

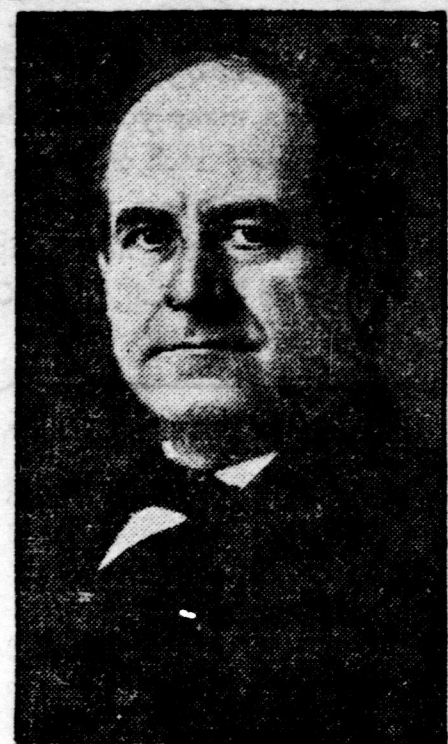
TAFT AND BRYAN AT POLLS TODAY WEATHER FINE, BIG VOTE OUT

A Spectacular Campaign
Ends—Now Nothing
But the Polling.

GETTING READY
FOR WILD NIGHT

New York Merchants Barricading
Premises in Preparation for
Riotous Celebration.

New York, Nov. 2.—With the first gray shadows of approaching dawn, the American voters set out today to choose a new president of the United States to serve for four years from noonday of March 4 next. Business in New York and elsewhere throughout the country is practically at a standstill, while the millions of ballots are falling and the destinies of men, state and nation, are being decided. Early weather reports were favorable, and political managers renewed their predictions of yesterday that a heavy vote will be cast in every state where there has been the semblance of a contest between the two old parties.



WILLIAM J. BRYAN
Democratic Candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

HEAVY VOTE OUT IN ALL PARTS

Polls Open Early.
The polls opened in New York City and throughout the state at 6 o'clock this morning. This same rule applies in most of the states. The closing hour, as generally, is set for 5 p.m. The polling places offered about the only scenes of life in the city during the early hours of the day. The banks, stock exchange and business houses of all descriptions were closed. Lower Broadway and the financial district appeared the most deserted of all the familiar places about the city.

Barricading for Tonight.
Shopkeepers along Broadway, however, busied themselves during the morning with preparations of defence against the election night throngs and revelry, which reach here a degree of magnitude and liberty approached by probably no other city. Barricades were constructed today in front of plate glass windows, all showcases protruding upon the sidewalks were removed, and as far as possible "decks" were cleared, as the police expressed it, for the surging crowds that will pack the famous thoroughfare tonight from Old Trinity, at the head of Wall street, to Times Square, at Forty-second street, and beyond.

A Rush to Votes.
There was a rush of voters at practically every polling precinct this morning as soon as the ballot boxes were opened. The Tammany organization especially was anxious to get its vote in early, because of the fear of complications later in the day through the operation of the new registration. But Tammany is always an early voting organization. The new law, which is applicable only to New York City, and which has been denounced by the Democrats during the present state campaign as a device of the Republican Legislature to reduce the Democratic plurality "Below the Bronx" requires that voters shall write their own names in registering, and shall repeat the signature for comparison on election day. The catchism of questions for illiterate voters is quite extensive. These conditions are likely to result in slower voting than ever before. In the districts where was unusually heavy registration the police feared that time would not be available for everybody to vote, and in several instances the board of elections split up the precincts to avoid congestion and consequent trouble.

The up-state returns will undoubtedly be in before the count in many of the local precincts is fairly under way. Erie County, in which Buffalo is located, and which is declared usually to be an index to the national result, will be one of the first counties to announce results. Voting machines are used in most of the up-state cities and counties, including Buffalo, and the returns are quickly footed up from the different districts. A comparison of the returns from Erie County with the figures of two and four years ago, will give a pretty close idea of what the drift in state and nation is to be. Whatever of apathy may have been apparent during the campaign itself it (Continued on Page Nine.)

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOLER.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 3—5 a.m.
Today—Winds increasing to gales from southwest; fair.
Wednesday—Northwest winds, and turning colder again.
TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
London..... 55..... Fair
Calgary..... 25..... Fair
Winnipeg..... 20..... Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 28..... Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 42..... Fair
Toronto..... 40..... Fair
Ottawa..... 40..... Cloudy
Montreal..... 34..... Cloudy
Quebec..... 34..... Cloudy
Father Point..... 30..... Snow
WEATHER NOTES.
A developing low area is moving south-eastward across the great lakes, and there are indications of another cold wave coming in over Manitoba. The weather is fair and warmer this morning in Ontario and Quebec, but continues cold in the Maritime Provinces. Storm signals are displayed on the upper lakes, and cautionary signals on Lakes Erie and Ontario.

Election Bulletin.

The results of the presidential elections being held throughout the United States today will be announced this evening by The Advertiser news bulletin service immediately the result is known.

HEBREWS PICKED RAGS ON SUNDAY

And Were Hauled Into Court for
So Doing—Reserve Case
Laid Over.

An interesting case was heard before Magistrate Love this morning when Moses Left and Moses Ellison, two Hebrew junk dealers, were charged with breaking the Lord's Day act by picking rags on Sunday. The men admitted that they had picked the rags on Sunday, but asked to be allowed to withhold their plea. Mr. Meredith, who appeared for them, contended that the men were not liable if proceeded against under the Dominion statutes, instead of the Ontario statutes. Under the Ontario statutes they are liable to a fine of from one to forty dollars. Magistrate Love reserved the case for a week. William Sweeney, a drunk, was fined \$5, and William Gordon paid \$2 on a similar charge. Thomas Hinning paid \$2 for being drunk and disorderly. John Barry, another drunk, was fined \$2. T. Mascari, for encumbering the street with a push cart, paid \$1. Joseph Dutton, for driving a horse on the sidewalk, paid \$1.

PREMIER INDISPONED CASE NOT SERIOUS

Ottawa, Nov. 2.—Although Sir Wilfrid Laurier is confined to the house, it is denied that he is suffering from an attack of lumbago. He is suffering from a slight intestinal cold, and has deemed it advisable to transact business and receive callers at his home rather than at his office for a few days.

NIPISSING GOES TO CONSERVATIVES

Official Count Gives Gordon a Majority of Twenty-One.
North Bay, Nov. 2.—Mr. George Gordon, Conservative candidate for Nipissing, has been declared elected on the official count, by a majority of 21. There are 46 rejected ballots, but these will, it is thought, increase Mr. Gordon's majority.

JUDGE'S BAIL WAS RENEWED FOR WEEK

Man Convicted of Supplying Liquor to Indians Still Unable to Raise Money to Pay Fine.

H. A. Judge, the Indian liquor department detective, who was recently fined \$100 by Squires Chittick and Hodgins for carrying liquor on the Oneida reserve, appeared before the county magistrates today, and was given another week in which to pay the fine and costs of the case. Mr. J. M. McEvoy, who appeared for Judge, stated that owing to the absence of certain Government officials, his client had been unable to raise the amount asked. Judge's bail was renewed for one week. Mr. P. H. Bartlett appeared for the prosecution.

CONSTABLE DECLARES KENNEDY A VAG

Says He Can Prove That the Man Solicited Alms.

The county constable who arrested Lewis Kennedy, the aged alleged vagrant, states that there is no doubt but what the man is a vagrant, despite his assertions to the contrary, and that he had \$30 on his person when arrested. "I have a list of some of the people whom he asked for money," said the constable, "and when he appears for a hearing this afternoon I will produce the list." It is further alleged that Kennedy attempted to strike a Thorndale woman because she refused to give him alms.

MARINES FOR ESQUIMALT

Nearly One Hundred Men Arrive at Quebec En Route.

Quebec, Nov. 2.—Ninety-five British marines, including three officers and nine non-commissioned officers, arrived at Quebec this afternoon at 2 o'clock by the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba, en route to Esquimalt, to relieve a similar number of men who have finished their term of service at that naval station. The new arrivals boarded a special C. P. R. military train as soon as they left the ship, which will take them direct to British Columbia.



"BIG BILL" TAFT.
The Republican Candidate for the United States Presidential Election, Which Take Place Today.

LONDON COUNCIL REFUSED TO ASK FOR LEGISLATION

To Validate the Niagara Power Contracts Entered Into by the Municipality With the Hydro-Electric Commission—Matter Sent Back to the Special Committee.

Niagara power was again before the council last evening, and after occasioning quite a little debate, the matter was again sent back to the special committee. The contest of oratory arose over a circular received from J. W. Lyon, secretary of the Western Ontario Municipalities' Niagara Power Union, asking that the city council pass a resolution urging the Legislature to pass legislation validating the contracts at present signed by the different municipalities in the union. The communication requested that this be done at the earliest possible moment. However, the council did not act on the suggestion, but referred it to the special power committee to discuss.

Inland Revenue Shows Increase For October at Port of London

Are \$1,206.26 Greater Than the Fees Collected for September.

The inland revenue returns for London for the month of October continue to show a steady increase, and were \$1,206.26 greater than in September. The figures for October were \$31,717.99, as compared with \$30,511.73 in September. Compared with October of 1907 there is a decrease of \$7,195.27. The returns for the month are as follows:

City Gas Co. Will Protect Interests In Regard to Natural Gas Franchise

Ask To Be Allowed to Have a Representative Before the Committee.

The City Gas Company has taken a hand in the natural gas argument, and at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon will be represented. At the council meeting last night a communication was read from Mr. R. K. Cowan, solicitor for the company, asking that representatives from the firm be heard before any franchise is given to any company. Mr. Cowan, in his letter, points out that the company has always kept well within its rights, and that before a franchise is given another company, allowing it to lay mains throughout the city for the distribution of gas, the rights of the City Gas Company should be considered. He says that before another company receives a franchise, it should have enough gas in sight (not in expectation), to supply the city during the coldest and darkest day in winter. In addition the company should have enough capital to pipe the gas and distribute it throughout the city. Mr. Cowan further suggested that his company be given the right to refuse to make terms with such applicants, as far as may be considered reasonable by the council. It is understood, although not so stated, that the City Gas Company will refuse to distribute the gas of the London and Western Pipe Line Company, as terms have already been made to distribute the gas of the Chicago firm. There will be a long discussion at the meeting of No. 2 committee and the gas men on Wednesday afternoon.

Library Board Secured Reduction

At least one public body has been able to take the Underwriters' Association by the neck and get good returns from the process. Some time ago the underwriters informed Librarian Carson that the insurance rates would be raised 50 cents per \$100 on the public library. The library board was then paying \$0 cents per \$100, making the new price \$1.40 per \$100. Mr. Carson, on the instructions received from the board, declared that the library would be uninsured rather than submit to the exorbitant rate. As a result a new rate was struck, much lower than the old one. The city now pays 73 cents per \$100, just about half the rate which the companies demanded.

REID CASES NOT YET SETTLED HITCH IN THE NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Peter Smirlies, It Is Said, Refuses Absolutely to Contribute to Pool—Attorney Says the Cases Will Be Fought Out in Court.

The Reid disaster cases have not yet been settled, and from the present outlook it would appear that the chances of their being settled out of court are very poor. It appears that Mr. Peter Smirlies, who was named as one of the defendants in the many suits brought, has declined absolutely to contribute the \$1,000 toward the general pool of \$5,000, which was to have settled all claims, with the possible exception of one or two obscure actions which have not yet been set down. The other gentlemen interested in the actions, it is said, have placed themselves on record as being unwilling to make up the deficiency caused by Mr. Smirlies' action. "If Mr. Smirlies doesn't give \$1,000 toward settling the cases, they will be fought out in the court," said one of the attorneys for the other defendants today. "We haven't heard from him lately."

New Brunswick Electors Disgusted With the Opposition Slanderbund

Mr. Pugsley Explains Big Liberal Sweep in His Province.

Toronto, Nov. 3.—"Confidence in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal Government, the marvellous prosperity of the country during their administration, and the disgust of the people with the slander campaign of the Conservatives," thus briefly were the triumph in New Brunswick summed up by Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, who was in the city yesterday on private business. "I know," he said, "that even many of our friends were surprised by the results in my province, but I never doubted that the people would prove their confidence in Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal Government, and mark their disapproval of the slanders of the Opposition. These slanders culminated in the false affidavit read by Premier Hazen at a Conservative meeting. Fortunately a complete denial was at once given to the story, and no doubt the slanderous statement did more harm to the Conservatives than to the Liberals. The people were disgusted by the attempt by falsehood to discredit me, and in St. John and other parts of the province clearly manifested their resentment at such tactics." Mr. Pugsley added that the Liberals were fortunate in having strong candidates in New Brunswick. "I believe," he said, "that had the campaign lasted a week longer we would have won St. John City. As it was, Mr. Daniel's majority was reduced almost to the vanishing point."

Traction Company Have a Plan Want to Run on City Streets

Object Is Probably to Connect With a New Line Which Is To Enter London.

The Southwestern Traction Company have asked the city council for permission to extend their tracks along Simcoe street to Talbot. This is the first request received from the company to traverse the city streets, and its importance will be seen at a glance. The company's tracks enter the city over their own right-of-way, and do not in any way interfere with the franchise of the London street railway. Now that the company desires to traverse a street the whole question will be opened, and it will be productive of a most interesting discussion. The request will meet with vigorous opposition in all probability from the London street railway, which has an exclusive franchise in the city. This company has a 30-day option on any street, and in this case it will probably be exercised. It has been impossible to discover what the traction company desires by its request to extend its tracks. It is not the intention to erect a station on that street, so far as can be learned. There was a rumor to the effect that the new St. Marys Traction Company would in the near future apply for a charter to run down Talbot street, and if the Southwestern line is extended as far as Talbot street a connection could be formed, giving transportation from St. Marys, and other northern points, to St. Thomas. Mayor Stevely and other members of the council have not been informed as to the intention of the companies, as yet.

Custom Returns Show Big Revival

Ottawa, Nov. 3.—The customs revenue of the Dominion for October shows a considerably smaller falling off, as compared with last year, than has been the case for six or seven months past, indicating that the expected revival in trade is beginning to be felt in the increasing orders for imported goods. For the month the customs revenue was \$4,316,473, as compared with \$4,930,031 for October of last year, a decrease of \$613,558. For the first seven months of the present fiscal year the customs revenue has totalled \$27,179,191, a decrease of \$9,163,575. For the balance of the fiscal year it is expected that there will be a steady betterment in the monthly statements of the customs revenue.

Blenheim Man Drowned at Eriean

Chatham, Ont., Nov. 2.—Sidney Burke, of Blenheim, was drowned at Eriean at noon today. Mr. Burke, with a party from Blenheim, went to Eriean to enjoy a day's duck shooting. He got separated from his companions and was seated in a small rowboat, when a gust of wind upset it. The Eau was very rough and he was unable to hang on to the boat. He was not noticed by his companions until it was too late. Men are still dragging for the body, but late this evening it had not been found.

Premier Bond May Be Defeated

St. Johns, Nfld., Nov. 2.—The first returns from today's general election indicate the probable success of the Morrisette Opposition. Brigus elects his nominee, Warren, by a majority of 174 over Lloyd, the Bondite candidate. Goodison, Morrisette. The Morrisettes assert that the figures indicate that they have probably carried several doubtful seats. Lloyd is the editor of Premier Bond's chief newspaper. Carbonne elects Haddock, the Bondite, by 23 over

Unknown Man Dead on the Track

Toronto, Nov. 3.—Coroner Watson, of Burlington, reported to the city detective department this morning that the body of a man about 35 years of age was discovered late last night on the main line of the G. T. R. The man had evidently been killed by a train.

Election Returns.
Mr. H. Campbell Becher, the stock broker, has made special arrangements for a private wire service from New York and San Francisco tonight, giving the election returns in full. In addition to that, he has completed arrangements whereby execution of orders on the London Stock Exchange can be completed by direct cable. There has been much interest shown in the elections, and there no doubt will be a large crowd at Mr. Becher's offices. Every person is invited to call.