

NO PREMONITORY SIGNS OF POLITICAL LANDSLIDE NOTICEABLE IN BRITAIN

Today Offers the Unionists a Good Chance to Make Gains, As Twelve London Seats Are Polling in a Most Unique Election.

THE CONSERVATIVES ARE NOT SINCERE

In Their Talks of Protection and Are Deliberately Putting Those in Divisions Where They Will Be Defeated Who Are Likely To Make Trouble if Balfour Is Elected.

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London, Jan. 15.—Of the 76 seats listed today, 19 went Unionist at the last election and 57 went Liberal and Labor. The proportion was 1 to 3—just about the proportion of the whole House before dissolution.

To get a majority on today's polling the Unionists must hold their 19 seats and win 20 more. Not only must they do this today, but they must keep up that net gain until the end of the contest.

Today offers better chances than usual for gains, as twelve London seats are polling. If a landslide is coming, the premonitory signs are lacking.

This contest is unique; peers, landowners, brewers, churchmen, upper and official classes, their imitators and dependents, imperialists, anti-home rulers, all are against the budget and declare for "tariff reform."

CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT.

Most of these interests have no quarrel whatever with free trade itself. They want to change, not the fiscal system, but the Government of the day.

Nor is it sure that Hon. A. J. Balfour would proceed to apply protection in any but a homeopathic way if elected. Unionist free traders would emerge from behind every bush.

I am told, and believe, that he would postpone any action regarding the duty on wheat and the preference for colonial grain until the next colonial conference, when the colonies would be asked to state their desires.

In this election the Unionists are sacrificing the prophets of tariff reform. Hewins, Amery and Jebb have been the schoolmasters of the party in this connection, and all three have been unable to get nominations except in divisions where defeat is practically certain.

A political party, resolute for protection, would not have put them in the front of battle where they would fall before the enemy's spears. Jebb resists all efforts to pull him off.

JOSEPH T. CLARK.

[Associated Press Dispatch.] London, Jan. 15.—The first round in the general elections was fought today in 68 constituencies, returning 74 members of Parliament.

In 1906 these constituencies returned 49 Liberal, 17 Unionist and 8 Labor candidates.

Today's polling will show a considerable change in the party figures. This is generally conceded, as the election is being contested with entirely new lists, and the fight has been so bitter that a much larger number of votes undoubtedly was polled.

Everything today favored heavy balloting. The weather throughout the districts was clear, and the party workers made every effort to bring out the voters.

From early morning motor cars and carriages were kept on the move, and the number of early voters was very large.

It was expected that the rush to the polls would be greater during the afternoon, when the workers, released from office and factory, recorded their votes.

SEVEN MORE UNIONISTS.

Seven more Unionists became members of the new Parliament this morning without contests, the Liberals, as usual, offering no opposition to the return of members from the three universities, at Oxford, Cambridge, and Dublin, and of Speaker Lowther, member for Penrith.

The Nationalists also scored one uncontested election, Patrick O'Brien being chosen by acclamation for Kilkenny.

Today interest centres at Manchester and vicinity, a district which heretofore has remained loyal to free trade.

Birmingham also voted today, but those seats were secured by the Unionists.

AN UPHILL CONTEST.

Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, formerly ambassador to Washington, made an appeal at Plymouth, where he was faced with the necessity of overcoming a former large Liberal majority.

The prospect of J. H. Seaverns, a former American, holding his seat at Lambeth, Brixton division, was not bright today, as he had a strong opponent in the Unionist candidate, D. Deloel.

[Associated Press Dispatch.] London, Jan. 15.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the state of the parties in the general elections for members of the new Parliament was as follows:

MINISTERIALISTS—IRISH-NATIONALISTS, 5.

RADICALS, 1.

OPPOSITION—UNIONISTS, 11.

All the candidates thus far chosen were unopposed, and so little significance attaches to their election.

THOSE WHO WERE CHOSEN.

The Unionist member chosen today was G. W. Wolff, for the east division of Belfast.

The Nationalists' additions were: Timothy Harrington, for Dublin, Harbor division; W. Field, for Dublin, St. Patrick's division; and John J. Clancy, for Dublin County, north division; and Stephen Gwynn, for Galway City.

The Radical chosen was John Wilson, from Durham County, mid-division.

THE BALLOTING TODAY.

Seventy-four members were balloted for today.

The voting will continue on every week-day up to and including Jan. 27, unless changes from the programme are made later.

Special interest is held today in the balloting at Manchester and vicinity, the stronghold of free trade.

The results there can hardly fail to indicate strongly what progress, if any, has been made by the protection campaign of the Opposition.

WHEN PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED.

When Parliament was dissolved last Monday it was constituted as follows:

LIBERALS, 365.

LABOR, 53.

NATIONALISTS, 81.

SOCIALIST, 1.

UNIONISTS, 168.

MINISTERIAL MAJORITY, 332.

Today's results when known may be compared with these in the same constituencies as the last general elections in 1906. The returns at that time were: Liberals, 49; Unionists, 17; Labor candidates, 8.

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WATCH THE BULLETINS

Polling takes place in Britain today in 74 important constituencies. The results, in most instances, will probably reach London about 8 o'clock or a little after.

In order to meet the wishes of thousands of readers, The Advertiser has made arrangements to answer telephone calls until a late hour. The returns will be received by special wire. The phone number is 107, and all information possible will be given. Inquirers are asked not to hold the telephone any longer than is absolutely necessary, as there will be many desirous of knowing the results, which will go far to indicate the feeling of the country on the momentous budget.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES RESENT TALK OF CURBING SPENDING POWERS

Say People Would Rather Trust the City's Affairs to the Board of Education Than to the Council—A Little Hot Shot for the City Daddies.

The members of the board of education are not worrying over the recommendation of the finance committee of the council, that the Legislature be asked to amend the London act to give the council power to curtail the expenditure of the board.

"The council have all they can do to look after their own business," said Chairman Gammage. "The board expend their money judiciously and with economy. Of course, our expenditure has increased during the past few years, but this was due to the fact that we had to raise the salaries of the teachers, and provide proper accommodation for the children. We were forced to do this, and that made an increase in the expenditure. In other ways we have endeavored to be economical. We have during the past year taken every step we could to keep down the school rate, and I think we succeeded. In this year's programme we have other schemes of economy in mind, and we will carry them out. When we meet the committee we will be ready to talk business with them. These matters will right themselves in time."

What Can Be Done?
"I do not see what can be done," said Dr. Wyckoff. "We use every dollar to the best advantage, and do not squander any. We must keep abreast of the times in education. We have to pay salaries and keep the schools right. I do not see how we can curtail much."

"I think that if the people had a voice in the matter they would say that they would rather trust the city's welfare in the hands of the board of education than in the council's hands," said C. M. R. Graham. "We are minding our own affairs, and if the council would do likewise there would be no trouble."

"If they attend to their own business as successfully as the board of education attends to theirs, we would have no trouble," said Secretary McElhannon. "Others expressed themselves along the same line."

JURY AWARDED \$6,000 DAMAGES BUT JUDGE THREW OUT FINDING

His Lordship Declared That in Answering That Walter Barnett Had No Right to Ride on the Train Upon Which He Was Injured, the Jury Had Forfeited Any Right the Plaintiff Had for Damages.

His Lordship Chief Justice Meredith today reversed the decision of the jury which yesterday awarded Walter Barnett damages to the extent of \$6,000 in his action against the Grand Trunk Railway for \$20,000.

The case hinged on the point of law as to whether the plaintiff had any right to be riding on the back platform of the train at the time he was injured.

To decide this question his lordship presented two questions for the consideration of the jury:

1. "Was the plaintiff, at the time of the accident, upon the train of the Pere Marquette Railway Company?"

2. "Was the plaintiff on the platform by the permission of the Pere Marquette Railway Company?"

To both of these questions the jury returned the answer, "No."

But they assessed the damages at \$6,000.

No Right to Sue.

His lordship explained that as it had been found that the plaintiff had no right to be on the car or platform, he could not always stop to put them off, because we have only a short time in which to travel between the two stops.

Mr. John Cloghesy, the general yardmaster at London, stated that an investigation had been made as to the cause of the wreck, and as a result, Yardman McElhannon had been discharged.

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MR. E. C. DRURY TO LLOYD-GEORGE

President of Dominion Grange Protests Against Tariff "Reform" Tactics.

London, Jan. 14.—(Special Cable Dispatch to the Globe).—The following letter has been sent to Mr. Lloyd-George from Mr. E. C. Drury, president of the Dominion Grange, Ont., president of the Dominion Grange.

"It is brought to my notice that in your campaign your opponents are using the statement that the colonies are demanding preferential treatment for their foodstuffs in the British market. As head of the Dominion Grange, an organization of farmers, covering Ontario, and in affiliation with farmers' organizations in other provinces, I am in a position to speak with authority for the farming class of Canada, and I would desire most emphatically to contradict the above statement as far as the farmers of Canada are concerned. We are not troubling ourselves as to preferential treatment in the British market, which we realize would work harm to the consuming masses in Britain, and would ultimately injure us by injuring our market. On the other hand, our organizations have taken a stand favoring the admission of British goods free of duty into Canada, both as an act of patriotism toward England and as affording us some relief from the oppressions of combines and trusts which have grown up in the shelter of our protective tariff among our manufacturers."

(Signed E. C. DRURY.)

BRANTFORD LICENSE REDUCTION

Brantford, Jan. 15.—The Ministerial Alliance, by resolution, support the request of the Citizens' League for a reduction of hotel liquor licenses here from sixteen to six.

and expressed a hope that the company would see fit to do something for the unfortunate plaintiff.

Conductor Testifies.

Mr. Lewis Selinger, the conductor of the Pere Marquette train, testified yesterday that they were not supposed to carry passengers on the train on which the plaintiff was injured.

"Do you carry them?" he was asked. "No. If people get on the train I cannot always stop to put them off, because we have only a short time in which to travel between the two stops."

He stated also that there was a plate on the door of the car stating that passengers were not allowed to stand on the platform.

"Did you ever see a charge of trespass against any of those people you found on the train?" asked Mr. Barnett.

"No, sir."

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

It Is Suggested That Physicians of the City Undertake the Work.

Medical examination of school children is attracting not a little attention about the city hall, and many suggestions have been made on the subject.

The latest is that the physicians of the city divide the schools among them, and make an examination of the children, say once a term, and report on the defects of eyes or mouth, and general condition of health.

At the present time there is no regular examination. The teacher is asked to report on certain manifest defects, but this is not thorough nor satisfactory.

The scheme could be carried out all right," said Inspector Edwards when asked about it. "I consider medical inspection most important. We have made some progress in that the teachers fill out a report, but that is not sufficient. In Hamilton the matter is under the control of the board of health, and they make a thorough examination of the pupils. It has proved to be very beneficial. The local physicians might do this work, and it would help us considerably."

DASHED TO EARTH

Aeroplane's Machine Broken to Bits, But Man Escapes Serious Injury.

Chemnitz, Germany, Jan. 15.—Herr Schuler, the aeroplaneist, during a flight yesterday afternoon, was dashed to earth by a squall.

He was at a height of 25 feet and received only slight injuries.

His machine was broken to bits.



HON. DAVID LLOYD-GEORGE.
"We have trapped the Lords like rats," he said, "and I am glad it was a Welshman who set the trap."

MEDICAL OFFICER MAKES A CHARGE

Says Ex-Reeve Kimball Wanted Rakeoff on Smallpox Account in London Township.

SENSATION AT ASSIZES

The ex-Reeve Flatly Denied the Whole Story and Made Counter Charges Against the Officer.

There were some startling developments in the case of Dr. C. C. Ross against the Township of London, which opened at the assizes this morning.

Dr. Ross claims that Reeve Kimball, of London Township, offered to pass his bill through the council if he would make it \$1,200, of which amount the doctor was to receive \$1,000.

Mr. Kimball, on entering the box, made contrary charges, claiming that Dr. Ross had offered him inducements to see that the bill was passed.

The action arose over an account totalling \$2,785 for 28 weeks' attendance on five smallpox patients, an account which the township refused to pay.

Dr. Ross stated that he had offered to accept \$1,400 for immediate payment. The township, however, consented to pay \$350.

The doctor was the first witness. He claimed that a resolution had been passed at a meeting of the London Township Board of Health granting him \$100 a week.

He had later had a conversation with Reeve Kimball, and he thought he remarked, "You are hitting us pretty hard."

He had met the reeve again, and the latter had told him \$1,000 would be enough for him, and he thought he could get the bill through the council for \$1,200.

The Cross-Examination. In cross-examination, Mr. T. G. Meredith asked the witness if he had said that if the bill was put through for \$1,400 he would see that Mr. Kimball got \$400.

The witness denied the statement. Mr. Meredith also questioned if the witness had not promised to see that Mr. Kimball got an engine, which he wanted from Dr. Ross, if the bill were put through.

Dr. Ross again denied this. The witness was then asked if he had told Arthur Denley, one of the patients, that the council was objecting to his account and that they would likely ask him how often he had visited the patient.

Dr. Ross replied that he had not suggested to the patient that he state that he had been visited fifteen times. The patient himself had made this suggestion, but the witness had told him not to make any mention of this matter as he had refused to tell the council how often he had called.

Alfred Cummings, the health inspector of the township, was at the meeting of the board when the question of remuneration came up. He understood that it had been decided to pay the doctor \$100 a week.

Not Exorbitant. Dr. McCallum was called to state that Dr. Ross' bill was not an exorbitant charge.

Dr. Routledge was asked if he could state what was a practice would follow the attending of such cases. He said that he had no experience in such matters and could not tell.

Dr. Shaw said that the most serious result of accepting such cases would be in the risk of infection and consequent loss of practice.

Dr. Ross was recalled to testify to the fact that all the patients had made a complete recovery.

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THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARM. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 15—8 a.m. Fair today and on Sunday.

Sunday—Higher temperature. TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Today. Yesterday. Low. High.

London 41 32 28 46

Victoria 42 38 46

Calgary 18 11 0 18

Winnipeg 24 2 0 18

Port Arthur 22 10 0 18

Toronto 20 8 2 10

Ottawa 10 6 4 10

Montreal 6 4 2 10

Quebec 10 8 11 10

Father Point 6 6 11 10

Yamouche 26 41

Sarnia 22 32

Edmonton 8 8

Prince Albert 12 22

St. John 9 8

Halifax 0 20

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression which was to the southward of Lake Erie yesterday morning is now off the New England coast, and the pressure is highest in the lake region.

Snow is falling this morning over the Nova Scotia coast.

The snowfall yesterday in Canada was confined to the southwest portion of Ontario.

BUS RIDE PARTY IN SNOW DRIFTS TWO LADIES HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Terrible Experience of a Number of Pleasure Seekers Who Were Caught in the Snowstorm Near Glanworth—Horses Ran Away When Bus Was Overturned—Light in Window Saved Them.

THOSE IN THE PARTY. Among those in the party were: Dora Ross, Sid Jones, Bertha Risler, George Templer, Annie Quentette, David Jones, Ethel Hardy, Mr. Martin, John Hart, Clarence Parsons, Hattie Bason, Mrs. Jones, Fred Johnston, Will Turner, Henry Smyth, Della Kidner, Miss Jessie McMillan, Ella Parsons, Harry Marshall, Eugene Risler, and two drivers from Ross' livery, East London.

A party of 26 young people, who on Thursday evening started out from All Saints' Church in an open bus, to visit the home of Mr. J. A. Beattie, near Pond Mills, in Westminster Township, had a terrible experience as a result of the bus overturning in a big snow-drift on a side road.

Two of the ladies, Miss Jessie McMillan and Mrs. Jones, got separated in the blinding snowstorm from the rest of the party, and before they were found some time later were nearly frozen to death.

They were found leaning against the side of the overturned bus, trying to shelter themselves from the piercing cold wind and from the snow. As quickly as possible they were removed to the home of Mr. George Murray, nearby, and were cared for.

It is thought that they will not suffer any ill effects.

THE BUS UPSET. It was about 9 o'clock when the bus

upset, one of the party told The Advertiser today. "We were driving along, having a good time, when suddenly the bus gave a lurch over sideways and we were all thrown out in a drift up to our necks and out from under the bus without any top, and as all the occupants had blankets and rugs wrapped around them they could do nothing to save themselves when the upset occurred."

IN SNOW HEAD FIRST. "There was an awful scramble, and some of the party were in the snow head first and others were partially under the overturned bus and buried in snow, and to make matters worse the horses took fright and started to run away."

"Fortunately the bus stuck, and they only pulled the front runners off and galloped away."

THE HORSES RAN AWAY. "They didn't go very far on account of the deep snow, and came to a stand. In the meantime some of those who were thrown out had got themselves free of the blankets and out from under the bus, and set to work to get the other boys and girls free."

"This took some time and was bitterly cold work, and one of the boys lost a fur collar."

LOST THEIR HATS. "The boys who lost their hats, in order to keep their faces from freezing, (Continued on Page Nine.)"

HOGS FROZEN IN STALLED CARS HORSES WITHSTOOD THE SIEGE

Pere Marquette and Michigan Central Trains Were Relieved Last Night After an All-Day Fight With the Snow at Glanworth—Condition Greatly Improved Today.

It was 7:30 last night before the big snowfall made its way through the snow drifts near Glanworth, and released the Michigan Central passenger and the Pere Marquette stock trains that were stalled there early on Thursday morning.

It took three of the 11-ton mogul engines to force the plow through the drift.

Plovers Get Through. Two were tried, without success, and a third was sent for and carried from St. Thomas early in the evening, and the three were hauled together, and backing up, took a running snail at the drift and finally forced their way through.

One of the moguls went back and hitched on to the Michigan Central train, which had been for some hours in the snow.

The fires were out in the engine and as soon as the sidings were cleared the freight train ran in and allowed the passenger train to come through to London, where it arrived about 8 o'clock.

Hogs Were Frozen. The stock of the Pere Marquette train was all brought back to the city. The horses were found to be all right, but a number of pigs in the open cars were found to be frozen.

Thunders never came nearer, and when the big plow was brought to the city and placed on the turntable there were no brakes, and when the turntable was half way round the plow slipped off.

This meant three hours more work for the third crew before it was replaced.

The engine and coaches, when they reached the M. C. R. station bore every evidence of having been through a blizzard, and there was snow all about the tops of the coaches.

Heavy Drifts. "The snow was so deep in some of the drifts," said one of the crew, "that the inside of the cars was completely

darkened. The plow made a path right through the snow, and it took the plow some time to make its way through. The train crews lost what assistance they could with shovels."

Mr. Erie and Huron branch of the Pere Marquette were completely blocked, and no trains ran at all yesterday.

Huron and Bruce. "Our Huron and Bruce line was opened yesterday morning, shortly after 10 o'clock," Superintendent Bowker told The Advertiser. "All the trains are running through there now, and on the branch lines without any trouble."

The first train through over the Stratford and St. Marys line came in about 8 o'clock last night. The drifts in the vicinity of Kildes's siding were very deep.

The C. P. R. got through without much trouble. The trains ran a little late but none were blocked.

The Traction Company. The Southwestern Traction Company kept their plow running all yesterday afternoon, and it was only by doing this that the line was kept clear as it snowed considerably, and in addition the high wind blew the snow on the cuts and they had to be repeatedly cleaned out.

Street Railway. The street railway also had a busy day, and cars were continually stalled. In the downtown districts a good service was maintained.

Reports indicate that the snowfall was very heavy and a hard throughout the province.

The Wires. Notwithstanding that the snow was wet and heavy, did not freeze and stick to telegraph and telephone wires and trees sufficiently to cause them to break with the weight. Telegraph and telephone companies report little or no damage done by the storm.

ROYAL ALLIANCE HAS BEEN ARRANGED

King Manuel of Portugal to Wed Duke of Connaught's Daughter.

Paris, Jan. 14.—A special from Lisbon quotes from an authorized source affirming that the marriage of King Manuel of Portugal and Princess Victoria Patricia, youngest daughter of the Duke of Connaught, will occur next May.

SUICIDE AT PETROLEA. Petrolea, Jan. 15.—The inquest held on the body of James Grey, who was found dead in the stall of his barn on Thursday, resulted in a verdict that deceased committed suicide by taking carbolic acid. An empty bottle, which had contained carbolic acid, was found on his person.

FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH. Elora, Jan. 15.—James Ferguson, a retired farmer, living near Salem, was found yesterday afternoon in a neighbor's field frozen to death. He left here about eight o'clock Thursday night for home and