the history of the city. Municipal and provincial election contests have here shown larger percentages of the vote than federal elections.

A Record in 1917.
The largest majority for any federal election was won by the Conservative candidate, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, K. C., by a majority of 4,363, nearly 3,000 of which were soldiers' votes.

Better comparison can perhaps be made in the general elections of 1911 and 1921. In the reciprocity election Major Thomas Beattie, Conservative, carried the city by a majority of 1,561. There have been two three-party election fights for federal honors in London. In London, back in 1909, Robert Roadhouse was the third candidate, but he lost his deposit, while the straight party candidates were divided by only a few hundred votes.

In the last election the three-party fight reached unprecedented proportions. The success of Dr. H. A. Stevenson, Labor representative, in the provincial legislature, had given the Labor cause considerable impetus, and their candidate in 1921, Arthur Mould, polled 4,315 votes. Supporters of John Colbert in the present contest believe that Labor will poll more than 5,000 votes.

Big Vote This Year.
The 1921 election brought out the largest number of electors in the history of federal contests here. More than 55 per cent of the registered vote cast their ballots. It is expected that this percentage, as well as the number of voters, will be increased considerably this year. The King Liberals and the Labor movement have both increased in strength.

Electors of London pinned their faith in Sir John Carling on the occasion of no less than five general elections and one by-election. He was defeated by the Conservatives by Liberal candidates on two occasions.

The Hon. C. S. Hyman led the Liberal forces in campaign fights for a great many years. Three times he was the choice of the general election to represent London at Ottawa and he was also named member in the by-election of 1905. The close campaigns brought defeats for Liberals at one general election and for Conservatives at others. Mr. Hyman was defeated in the last election.

Thomas Beattie was elected in three general election contests here, while Major Walker, Liberal, Hume Cronyn, Unionist, and J. Frank White have had one term each.

NEW BRIDGES COST \$8,000.
Fourteen new bridges have been built in Middlesex county this year at a total cost of \$8,000. County Engineer Charles Talbot states. The bridges have been erected in various parts of the county to take care of increased traffic over Middlesex road.

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Many Election Speeches.
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Halifax, N. S., Oct. 29.—While the federal political campaign, which closed last night, was productive of no sensational developments in the maritime provinces, it was said by several political observers that more election speeches have been made during the campaign than in any previous general election in the history of the maritimes, unless with the exception of the "reciprocity" election.

The list of candidates remained last night, as on nomination day a week ago. Straight party fights are provided in all but two constituencies in the three maritime provinces. In Cape Breton South the Liberal and Conservatives are opposed by J. E. McLachlan, nominee of the Labor party, and in Carlton, one of the women nominees, Mrs. Minnie Bell Adney, will contest the constituency as an Independent, along with T. W. Caldwell, Independent member of the last parliament, and J. K. Fleming, Conservative. Prince Edward Island will elect four members, New Brunswick four, and Nova Scotia four.

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COMMISSIONER ASKS 15,000 MORE TROOPS

French Forces in Syria Suffer
6,000 Casualties in
Week.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Oct. 29.—The new cabinet formed by Premier Painleve as soon as it is sworn into office—if it will have facing it the annoying situation in Syria, which is declared to have obtained such a serious aspect that General Sarrail, the French high commissioner, has requested 15,000 reinforcements with which to overcome the attacks of the natives.

Even in official circles the silence of General Sarrail in reporting completely on the situation has caused considerable irritation and open criticism of him. This is due to the premier's admission before the chamber committee on finance that there were more than 6,000 casualties in last week's fighting between the French and the Druses.

MEIGHEN SAYS STATEMENT PREFERENCE MISCONSTRUED

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Ottawa, Oct. 29.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, in referring to a statement yesterday by Premier King at Newmarket, in which the prime minister reported as criticizing an alleged declaration by Mr. Meighen at Kitchener, to the effect that "the British preference was wrong in principle," issued the following statement last night:

"What I said on this subject at Kitchener," said Mr. Meighen, "was exactly what I said in parliament on June 2 last, and was in support of the clause in the British preference bill, that we should give British and British dominions preference in return for preferences given us and that no preference should put Canadian workmen out of employment."

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Board of Education Moves For
"Sane Halloween"—Principals
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TRUSTEES DISAGREE

Board Hears That Building of
New Collegiate Will Begin
in Three Weeks.

Building will be commenced by John Petherborough, London, on the new 20-room collegiate institute and public school at the corner of Dundas street and Highbury avenue within three weeks' time. Such was the information given the board of education this morning when the recommendations of the building committee awarding the general contract to Mr. Petherborough at \$217,000 and the contract for the plumbing, heating and ventilating to Wm. Skelly, London, at \$39,219, were endorsed at a special meeting of the board.

Chairman S. F. Lawrason suggested that the principals of the schools ask their pupils "to make this Halloween a sane one, and to behave themselves." Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess, M. M., thought that the suggestion "would be inviting trouble, because he did not think the school children were the ones to blame."

Not the Grown-Ups.
Trustee W. G. Murray: "Well, I know it is not grown-ups who put ashore the suggestion of 'sane Halloween.' Mr. Lawrason: 'In United States they are taking this question up quite strenuously.'"

Trustee J. J. Willmot: "I believe the chairman is on the right track; there should not be any vandalism or destruction of property on Halloween or people's property on Halloween. Mr. Willmot then moved that the chairman's suggestion be carried out by Trustee Mrs. John T. Rose and Mr. Mess voting against the motion."

The board accepted a motion proposed by Mrs. Rose that Canadian and British-made goods be used in the new school and that only London labor be used wherever possible. This was passed on to the contractors as a recommendation of the board of education in the matter of promoting the use of London products and London labor.

To Slope Hall Floor.
Some comment on discussion took place as to whether the floor of the auditorium should be flat or sloping. The general feeling being that the sloping floor would be more comfortable for the audience, the board decided to have the front half flat and the back half sloping. This plan meets with the approval of the board of education for more flat gymnasium floor space and also provides genuine auditorium accommodation, something not yet placed in any of the London schools.

The department wanted two waiting rooms put in the school, but the board declined to do so because, as Mr. Lawrason puts it, "they would cost \$20,000, and the principals do not want the rooms. The chairman said that 'he believed the board has use of the \$25,000 saved in the purchase of the site,' and added, 'We'll require it, too.'"

While approving of the plans of the new school, the department of education recommended certain extensive changes.

H. W. YORKE LEAVES ESTATE OF \$23,988

Dorchester Farmer's Property
Will Provide Income For
His Widow.

Henry Wesley Yorke, North Dorchester farmer, who died on September 5th last, left a total estate of \$23,988, according to the will filed for probate at the court house today by Harold Barnum, K. C., of Aylmer.

The estate is made up principally of property, a 300-acre farm in South Dorchester being valued at \$20,000. Mr. Yorke left the income from 90 per cent of the estate to his wife, and 10 per cent to Miss Catherine Morton, of Toronto. On their death, the entire property passes to a nephew of Mr. Yorke, Yorke McConnell, of Aylmer.

BROTHER OF BULGARIAN PREMIER ASSASSINATED

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Vienna, Austria, Oct. 29.—Danco Tsankoff, brother of Premier Alexander Tsankoff of Bulgaria, has been shot and killed in Sofia, while walking on the street.

Despatches from Sofia describe the motive for the crime as unestablished. The slayer escaped. Tsankoff was walking with his wife and sister-in-law when shot.

The Tsankoff brothers were estranged. Danco Tsankoff was a member of the Bulgarian parliament.

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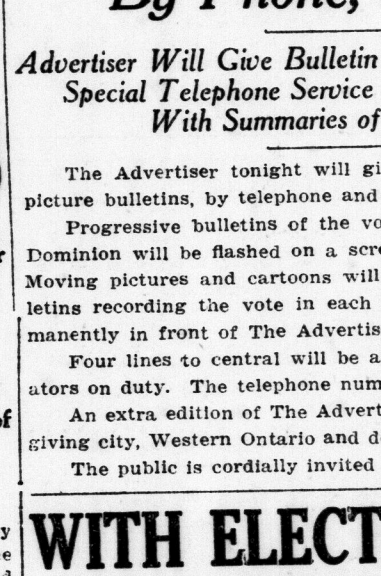
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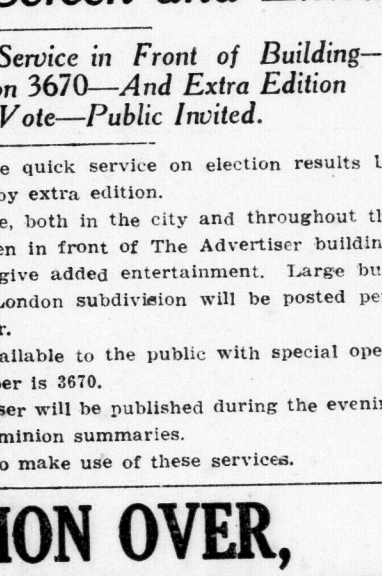
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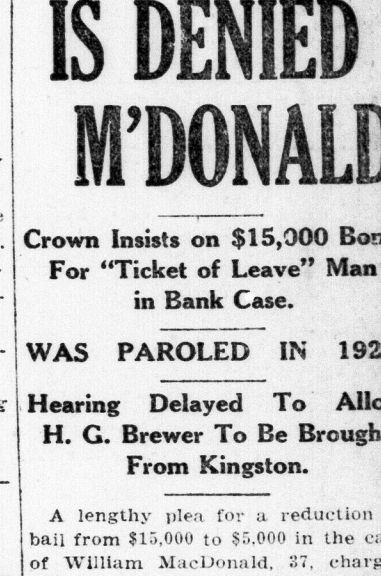
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