

PROTECTIONISTS BUSY

(By The Guide Correspondent)

Ottawa, July 28.—That patriotic organization of financiers and manufacturers known as the Canadian National League, now has an office in Ottawa from which immense quantities of literature, designed to teach farmers that they would really be better off if they would go in for mixed farming instead of asking for reciprocity, are being sent out. The advantage of sending out the literature from Ottawa is that at the House of Commons post office a rubber stamp reproduction of an M.P.'s initials is as good as any number of postage stamps, which would cost real money. Sacks of literature are thus being sent through the mails free every day.

The Guide correspondent called at the offices of the league today, and asked for some literature, but the young man in charge was so surprised that anyone should want to read the stuff that is being sent out that he asked what it was wanted for. The suspicious young man also had to be told the name, address and occupation of the applicant, and when The Grain Growers' Guide was mentioned, he innocently inquired whether that paper was for or against reciprocity.

"We are against it," he remarked in a tone of giving information.

ELECTIONS SEPT. 21

With more than two years yet to run the Canadian Parliament was dissolved on Saturday last and a general election has been called to take place on Sept. 21, with nomination day one week earlier. This action was taken at a meeting of the cabinet on Saturday morning, and the government states that the opinion of the people upon the question of reciprocity is desired. The opposition also welcome the opinion of the people upon the same question. The last general election was held on Oct. 26, 1908, so that the present parliament has been the shortest since 1873. The present session has been one of the longest in history, and has been a record in the small amount of business transacted. Seldom was a parliament ever dissolved while in session, and never before in Canada. Both parties declare that they are sure of success, which is what is always said. There was general excitement around the corridors of the House of Commons at noon on Saturday, when the rumor went about that an election had been called. The announcement was made by Mr. Fielding to the newspaper men about 1.30, and immediately flashed throughout Canada. The members of Parliament found that they were members no longer, but merely private citizens and that it was up to them to move for their constituencies as fast as possible. There were handshakes and good-byes most touching. Many of those members took their last look upon the House of Commons as members, for many of them will never get back. Every election is the grave for many politicians.

The following is the standing of the parties by provinces in the present Parliament:

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.	T ¹
Ontario	36	48	2	86
Quebec	53	11	1	65
New Brunswick	11	2	0	13
Nova Scotia	12	6	0	18
P. E. Island	3	1	0	4
Manitoba	2	8	0	10
British Columbia	2	5	0	7
Saskatchewan	9	1	0	10
Alberta	4	3	0	7
Yukon	1			1

Total 133 85 3 221

Leaders' Statements

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and R. L. Borden have issued statements to the people of Canada upon the impending election. Sir Wilfrid states that reciprocity has been the policy of both political parties for forty years, and that it will be of great benefit to Canada. He also states that the Conservative party have continually obstructed the business of Parliament until it was necessary to appeal to the people. He is willing to leave the matter to the people for decision, and wants them to say if they are for freer trade or for protection.

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Mr. Borden criticizes the government for dissolving Parliament without notice and without voting supplies. He also states that redistribution should have been passed and that the Oliver inquiry should have been concluded. Finally he states his pleasure that the issue is now in the hands of the people, who will decide it definitely.

It is stated in news dispatches from Ottawa that both Borden and Laurier will remain at Ottawa for a week, beginning their campaign tour. Mr. Borden will tour the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, while Sir Wilfrid will devote the greater part of his time to Quebec and Ontario, leaving the Maritime Provinces to Mr. Fielding, Sir Frederick Borden and Mr. Pugsley. Neither of the leaders will come West during the campaign. They both have had enough of the West for the time being. The campaign will be a hot one, and will be fought with probably more bitterness than customarily. It will be far different from the last few general

elections, in which there has been no issue. Both parties have been deluging the country with campaign literature for some weeks past. They have it prepared in Ottawa so that it can be sent through the mails free of charge by having some member of parliament initial it. Thus any member has the privilege of sending out barrels of campaign rubbish every day upon which no postage is paid, but which is charged up to the general expenses of the country.

C.P.R. EARNINGS

Montreal, July 29.—The gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific for the fiscal year ended June 30, were: \$104,167,808, or slightly larger than the estimates. The net profits for the year were: \$38,699,830. The increase in net profits for the year is \$2,859,874. These are, of course, new high records, but will be eclipsed this year with the record crop, when the C.P.R. should take in over \$110,000,000. Owing to the increase in the capital, the C.P.R.'s earn-



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ings on the stock this year will be a small fraction below last year's return on the common.

DUTY OFF COAL

Ottawa, Ont., July 31.—The Hon. Mackenzie-King tonight made the following announcement:

"With a view to relieving the situation as it has developed in the Canadian West in consequence of the prolonged cessation of operations at the coal mines in southern British Columbia and Alberta, an order-in-council was passed by the government today providing that on and after August 7 next, duties on coal will be removed on the southern frontier west of Sault Ste. Marie for consumption in British Columbia, east of the hundred and twenty-second meridian of longitude, and in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

The action taken by the government is based on the representations which have been made by the premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta, by the boards of trade and public authorities of many localities in the provinces concerned, to the effect that a serious shortage of coal in eastern British Columbia and in the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba is likely to result from the prolonged cessation of work in the various coal mines and that such shortage will be liable to be the occasion of widespread privation and possible disaster among the inhabitants of the provinces named. In these circumstances, and having in mind the situation as it developed in the Canadian West at the time of the threatened fuel famine four years ago, it has seemed to the government right and conducive to the public good that exceptional steps should be taken to assist in bringing about an avoidance of the dangers which might arise from a fuel famine.

It is stated in the order-in-council that the proposed remission of duties shall take effect on and after August 7 next and shall continue so long as, in the opinion of the governor-in-council, the coal mines may, through lack of operation, fail to produce sufficient coal to meet the public requirements, and for a period of two weeks after the passing of an order revoking the order which authorized the remission of duties.

From this it will be apparent that if the parties between now and the close of the present week, effect a settlement and the work should be resumed on Monday next, no remission of duties will take place.

On the other hand, if work should not be resumed on Monday next, then practically all coal brought into the provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia will come in free of duty for such time as work may not have been resumed at the mines and a period of two weeks thereafter.

An insane Hindu emptied a repeating rifle into a street crowd in Chicago, July 25, seriously injuring five people. When searched the police found upon him letters to President Taft and the British consul, asking permission to do the deed.

The City of Winnipeg has under consideration the purchase of the holdings of the Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company. The deal would involve twelve million dollars and it is probable that the voters will be asked to decide the question in the near future.

James M. Wells and Grant Black, accompanied by their families, arrived at Gretna on July 28, after driving in prairie schooners from Columbus, Ohio. The trip took ninety-seven days.

The Weyburn, Sask., summer fair was successfully held last week.