

DIARY OF THE MONTH.

BY-ELECTION CONTRASTS.

- 1913.
- Oct. 2 F. B. CARVELL, M.P. and J. H. SINCLAIR, M.P. at CANSO, N.S., on the tariff and the fishing industry.
- Oct. 3 UNDERWOOD TARIFF goes into effect in U.S.; formally signed by PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON.
- Oct. 4 CHATEAUGUAY NOMINATIONS: HON. SYDNEY FISHER (L). JAMES S. MORRIS (C); Chateauguay campaign participated in by the following Liberal speakers:  
Hon. Messrs. Lemieux, Graham, King, J. P. B. Casgrain, Chas. Marcl, Jacques Bureau, Jeremie Decarie, Achille Bergevin, M.L.C., Messrs. L. J. Gauthier, M.P., P. A. Seguin, M.P., D. A. Lafortune, M.P., Jos. Demers, M.P., G. Boyer, M.P., Roch Lanctot, M.P., J. A. Robb, M.P., L. J. Papineau, M.P., Honore Mercier, M.L.A., S. Letourneau, M.L.A., E. C. Smith, K.C., A. B. McMaster, K.C., Wm. Patterson, K.C., J. A. Dubeau, S. Charpentier, E. L. Calder, A. F. Leggatt, J. M. Forest, Louis Bazinet, L. J. A. Rivet, M. P. Mallette, W. Mitchell, Oscar Gladu Muir Sangster, Robert Ness.
- SIE WILFRID LAURIE at ST. JOHN'S, QUE. discusses necessity of tariff revision to meet increasing cost of living.
- ET. HON. HERBERT SAMUEL, Postmaster General of the United Kingdom at Toronto, says it is for the self governing Dominions to decide for themselves their own Naval policy.
- Oct. 8 SIE WILFRID LAURIE at ORMSTOWN, QUE., with HON. MESSRS. FISHER, LEMIEUX, GRAHAM, MARCIL, and E. L. CALDER. Liberal leader says Dominion surplus of fifty millions and increased cost of necessaries of life, call for tariff revision.
- Oct. 9 SIE WILFRID LAURIE with HON. MESSRS. GRAHAM, LEMIEUX and MARCIL at STE. MARTINE and CHATEAUGUAY BASIN.
- Oct. 11 CHATEAUGUAY BY-ELECTION consequent on the death of Mr. J. P. Brown, (L).  
Number of Registered Electors, 3163.  
MR. JAS. MORRIS (C).....1,412-145  
HON. SYDNEY FISHER (L).....1,267  
Representation changed.  
1911 (Sept.) (3414) 1908 (Oct.) (3328)  
J. P. Brown (L) 1281 Jas. P. Brown (L) 1397  
Jas. Morris (C) 1241 Campbell Lane (C) 1092  
Corruption in CHATEAUGUAY charged by Liberal Organization, who declare that the election will be protested.
- Oct. 14 EAST MIDDLESEX NOMINATIONS AT LONDON: R. G. FISHER (L). ALD. S. FRANK GLASS (C)  
HON. W. S. FIELDING announced as President and Editor-in-Chief of the Montreal Daily Telegraph.
- Oct. 15 MESSRS. HUGH GUTHRIE, M.P., R. G. FISHER, and G. S. GIBBONS at EALING in EAST MIDDLESEX campaign.
- Oct. 18 SIE WILFRID LAURIE, HON. RODOLPHE LEMIEUX, and MR. JACQUES BUREAU at JOLIETTE, QUE., on necessity for tariff reduction.
- Oct. 21 EAST MIDDLESEX BY-ELECTION consequent on the death of MR. PETE ELSON (C).  
Number of Registered Electors (5862).  
Mr. S. F. Glass (C) 2,053-368  
Mr. R. G. Fisher (L) 1,685  
Representation unchanged.  
1911 (Sept.) (5862) 1908 (Oct.) (5864)  
Mr. Peter Elson (C) 2477 Mr. Peter Elson (C) 2369  
Dr. G. A. Routledge (L) 1816 Dr. G. A. Routledge (L) 2120
- Oct. 23 SOUTH BRUCE NOMINATIONS: R. E. TRUAX (L); W. D. CARGILL (C).  
MR. H. GUTHRIE, M.P., and HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN at subsequent joint meeting.  
SOUTH BRUCE CAMPAIGN participated in by the following Liberal speakers: Hon. Messrs. Graham, Murphy and King; Messrs. W. M. German, M.P., Hugh Guthrie, M.P., F. F. Pardee, M.P., D. C. Ross, M.P., A. B. McCoig, M.P., J. Angus McMillan, M.P., P. H. Mackenzie, ex-M.P., Wm. McDonald, M.L.A., C. J. Mickle, Jacob Stroh, J. B. Campbell, J. G. Murdock, Mayor Henderson of Walkerton.
- Oct. 24 GROSS MISMANAGEMENT BY GOVERNMENT AT HUDSON'S BAY TERMINALS exposed in the press.
- Oct. 25 H. E. H. the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT returns to Ottawa. CONFERENCE OF PROVINCIAL PREMIERS opens at Ottawa.
- Oct. 27 CANADIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURE at REGINA demands revision downwards of tariff and 50 per cent British Preference as step toward free trade with Great Britain.  
CONFERENCE OF PROVINCIAL PREMIERS decides against fixed representation for MARITIME PROVINCES.
- Oct. 28 NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT announces that NEW ZEALAND will drop IMPERIAL NAVAL CONTRIBUTION POLICY and start a naval service of its own.  
CONFERENCE OF PROVINCIAL PREMIERS passes resolutions demanding increase of provincial subsidies to equal 10 per cent of customs and excise duties.  
SIE WILFRID LAURIE at TEESWATER, S. BRUCE, with HON. MESSRS. GRAHAM and KING and Mr. R. E. TRUAX: Mr. J. G. Murdock in the chair. Liberal Leader contrasts policies and administrations of Liberal and Conservative Governments, and denounces endeavour of Borden Executive to free itself from control of Parliament.
- Oct. 30 SOUTH BRUCE BY-ELECTION consequent on appointment of J. J. DONNELLY (C) to the Senate:  
Number of Electors (7,547):  
R. E. TRUAX (L) 2948-115  
W. D. CARGILL (C) 2833  
Representation changed.  
1911 (Sept.) (7,547) 1908 (Oct.) (7812).  
J. J. DONNELLY (C) 2878 J. J. DONNELLY (C) 3005  
R. E. TRUAX (L) 2775 P. MCKENZIE (L) 2812
- Oct. 31 PREMIER BORDEN leaves OTTAWA for holiday in the Southern States.

IN the first two years of the Laurier Administration from 1896 to 1898, there were 21 contested by-elections. In 8 of these the Liberals won seats held by the Conservatives. In 9 cases the Liberal majorities were largely increased. In only one case (Centre Toronto) was the Liberal majority at the general elections decreased to any extent. In only 2 cases did the Conservatives succeed in holding the seat and in each of these cases the majority obtained at the general election was very greatly decreased. In the remaining case, North Ontario, a Patron won the seat from the Conservatives.

Some of the turnovers were remarkable. In Macdonald, for instance Rutherford, Liberal was elected by 536 majority in 1897 while in 1896, Boyd, Conservative, was elected by 398. In South Brant, Hyde, Liberal, was elected by 391 majority in 1897 while in the general election of 1896, Henry, Conservative, was elected by 91. In Bagot, in 1896 the riding went Conservative by acclamation; Marcl, Liberal, was elected by 47 in 1898. In Cornwall and Stormont, Snetsinger, Liberal, was elected in 1897 by 592 majority as compared with a majority of 325 for Bergin, Conservative in 1896. In Winnipeg where Hon. Hugh John Macdonald (Cons.) won by 126 at the general election, Jameson, Liberal, won by 1,117 in the by-election of 1897.

In the first two years of the Borden administration there have been seven contested by-elections. In one case, Hochelaga, Hon. Louis Coderre, on appealing for re-election after entering the ministry, was opposed by a Labor-Nationalist candidate. In the six other contested elections the Government candidates won in Macdonald and Chateauguay and East Middlesex while the Liberal candidates won in South Renfrew, Richelieu and South Bruce. In two years of office, despite prestige of power and the unscrupulous election methods employed, the Borden Government has been able to barely retain its original majority in the Commons. In Macdonald the election will have to be fought over again. Rather than face disclosures in the courts as to the methods employed by the Conservative machine to win the by-election last autumn, Alex. Morrison, the member-elect, has, on the advice of Hon. Robert Rogers, declined to fight the protest and has admitted irregularities, voiding the seat. In South Lanark, which has now been vacant for eight months, no date has yet been set for the by-election.

Compared with the by-election record of the first two years of the Laurier administration, when eight seats were won from the Conservatives and the net gain in Liberal majorities was 3,562, the results of the Borden Government's seven appeals to the electors in by-election contests is significant indeed. In the last three by-elections, Chateauguay, East Middlesex and South Bruce, the net result has been to decrease the popular majority for the Government in the Commons by 426 votes. The inference is clear.

"The late Liberal Government gave Canada a progressive and honest administration. So far as any misconduct has been charged against the Government which lost power two years ago, I am proud to say there is no man in this audience who has reason to blush for the administration he supported."—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at Teeswater, Oct. 28.