

Four Elections,

Of Which the Government
Only Win One.Sir John Thompson's Seat in
Antigonish, N. S.Captured by Mr. McIsaac, the Liberal
Candidate.Vercheres Chooses a Supporter of
Hon. Wilfrid Laurier.McGreedy Bitten by a Close Vote in
Quebec West—Dr. Montague Easily
Defeats the McCarthy Man.

YESTERDAY'S ELECTIONS.

Yesterday bye-elections to fill vacancies in the Dominion House of Commons took place in four constituencies.

In Haldimand Dr. Montague, who had to return for re-election because he entered the Cabinet as Secretary of State, was opposed by Mr. Jeffery McCarthy, a member of the Conservative party. The Liberals did not put up a candidate. It is no uncommon courtesy to allow a new Minister to be returned without the expense of an election, and Dr. Montague had aided the Liberals in having Hon. Mr. Harcourt elected by acclamation when he was appointed a Minister. Moreover, but one session remains before a general election, and then, by the gerrymander, Haldimand, as at present constituted, ceases to exist. D'Alton McCarthy courted a contest because he wanted a discussion of the Manitoba school question. He got the discussion easily enough, but Mr. Montague secured the seat (as the returns given below will show) by an overwhelming majority.

The constituency of Quebec West, which has hitherto been regarded as a Conservative stronghold, was formerly represented by Mr. Thomas McGreevy, who was compelled to leave Parliament because he was convicted of booting for the benefit of the Conservative party. On this occasion, Mr. McGreevy was again a candidate, but he asserts he is an Independent, while Mr. Dobell, a well-known lumberman, was his opponent, and he also claims to be an Independent. The returns so far indicate the election of Mr. Dobell by a small majority.

In Antigonish, N. S., the seat held by the late Sir John Thompson, the candidates were Mr. Chisholm, a Halifax barrister, and brother-in-law of the late Premier, and Hon. C. F. McIsaac was the Liberal candidate. He was a member of the Legislature, but resigned to contest this election. Mr. McIsaac is elected, thus gaining a seat from the supporters of the Government.

The only seat in the four which was formerly represented by a Liberal was Vercheres, Que. Mr. Geoffrion, brother of the late member, and an able public man, was the Liberal candidate, and Mr. Bisailon, the Conservative nominee. The argument used for the Conservative candidate in this constituency, which is very strongly Catholic, was that the Government at Ottawa had pledged itself to compel Manitoba to establish separate schools; therefore, out of gratitude for that action, the people of Vercheres should support the Conservative candidate, no matter how disastrous to the welfare of the taxpayers the general policy of the men in power has been. The same argument was used in Antigonish, whereas in Haldimand the contention of Dr. Montague and his friends was that the Government had simply done a duty which they could not constitutionally avoid performing. Thus it was that the two-faced policy was carried out. This argument, however, appears to have failed in Vercheres, for the Liberals yesterday elected their candidate by a decisive majority.

On the whole the friends of good government have reason to feel well satisfied with the result of Wednesday's work.

The result of the various elections is given below:

ANTIGONISH, N. S.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 17.—The bye-election today in Antigonish caused by the death of Sir John Thompson resulted in the election of Colin F. McIsaac, Liberal, ex-M. P. P., who defeated Jos. A. Chisholm, Conservative, barrister, a native of the county, but now practicing at Halifax, and who is a brother-in-law

of Lady Thompson. The following are returns received, but later reports give the total official majority at 114, without giving corrections in these summaries:

McIsaac	Chisholm
Artsalga.....	80
Cape George.....	87
Morrison.....	103
North Grant.....	56
Lechard.....	52
Lower South River.....	72
St. Andrew's.....	101
Tracadie.....	61
Harbor Aubouch.....	66
Heatherton.....	79
St. Joseph's.....	43
Antigonish North.....	67
Antigonish West.....	116
Antigonish South.....	63
Maryville.....	57
Pomquette.....	73
Linwood.....	30
Upper South River.....	73

Totals.....1180 1,079

VERCHERES, QUE.

VERCHERES, Que., April 17.—The election for the vacant seat in the Commons caused by the demise of the late Hon. F. Geoffrion, which took place today, was very warmly contested, and resulted in the return of Mr. C. A. Geoffrion, the Liberal candidate, by 157 majority, as compared with 188 received by the late member in the last general election. Following is a detailed report of the polling, giving majorities in the different districts:

Geoffrion	Bisailon
(Lib.)	(Min.)
Vercheres.....	218
St. Theodose.....	68
Varennes.....	57
St. Marc.....	52
Contrecoeur.....	16
Beloeil.....	13
St. Antoine.....	133
St. Julie.....	26

Totals.....373

Majority for Geoffrion, 157.

QUEBEC WEST.

QUEBEC, April 17.—Mr. Dobell was elected as a member of Parliament in Quebec West by a majority over Hon. Thomas McGreevy, the late member. Out of this number three ballots in favor of McGreevy were rejected by the returning officer by his misinterpretation of the law governing voting. A recount is spoken of. The vote was as follows:

Dobell	McGreedy
(Opp.)	(Min.)
District No. 1.....	24
District No. 2.....	64
District No. 3.....	67
District No. 4.....	49
District No. 5.....	46
District No. 6.....	58
District No. 7.....	46
District No. 8.....	40
District No. 9.....	51
District No. 10.....	77
District No. 11.....	69
District No. 12.....	72
District No. 13.....	75
District No. 14.....	18
District No. 15.....	4

Totals.....887

Majority for Dobell, 889.

HALDIMAND.

CAYUGA, April 17.—Following are the returns of today's election:

Montague	Carthy
(Min.)	(Opp.)
Cayuga.....	79
Caledonia.....	85
Hagersville.....	139
Decewsville, N. Cayuga.....	58
Kohler, N. Cayuga.....	26
Glasby's, N. Cayuga.....	11
Windecker, N. Cayuga.....	15
Gore, Oneida.....	41
Ballsville, Oneida.....	49
Town hall, Oneida.....	5
Oneida.....	35
Mount Healey, Oneida.....	1
Rainham.....	1
Fisherville, Rainham.....	77
Selkirk, Rainham.....	5
Lusk's, Seneca.....	38
Indinia, Seneca.....	4
York, Seneca.....	35
Petche's, Seneca.....	23
Burrows, Seneca.....	29
Walpole township, Nan-tiocke.....	21
Cheapside.....	17
Chambers' Hall.....	7
Town hall, Jarvis.....	6
Temperance hall, Jarvis.....	27
Orange hall, Walpole.....	17
Springvale, Walpole.....	69
Garnet, Walpole.....	29
Indian reserve.....	90

Totals.....873

Montague's majority, 647.

Following was the vote in the last general election:

Mon-	Tn-
Municipality	Coulter
Caledonia.....	65
Cayuga village.....	94
Rainham.....	274
North Cayuga.....	207
Oneida.....	233
Seneca.....	261
Walpole.....	563
Hagersville.....	61

Totals.....1,818

Montague's majority, 78.

MR. GEOFFRION WELCOMED.

MONTREAL, April 17.—Mr. Geoffrion, the new member for Vercheres county, arrived in the city tonight, and was given a most enthusiastic reception. Thousands of people assembled to welcome him, and he was escorted to the committee rooms, where he made a speech thanking them for their encouragement. Speeches were made by Mr. Tarte and others. The results were received with the most intense excitement.

A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

HALIFAX, N. S., April 17.—Regarding the Antigonish election, the Chronicle (Opposition) says: Mr. McIsaac's victory in Antigonish is a notable one, for the fact of the whole power of the Dominion Government, wielded by Sir Herbert Tupper, who led a whole army of Conservative retainers into the constituency, and in the face of actively exercised influences, of which we need not now speak, the Liberals of Antigonish have converted a Conservative majority of 227 in 1891 into a Liberal majority of over 100 in 1895. Mr. McIsaac's plucky and successful fight in the late Sir John Thompson's constituency entitles him to congratulations from Liberals all over Canada.

CONSERVATIVES CHAGRINED.

HALIFAX, April 17.—The Herald (Government organ) says: "In Antigonish a few score of electors did not extend that wisdom and sense of justice with which we credited them, and we were much disappointed at the fact and at the result of the election. Though the Conservative party much regrets the losing of Antigonish, it is not the Grits by the late Sir John Thompson some ten years ago, yet they have the satisfaction of knowing that they conducted a fair and manly contest, and deserved to win."

JUBILATION IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Que., April 18.—(Special)—Full returns give Mr. Geoffrion

(Lib.) a majority of 224, as against 168 for the Liberal candidate in 1891.

News of the election was eagerly awaited here. A large crowd gathered in front of the Fair office and cheered most enthusiastically as the returns came in. Liberals were very much in evidence at the Windsor, where the returns were posted. When the results for all four places were known, Hon. Peter Mitchell mounted a chair and cried: "Boys, this is a great day for the Liberals. We have carried three seats out of four, in spite of the Government, the church, and everyone else. Cheers for the Liberals." The cheers were given with a will. It was then announced that Mr. Geoffrion would arrive by special train from Vercheres at 9 o'clock, and the crowd went to the station to meet him. Mr. Geoffrion's arm was nearly shaken off by his friends. He was escorted to a carriage, and, accompanied by Messrs. James McShane, J. Israel Tarte, M.P., and Lowe Gouin, started for the Cultivator office. The carriage was surrounded by a crowd of 1,000 or more, cheering wildly for Mr. Geoffrion and singing "The Marseillaise." "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," and other popular songs. Mr. Geoffrion, who had been wearing a white carnation, wore a white carnation, and contented himself with thanking his friends and attributing the victory to the patriots of Vercheres. Mr. Tarte declared that the election was a triumph for the liberty of the electors of Vercheres. It had been an exceptional struggle, and the triumph was exceptional. He exhorted his hearers to remain calm, because it was the part of strength to be calm. He declared that before six months the heavens would confirm the predictions of the Liberals, and those who opposed the Liberals in this fight would be found rallying to their support. A number of other speeches were made and the crowd dispersed. The result of the four elections was viewed with the greatest satisfaction by the Liberals of Montreal, as the campaign will now go back to the basis of tariff reform.

FEELING AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, April 18.—The returns of the bye-elections were eagerly and anxiously watched for last evening by the Government, and the many members of Parliament who arrived yesterday. The results proved most depressing to the Ministerialists, who reflected that out of the four contests the Government had only carried one, and that one not against the Liberals. Dr. Montague had evidently retained Haldimand by declaring that he would resist aggression as much as Mr. McCarthy, and that in passing the remedial order the Government had exceeded its authority. The Liberals were jubilant over Vercheres and Antigonish, as the appeal on the school issue had utterly failed in its intended effect. Hon. Mr. Laurier was pleased with the result in Vercheres and Antigonish, where the "question and the record of the Government was kept to the front by the Liberals, and sent the following telegram to Mr. Geoffrion: "Our thanks to Vercheres and yourself for the great work of the day. And the following to Hon. Mr. Tarte: "Congratulations on your victory as an augury of what must follow everywhere. My most sincere congratulations."

OPENED.

Lord Aberdeen Convenes the
Dominion ParliamentAnd Outlines Impending Legis-
lation in His Speech From
the Throne.A Serious Decrease in the Revenue
Admitted.The Manitoba School Question—French
Wine Treaty To Be Ratified—
Newfoundland May
Come In.

(Special to the "Advertiser," per C.P.R.)

OTTAWA, April 18.—The fifth session of the Seventh Parliament of the Dominion was opened this afternoon at 3 o'clock with the usual formal ceremonies. The weather was delightful, and there was a very large attendance of members and the public.

The Governor-General had as an escort from the Government House the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, under Capt. Gourdeau. Major Bliss commanded the Ottawa Field Battery, which fired a salute from Nepean Point.

Sir C. H. Tupper arrived this afternoon from Antigonish, where he managed the Conservative side of the election. He is much chagrined at the magnificent Liberal victory.

The assembled multitude in front of the Parliament buildings cheered his Excellency.

The following speech from the throne was delivered in the Senate Chamber:

THE SPEECH.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

It is with much satisfaction that I again have recourse to your advice and assistance in the administration of the affairs of the Dominion. By the sudden and lamented death of the late Right Hon. Sir John Thompson, Canada has sustained a grievous loss. The deep and heartfelt sympathy expressed by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the manifestations of sorrow with which the distressing intelligence was received throughout the empire, as well as tokens of esteem and respect everywhere paid to the memory of the deceased statesman, have been gratefully appreciated by the people of Canada.

THE FRENCH WINE TREATY.

Satisfactory assurances having been

received from her Majesty's Government respecting the interpretation of certain clauses in the treaty of commerce with France, ratifications will be exchanged as soon as the necessary legislation has been passed.

INTERCOLONIAL TRADE.

The recent action of the Imperial Parliament enabling the various Australasian Governments to enter into preferential trade relations with the self-governing colonies of the empire affords gratifying proof that the suggestions of the Colonial Conference were being favorably entertained by her Majesty's Government.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION.

In conformity with the recent judgment of the Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council to the effect that the dissentient minority of the people of Manitoba have a constitutional right of appeal to the Governor-General in Council against certain acts passed by the Legislature of the Province of Manitoba in relation to the subject of education, I have heard in Council the appeal, and my decision thereon has been communicated to the Legislature of the said Province. The papers on the subject will be laid before you. SERIOUS DECREASE IN REVENUE.

The depression in trade which has prevailed throughout the world for the past two years has made itself felt in Canada, but fortunately to a less degree than in most other countries. Although this has not resulted in any considerable decrease in the volume of our foreign trade, yet owing to low prices and recent reductions in and removal of taxation, it has been followed by a serious decrease in revenue derived from customs and excise. In order to produce equilibrium between revenue and expenditure for the coming year it will be necessary to observe the greatest possible economy in the appropriation for the various branches of the public service.

WHAT ABERDEEN OBSERVED.

During the period that has elapsed since the last session of Parliament I have had an opportunity of visiting many portions of the Dominion, including the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia. Throughout these tours I have been impressed and gratified by manifestations of abounding loyalty and public spirit, and notwithstanding the phase of trade depression already referred to, I observed everywhere unmistakable signs of that confident hopefulness in the future, based on a thorough belief in the greatness of the resources of Canada, which is one of the characteristics of her people, and which furnishes a good augury and pledge of further development and progress.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Government of Newfoundland, having intimated its desire to renew negotiations looking to the admission of that colony into the Dominion of Canada, a sub-committee of my advisers have recently met in conference a delegation from the island Government, and discussed with them the terms of union. It will be a subject of general congratulation if the negotiations now pending result in the incorporation of her Majesty's newest colonial possession into the Canadian Confederation.

VARIOUS ACTS.

Measures relating to bankruptcy and insolvency, and to joint stock companies will be laid before you; you will also be asked to consider certain amendments to the Insurance Act, to the act respecting Dominion notes, to the Dominion Lands Act, to the Indian Act, to the Northwest Territories Representation Act, as also a bill respecting the land subsidy of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I have directed that the accounts of the past year shall be laid before you, the estimates for the ensuing year will also be presented. They have been framed with every regard to economy compatible with the efficiency of the public service.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate,

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I now leave you to the discharge of the important duties devolving upon you with an earnest prayer that, being guided by the spirit of wisdom and patriotism, your deliberations may, under the divine blessing, conduce to the unity and well-being of Canada.

THE SONS OF SCOTLAND.

Close of the Grand Camp—The Seal of Life Insurance Assessment.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 17.—Grand Camp, Sons of Scotland, met at 9 o'clock this morning, Grand Chief D. L. McLean in the chair. The following D. D. G. D.s were reported as having been elected by the delegates forming the various districts in Ontario: Dr. Thompson, Stratford; Dr. J. S. Rowatt, Simcoe; D. J. Campbell, Hamilton; B. McCallum, Paisley; John Galbraith, Barrie; D. McCrae, Guelph; E. A. McLaurin, Toronto; Neil McDonald, Gravenhurst; Jas. Keith, Lindsay; J. H. Jameson, Picton; W. E. Brown, Ottawa; D. Munro, Cornwall.

The vote for the next place of meeting resulted in the choice of Toronto against Stratford, Orangeville, Owen Sound, Peterboro, Cornwall and Winnipeg.

The following grades (annual) scale of assessment was adopted instead of level assessment for life insurance: 18 to 22, \$1,000 policy, 60 cents per month, \$7 20 per year; 23 to 25, 65 cents or \$7 80; 26 to 30, 70 cents, or \$8 40; 31 to 35, 80 cents, or \$9 60; 36 to 40, 90 cents, or \$10 80; 41 to 45, \$1, or \$12; 46 to 50, \$1 10, or \$13 20.

All members will be taken at the age of initiation.

The installation of officers was conducted by Past Grand Chief McRae. After votes of thanks to Lochiel Camp, Niagara Falls, for arrangements for the meeting; to the mayor and corporation of the town; to the insurance committee and to the retiring grand chief, the meeting of the Grand Camp was declared closed. The members were treated by the local camp to a ride on the electric railway to Queens- ton Heights and to Chippewa. A large number boarded the cars, which were in charge of Mr. Ross Mackenzie, the manager of the road, who did everything possible for the comfort of the guests. A number of ladies and brethren of the local camp accompanied the excursion party, and a most pleasant outing was enjoyed.

CHEAP COAL IN CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND, April 17.—Another cut has been made in the wholesale price of Massillon coal, lump now selling for \$1 50 per ton. The retail price has fallen rapidly from \$3 25 to \$2.

The notorious W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Kentucky, will become a candidate for the United States Senate.

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