

COUNTRY ACTIVE SLOWER IN CITY POLLING VOTES

Fairly Good Expression of Opinion in Belleville at Noon Today WARMED UP LATER Ideal Weather Made the Day in Rural Sections Much More Lively

Ideal weather, women occupying seats in the polling sub-divisions, and the registration of a big vote, featured the Dominion elections today. Voting will be heavy over both the west and east ridings of Hastings. The usual last minute rush was quite in evidence at many of the polls of the city at the hour of going to press. The lengthening of the day by an hour at the close will give the deputy returning officers a little more chance to keep the crowd moving towards the later hours of the polling. The vote from eight to nine this morning was not heavy.

A canvass of the polls of the city at one o'clock revealed the fact that at least from twenty-five to thirty per cent. of the available vote had been registered. That was thought to be a fair percentage, as only half the polling time had been consumed. The west side of the river saw fairly heavy polling all through the morning and at half time the registration had reached about a third of those whose names appear on the voters' lists.

The early vote around the business sections of the city was a little discouraging to the scrutineers and the workers of the candidates, but toward midnight the usual signs of election life appeared. Belleville's available vote is 6,495 and naturally the vote will be the largest in the city's history with the women at the polls.

Perfect election weather prevailed for the rural districts and the farmers are stated to be rolling in the last man and the last woman on the lists. Rural voting has been greatly transformed by the arrival of the motor on the scene and the absence of snow will be a big factor in getting out the voters, although it may lessen the charm of a winter election as the old-timers remember it, with snow on the countryside and sleigh bells jingling up and down the concessions, and thoughts of old days near the bar.

The ancient type of room where the ballot-box used to be, has gone. Throughout the twenty-eight sub-divisions of the city the places are more trim, while at the tables sit a couple of ladies. Outside some of the poles the lady scrutineers were engaged all day checking up the voters as they passed in to register their opinion in favor of the government candidate or the Progressive-Labor representative.

No excitement of the old style occurred to thrill the elector who liked to hear of some election stunt being pulled by one or other of the parties. With the fact that all the adult population twenty-one years and over is practically eligible to vote, surprising little excitement prevailed.

Those who imagined that the women voters might have difficulty in learning the ways of balloting, were disappointed, for at none of the polls were more than the ordinary explanations necessary. This is in part due to the fact that many women have been voters municipally and that a number voted in the 1917 war election.

First Wireless Sent to Australia

SYDNEY, Dec. 6.—The Sydney Sun today publishes the first Press message by wireless direct from England to Australia, marking an epoch in the world's transmission of news. The message was despatched from the Marconi Company station at Carnarvon and received, practically instantaneously, 10,000 miles away at the Amalgamated Wireless Company's experimental station at Koorwara, Victoria. It is expected that the Australian parliament will sanction regular and direct service between Australia, England and America at an early date.

NO STRIKE EXCITEMENT.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—While reports of minor disturbances and some interruption of work, resulting from the strike of the packing house employes, came from St. Paul, Kansas City and Denver, the first day of the strike passed off quietly with little apparent effect upon normal operations.

The municipality of Solons, France, is reported to be negotiating with Canadian bankers for a loan of 10,000,000 dollars, to be employed exclusively on reconstruction work.

EXPIRED FROM HEART DISEASE RESCUING MAN ALREADY DEAD

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 6.—James Quick, a carpenter, and Peter Donahue, a builder's laborer, met death in a tragic accident at the corner of Central Avenue and English Street, where Quick virtually expended his life in a heroic effort to save his fellow-worker from suffocation. The men were engaged with several others on Scott Murray's building force, in erecting a residence. Donahue was digging a sewer and was not seen by the others, who were inside. He was missed when the others quit work, and before leaving they decided to look around

to see if everything was going all right, with him. Quick found that the trench had caved in, and calling to the others he grasped a shovel and dug furiously to uncover the body. With the assistance of the other men he located Donahue, and hauled him out. "He's dead," he exclaimed, as he brought Donahue out, and falling back he expired from heart disease, beside the body. Coroner Dr. Ferguson investigated and ordered an inquest in the case of Donahue. Donahue was a man of 50 years of age and Quick was about 70.

FOUR MILLION ELECTORS VOTING

Chances are That Most of them Will be Polled Before Six O'Clock

WOMEN SAME AS MEN Three Parties all Confident and Results Tonight Sure to be Surprise

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—Canada today elects her fourteenth parliament and from all over the Dominion with a few exceptions weather conditions are good.

For the first time the women vote on the same basis as the men. It is estimated that four million voters will be entitled to cast their ballots. Organizations of the three parties are confident of the outcome. On behalf of the Conservatives it is claimed there is a decided swing to victory in their favor. The Liberals expect to have the largest group in the next house while the Progressives are equally confident of sweeping the prairie, winning one-half of the Ontario seats and securing seats in Quebec, the maritimes and in British Columbia.

In Ontario the prospects are for a record vote. City reports showed a large vote soon after polls opened this morning.

Balfour Going Home Books for Dec. 31

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Mr. Balfour, in booking his passage home by the Olympic for December 31, is considered here to have been merely taking the same kind of precautions as caused Lloyd George to make tentative reservations on every important liner sailing for New York last week and this week. It will be remembered that on his trip out Mr. Balfour was unable to get suitable accommodation direct to New York, and had to go round by Quebec.

In an authoritative quarter here it was learned that the Washington Conference is expected to conclude its deliberations before Christmas.

FINISHES QUARTER CENTURY ON BENCH; SCORNS PENSION; BELLEVILLE "BOY" HONORED

Lieut.-Col. His Honor Judge J. A. Forin, of Nelson, but Formerly Alderman for Baldwin Ward, Has Had Distinguished Career of Service, and is still carrying on with Fine Vigor.

The Daily News, Nelson, B.C., on Nov. 28th last contained the following concerning an old "Belleville boy," who is now Lieut.-Col. his Honor Judge Forin, of West Kootenay. Judge Forin is known by many of the older citizens of Belleville. He was "Jack Forin" to them in the days before going to B.C., when he was alderman for Baldwin Ward.

Administering justice in the Kootenay when Fernie and Cranbrook had not been born, when railways were a dream of the future, and when travel was primitive and men were the same, J. A. Forin, of Nelson, judge of the county court of the West Kootenay, yesterday rounded out his first quarter of a century on the bench, during which he has continuously served this territory. His honor has three years the best of any judge in British Columbia, in length of service. While now eligible to retirement with a pension, he admitted last night that he had no intention of availing himself of this right at the present time.

Starting his legal career as a barrister, of Osgrade Hall, Toronto, the future judge came to British Columbia in 1888, the year Nelson was

NO FURTHER CUT IN SHOE PRICES

Secretary of Boot Manufacturers' Association Says Bottom Reached CANADIAN-MAKES SELL

ASSOCIATION HAS INDUCED MEMBERS TO DISCONTINUE THE PRACTICE

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—There is not going to be any reduction in price of shoes, declares S. Roy Weaver, manager of the Shoe Manufacturers' Association of Canada, and reports to the contrary "are baseless. Leathers and linings cost considerably more than two or three months ago, and prices are as low as possible under present conditions.

"The present prices of boots and shoes are lower by 20 to 45 per cent.," says Mr. Weaver, "than those which prevailed in the spring of 1920. This represents the entire saving which manufacturers have been able to make, and no further economies are in sight. Stocks of footwear are small, and dealers who do not look ahead may have difficulty later in getting what they want."

"Calcskins have advanced 10 to 15 per cent. the last few weeks, and cow hides cost 20 to 25 per cent. more than a month ago. This may result in higher prices, if the advance continues, and there is no prospect of lower prices just now."

Canadian-made shoes will no more be branded with marks suggesting they are made in the States, for the association has induced members to discontinue the practice, he says.

"The practice was forced on manufacturers a few years ago," said Mr. Weaver, "because of a prejudice for imported footwear. It used to be very hard to sell Canadian-made shoes to women, if they knew they were made here. People have gradually realized that Canadian-made shoes of excellent quality are obtainable at prices much lower than imported shoes of equal grade."

"More than a year ago the association took a strong stand on this misleading practice, and manufacturers have, therefore, broken up the dies. Some of the finest shoes in the world are now to be seen with their true

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRADE WITH NEWFOUNDLAND

Low Rates Quoted by Shipping Co. Provides a Chance for Ontario

DEATH OF TRAFFIC NOW STEAMSHIP CONCERN HOLDS THE GUARANTEE FROM GOVT. OF ISLAND DOMINION

SYDNEY, N.S., Dec. 6.—Compared with previous years the amount of freight carried from this port to Newfoundland by the Reid Newfoundland Company's steamships at the present time is very small. The Reid Company has practically cut freight rates in two, as an inducement to shippers, but there has been no appreciable increase in traffic.

Interviewed as to matters of trade with Newfoundland, Mr. John Elliott of this city, who visited the island Dominion last summer, stated that the government was guaranteeing the company against deficit in its operations up to a million and a half, so that no matter how the rates were lowered the company did not stand to lose.

Mr. Elliott's explanation of the small amount of freight leaving Sydney for the island colony, in the face of the lower rates is that the freight of the island require only a certain amount of imports and that reduction of the rates would not cause an increase in the shipping.

Asked if he thought there was a good opportunity for trade between Ontario and Newfoundland in view of the falling off of shipping from Sydney, Mr. Elliott replied, "Absolutely so." He stated that whereas at present the colony gets practically all its cheese and butter from New Brunswick and Quebec, there was an opportunity to bring that trade to Ontario. He pointed out how cheese and butter could be put aboard a vessel here, transferred to a vessel of the Canada Steamships at Montreal and make the entire trip to Newfoundland by water at a lower rate than freight could be handled from the other two provinces.

There is a misunderstanding in that while Mr. J. Elliott and Mr. H. F. Ketcheson have been agitating the question of trade with Newfoundland, the same topic has been taken up in England. Sir Edgar Bowring, High Commissioner for Newfoundland, speaking at the Newfoundland Club dinner in London recently, remarked on the excellent financial condition of the colony. He stated that it was a fact not generally known that the value of Newfoundland's land products was twice as great as that from the fisheries and that the fisheries could still be developed. Attorney General Warren claimed that Newfoundland had so far suffered from its insularity.

Final Results May Be Late; More Votes Out

In Canada this evening 23,896 individual polling stations will be counting votes, or an average of just over 100 each for the 235 constituencies, ranging from a maximum of 350 polls in Edmonton West to 35 polls in the Yukon.

Owing to the heavier vote anticipated from the free exercise by the women of Canada of their newly-acquired franchise, and also because of the many three-cornered fights, when the victor may not be known until the last poll of his riding is counted, it is expected that final results will be relatively slow in coming in, as compared with previous general elections.

There are 90 in West Hastings and 73 in East Hastings.

AN ARMY OR NOT?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Preparation of both the United States army and navy appropriation bills, providing funds for the fiscal year beginning next July will be postponed until the arms conference has thrashed out the armament question.

CAN'T GO TO STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Mr. Lloyd George will be unable to visit Washington owing to the early meeting of parliament to act on the Irish agreement.

mark, Canadian-made. Not a few members of the association have refused good orders, calling for use of old brands and have lost trade rather than return to the old practice."

TALK ALLIANCE OF BIG POWERS AT WASHINGTON

Increased Attention Given to Three or Four-Power Agreement at Conference

MAY DRAFT TREATY

NAVY ARRANGEMENT SAID TO INVOLVE NO POLITICAL PACT—WALK FOR JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The question of a three or four-power agreement to replace the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is demanding increased attention among the arms delegates while they wait for Japan to define her position on the naval ratio.

The latest suggestion, contemplating an entente to include Great Britain, Japan and France, has turned to the point where a tentative treaty draft is under consideration in some quarters, although it has not been formally presented to the conference.

There are indications that the Japanese delegates and perhaps the British as well, are consulting their home government on such a proposition at the same time that they are asking for further instructions in regard to the naval ratio.

On the part of the United States government there apparently is no disposition to entertain an entente proposal, at least at the present stage of the negotiations. Later such a suggestion may receive consideration, provided it includes no requirements counter to public opinion in the United States.

Upon high authority it was said today that the naval problem as it was referred to Tokyo after the last meeting of the "Big Three" involves no proposal for the political agreement of any character, but is concerned solely with the naval and military experts of the situation. The United States delegation adheres to its expectation that the naval issue will be accepted without the conditioning of any political rearrangement.

Amiral Baron Kato of the Japanese delegation, said tonight, however, that the naval question involves issues which are of far-reaching effect upon the national and international life of Japan and on the policies of great powers for decades to come and perhaps permanently. These issues, he said, should be brought to the full knowledge and consideration of his government before definite action is taken.

The committee of the whole on the Far East is to meet again on Wednesday, bringing the full membership of the conference together again after a recess of four days.

The proposal for a four-power entente, as now advanced, is considered an outgrowth of the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd George, made several weeks ago in Parliament, that the Washington conference might well consider merging the Anglo-Japanese alliance into an arrangement to which the United States would be a party.

Their Mistake Was in Running

The two young men who had to be halted by the discharge of a revolver by a police officer the other night were given a talk by Chief Kidd today. The youths had been lingering about and had been requested to move on and when the officer returned, they were still in the same place but on the approach of the constable they ran. It was found out that they had no sinister motive in loitering. Their mistake was in running away when they were required to inform the officer as to their movements.

Drugs, household utensils and petroleum could be sold more extensively in Venezuela by British firms if the latter would exert themselves to the little extent necessary, states H. M. Minister at Caracas.

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Lieut.-Col. Ponton "Loses his Vote" CHAS. S. CLAPP

MARSHAL TO SEE French Comma Armies to Co Eastern OTTAWA O Montreal and Q Day Then B Yo

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—The dates of the Marshal Foch who is in the United States, to Canada, announced. Marshal Foch will arrive in Ottawa on Sunday, Dec. 11 morning. He will stay in Ottawa for Montreal and then for Quebec at 3 o'clock in the evening of Monday, Dec. 12. The marshal-in-chief of the army will stay in Quebec the evening when New York. There are 30 persons in the entourage of the marshal. It was stated that Marshal Foch having visited the guest of the Am United States returned to Ottawa, and that the responsibility of the Canadian Government, Sir James Loughborough, the Government, in Washington to secure an adian itinerary is desirable that the visit Toronto and the seat of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These efforts were however. Marshal Foch guards of honor and Quebec, and the arrangements by in the hands of the authorities. The details of the three cities have been announced.

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WALLACEBURG a gathering of Meligen said the dependent Liberal tremely reckless tions, making h and prejudice. "Wherever I e the platform of dicate, Mr. Crera Mr. King's, all and painted to which he is runn "We have gone campaign and once read the fi he is pledged to form."

Mrs. Zulek at Av

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