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LONDON, TUESDAY, AUG. 16.

NOT A FAMOUS VICTORY.

The standing of the parties in the
Manitoba Legislature as a result of
the late election would convey the
impression that the Roblin Govern-
ment swept the province. But a
scrutiny of the popular vote reveals a
different story. It is a somewhat
startling fact that the Roblin Govern-
ment, which has held power secure-
ly for eleven years, failed to poll
51 per cent of the votes cast in any
of the intervening four elections.

The Winnipeg Free Press publishes
analyses of the returns of these elec-
tions. Conservative successes began
in 1889, when that party carried a ma-
jority of the seats, although, as the
record shows, they polled but a min-
ority of votes:

	Vote.	Percentage of Total Vote.
Conservative	23,135	49.21
Liberal	23,278	49.51
Independent	601	1.29
	47,014	

In 1903 the Roblin Government went
to the country just after a redistribu-
tion of seats that was decidedly unfair
to the Liberals. Though the Govern-
ment obtained but a bare majority of
the votes cast, it succeeded in carry-
ing 31 of the 40 seats. Not only did
the Liberals suffer from the gerry-
mander, but they had to take part in
several three-cornered contests. Two
of the Winnipeg seats were contested
by Labor candidates, and in three
rural constituencies there were prohibi-
tion candidates. In the appended
record of the 1903 elections all these
five candidates are included with the
"Independents":

	Vote.	Percentage of Total Vote.
Conservative	26,939	50.59
Liberal	23,740	44.58
Independent	2,563	4.83
	53,242	

The Conservatives had the ad-
vantage in the election of 1907 of an
other redistribution of their own mak-
ing, which also increased the number
of seats by one. Here again they
were successful. Mr. Roblin being re-
turned to power with a good working
majority, though having but a small
majority of the vote cast, as the record
shows:

	Vote.	Percentage of Total Vote.
Conservative	30,917	50.55
Liberal	29,289	47.90
Labor	939	1.55
	61,154	

The result of the election of last
month was almost identical with that
of 1907. The summary of the 1910 vote
is:

	Vote.	Percentage of Total Vote.
Conservative	38,202	50.77
Opposition	35,797	47.58
Socialist	1,257	1.65
	75,256	

Conservative majority over Liberals,
2,405; over Liberals and Socialists,
1,168. Yet the Liberals will have only
13 members in the Legislature, while
the Conservatives will have 28. In
other words, the Liberals will have
one representative for every 2,748 Lib-
eral voters, as compared with one Con-
servative for each 1,364 voters. Each
Conservative vote in its power to elect
a representative is worth two Liberal
votes. If the representation in the
House were in keeping with the popu-
lar vote the new Legislature would
stand: Conservatives 21, Liberals 19,
so that Premier Roblin would be with-
out a working majority.

These statistics prove that Manitoba
is by no means the Conservative
stronghold that the election arts and
the luck of the Roblin Government
would make it appear.

THE FUTURE OF WHEAT CULTIVATION.

Prof. M. A. Carleton, of the depart-
ment of agriculture at Washington, is
a decided optimist as to the future of
wheat growing on the American con-
tinent. Instead of the United States
being forced to discontinue exporting
wheat before many years pass, as
some have contended, Mr. Carleton
predicts that by 1950 the total wheat
yield of the republic will reach 1,600-
000,000 bushels—sufficient to feed its
entire population, which he estimates
will by that time have reached 160-
000,000, and leave a surplus for export
of 450,000,000 bushels.

In an address before an assemblage
of millers at Minneapolis recently
Prof. Carleton explained how he reach-
ed his conclusions. He estimated that
since the last decennial census was
taken 200,000,000 acres had been added

to the farms of the country, so that
today probably 46,678,000 acres are
under wheat, as compared with 41-
971,000 acres in 1900. In addition
there are some 50,000,000 acres in the
Indian reservations, unallotted and un-
reserved, and 79,000,000 acres of swamp
lands which are gradually being drain-
ed and brought under the plow. He
believes, further, that advancing prices
will increase the area annually sown
in wheat, and that the new varieties
which have been introduced of late
years will greatly increase the yield
per acre.

What the professor has to say about
Canada is of special interest. Outside
of Manitoba, he points out, wheat pro-
duction has only fairly begun in West-
ern Canada, and yet the entire produc-
tion can be made as large as that of
the United States at present. He
recognizes the greatness of the unde-
veloped resources of Alberta and
Saskatchewan, the available farm area
of which he places at 250,000,000
acres. Of this about one-ninth is
available for wheat, as in Minnesota
and Kansas, especially as corn pro-
duction is impossible. He considers
30,000,000 acres in wheat for the three
provinces as the figure in 1950, an
estimate which Western Canadians
will doubtless agree is ridiculously low.
However, the professor does not in-
clude in his calculations the increases
that will occur in the older provinces
of Canada and the possible production
in Northwestern British Columbia and
the Northwest territory.

To show that the possibilities in North-
western Alberta have not been fully test-
ed, Prof. Carleton recalls the fact that
in 1908 35,000 bushels of wheat were
grown in the vicinity of Fort Vermilion
—an average of 24 bushels per acre
—and this on land 350 miles north of
Edmonton.

HOME RULE FOR SCOTLAND.

Twenty-one Scotch members of
Parliament have issued a manifesto in
favor of Scottish home rule.

They assert that the Scottish office,
centred in London, is bureaucratic, and
that no machinery is available, and
time and occasion are lacking, to en-
able Scottish members to have a real
control over their affairs. Scotland is
frequently legislated for as an after-
thought. Clauses dealing with her af-
fairs are unexpectedly tacked on to
bills intended to deal with purely Eng-
lish questions. However overwhelming
the preponderance of opinion may be
among Scottish representatives in fa-
vor of any particular social or politi-
cal reform, it is rarely possible for the
will of the people of Scotland to secure
legislative effect. The signers of the
manifesto add:

"The problem before us is to de-
vise some system of representative
control over Scottish affairs in Scot-
land, a principle which if applied to
the different parts of the United
Kingdom would provide for a true
expression of the will of each nation-
ality in respect of its own affairs,
leaving the Imperial Parliament free
to transact the business of the empire."

The movement was endorsed by Mr.
Birrell in his recent speech at the
Eighty Club, when he advocated a
federal system for Great Britain. Mr.
Birrell expressed a hope that such a
system would be a step toward the
federation of the empire, but British
statesmen would do well not to link the
two questions. The federation of Eng-
land, Scotland, Ireland and Wales is
a policy adapted to the local needs
of the United Kingdom, and it ought to
be considered on its own merits. It is
entirely independent of the greater
project of imperial federation, which
many staunch imperialists believe to
be visionary and impracticable.

The cunning of the criminal Moir
was only matched by the trustfulness
which left him to his own devices.

The Toronto Mail and Empire re-
bukes a contemporary for partisan-
ship. The humor of this will be obvious
to every reader of the Mail.

Sir Wilfrid is being heckled, but he
needn't envy Mr. Borden the task of
defining "adequate protection" before
an audience of Western farmers.

Florence Nightingale was a grand
old maid. She never desired to change
her state, and lived a richer and fuller
life than any woman of her time.

The chronic scarcity of farm labor
in Ontario means an increasing resort
to machinery. The motor plow is
making headway in the States, and
may soon invade these parts.

In retaining the present heads of the
agricultural and education depart-
ments, Sir James Whitney is more
considerate of the claims of friendship
than of the interests of the province.

There is a belligerent ring in Dr.
Carman's address to the general con-
ference. It may be a losing battle, but
the aged superintendent is full of
courage and f-i-g-h-t.

Canada has seldom had a more in-
teresting visitor than Lord Brassey,
who has arrived at Montreal in his
famous yacht Sunbeam. The story
of the Sunbeam, which has sailed the
seven seas, has an epic flavor, and
there is the spirit of Ulysses in its
veteran owner and pilot.

It is a far cry from Salfrey Camp to
Florence Nightingale. Yet Salfrey
typified the professional nurse in the
public mind before Miss Nightingale
made the world see the nobility of
the calling. Every nurse today owes
a debt to the Angel of the Crimea.
And humanity shares the debt.

In the death of Dr. Andrew Smith,
of Toronto, former head of the Veteri-
nary College there, the country loses

a man who had some of the elements
of greatness in a quiet way. The fame
of this modest little Scotchman was
carried far and wide by his students,
who idolized him, and in the city of
Toronto there was no honor his fel-
low-citizens would not have conferred
upon him had he sought it.

SAD.

[Detroit News.]

I cannot wear the old hair.
I wore some months gone by.
I've laid it on the topmost shelf
With many a vestry side and shelf.
No longer are they wearing puffs,
And rats are quite de trop.
I cannot wear the old hair—
Oh, what a cruel blow!
I cannot wear the old hair—
For which good gold I paid,
Red hair is so expensive when
One gets the proper shade.
I felt so dressed when it was coiffed,
All little puffs and curls;
But I can't wear the old hair.
Alas, for Fashion's whirl!
I cannot wear the old hair.
Four switches I must buy,
And wind them round and round my head
As fast as they will be.
My face is far too plump for this;
My nose is much too long.
I can't wear the old hair,
It's altogether wrong.

COMPLAINT OF A PLUTOCRAT.

[New York Sun.]

The goose had just laid the golden egg.
"I suppose they will want it weighed
next," she cried.
Thus we see that she was up to date.

CHURCH EXTRAVAGANCE.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

A correspondent of the Toronto Globe
has been unearthing some rather aston-
ishing facts about church extravagance
in the west. In sixteen towns of stationary
population—for there are such even in
the growing west—there are all under 1,000
souls, this traveller discovered two cases
of five churches to a town, seven of three
churches to a town, and seven of three
churches. The list of courses, is of
Protestant churches alone. The three
omnipresent churches are the Presby-
terian, Methodist and Anglican, with
varying denominations providing the
fourth and fifth.

HEIGHT OF IT.

[Puck.]

Mr. Phunn—I tell you these railroads
are a tyrannical lot.
Mr. Phunn—You bet! I've even been at
ball games that were called so the two
teams would be able to catch their trains.

A STORY OF KING EDWARD.

[London News.]

Lord Burnham, speaking at a meeting
in Windsor to consider the question of a
memorial to King Edward in that town,
told the following story:
Not long before the King's death there
lay in King Edward's Hospital for Offi-
cers a man who was a member of the
club, and he was a very serious operation.
The King was coming to the hospital to pay
one of his visits, and the patient,
who heard that the King was coming,
was almost too weak to speak, and he
would be a great happiness to him if he
could hear his voice. He asked Sister
Agnes, the manager, if it would be pos-
sible for her to talk to King Edward out-
side the open door.
Sister Agnes said she would try to do
what he wished, and, having in mind
the course led the King, she told him
what her purpose had been. In a mo-
ment King Edward went through the
door to the bedside of the sick man, held
his hand for a long time and spoke to
him words of sympathy and counsel.
When he had finally said good-by he
walked slowly to the window and looked
out upon—well, he looked out upon nothing,
for the tower was rolling down his
cheeks. He then silently left the room.

SPORT AND GOIN.

[Washington Post.]

"Why didn't you get up before the
referee counted ten?" asked the disap-
pointed boxer.
"I was a little confused," confessed the
vanquished pugilist. "I thought he was
counting up the gate receipts, and I was
listening for bigger figures."

DOWN THE LINE.

[Chicago Leader.]

Her—Do you like my biscuits, dear?
Him—Well, they're fair; but you should
have seen the ones my great-grandmother
used to bake.
Her—What, you never saw your great-
grandmother?
Him—No; but I've heard grandfather
mention those biscuits to grandmother.

A SIMPLE REQUEST.

[Washington Star.]

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in
your flight
Make me a boy again, just for tonight.
Give me a go at the food that they fry,
Let me make bold with a green apple pie,
Then let me sink to my innermost soul,
Free from all care as my innermost soul,
Confident, even in moments of pain,
That mustard or ginger will soothe me
again.

PAIN WOULD I SEEK WITH A JUVENILE ZEST.

[Ottawa Free Press.]

The cupboard instead of the medicine
chest,
And drink from the spring where the
germs roam at will,
Instead of from crystal drafts foaming
or still.
Give me not wealth nor the badge of the
proud,
Nor a place on the platform, high over
the crowd,
But give me, oh, give me, my old appe-
tite.
Make me a boy again, just for a night.

CALLED DOWN.

[New York Sun.]

Knicker—My forebears came over in
the Mayflower.
Bocker—I suppose they were perfectly
safe, as there was no wireless then.

A CINCH.

[Cleveland Leader.]

"Why do widows almost always marry
again?"
"Because dead men tell no tales."

THE SENIOR PEER.

[London News.]

By a singular coincidence, which I be-
lieve has so far escaped notice, our three
oldest peers celebrate their birthdays
within four days of each other. Earl
Nelson, the "father" of the House, enters
his 88th year on Sunday, Aug. 15. His
only seniors in the peerage as regards
age are the Earl of Wemyss, who had
his 92nd birthday on Aug. 5, and Lord
Strathcona, who is 90 tomorrow. Earl
Nelson is not only the "father" of the
House of Lords—a position to which he
succeeded on the death of the Earl of
Leicester—but he enjoys the distinction
of being the only peer who was a mem-
ber of that assembly throughout the
whole of the Victorian era. He was born
in the reign of George IV., and has lived
under no fewer than five sovereigns.
For upwards of 70 years Lord Nelson
has been drawing a pension at the rate
of £100 per week, as a result of the hero-
ism which was displayed by his ancestor
during the long-drawn-out debates
which took place a few years ago over
the education controversy, but his ap-
pearances in the Hereditary House have
become much fewer in recent times. His

TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BY RAIL.

[New York Tribune.]

A travelling Englishman is proud of
the fact that he was able to travel 1,000
miles between midnight and midnight
over one line of railroad in Great Brit-
ain. Another Englishman has discovered
that it is possible to do 1,045 miles in the
same period, but not over the lines of one
company alone. He figures out his jour-
ney thus:

	Miles.
Leaves London 12 midnight, arrive Glasgow 9 a.m.	424
Leave Glasgow 9:20 a.m., arrive Lon- don 6:30 p.m.	424
Leave London 7:10 p.m., arrive at Leeds 11:15 p.m.	195
Total	1,043

He accomplished the distance with 45
minutes to spare.

FOREST OLD BOYS

FROM TUNNEL TOWN.

Two Hundred and a Band Left Sarnia for the Celebration.

Sarnia, Aug. 16.—About 200 citizens
of Sarnia left on the 9:45 train this
morning for Forest to be present at
the Old Boys' Reunion now being held
there. They were accompanied by the
Sarnia Citizens' Band, which will
furnish a programme at the band con-
cert to be given tonight.

The steamer Sarnia and Sonic of the
Northern Navigation Company, ar-
rived here on Sunday and unloaded
full cargoes. The Sarnia cleared for
Port Arthur on Monday and the Sonic
left for Port Arthur on Tuesday. The
Sarnia arrived from Duluth with about
800 tons of flour and a full load of
passengers.

William Creighton, of Point Edward,
who was arrested on Saturday for
stealing a robe, knee rug and pair of
boots from the Chapman House
stables on Friday, appeared before
Magistrate Gorman in the police court
this morning, and was sentenced to
the county jail for thirty days.

Mr. Jos. Sparks and daughter Pearl
left on the 1:45 train this morning for
Vanda, Sask., where they will make
their future home. Mr. Sparks came
to Sarnia thirty-two years ago, and
has been a valued resident since his
arrival. His many friends here will
wish him long years of health and
happiness in his new home.

Mr. E. N. Morden, of London, and
family are spending a few days as the
guest of her husband, who is night-
watchman at the freight sheds, Point
Edward.

Miss Lenora McLaughlin, Maxwell
street, has returned from a two
weeks' vacation spent with friends at
Port Arthur.

CLINTON.

Clinton, Aug. 15.—Captain Lloyd, of

Theodore, conducted the services at
the Salvation Army barracks yester-
day.

Miss Lanxon is spending her holi-
days at Cleveland, Ohio.

Owing to the death of Mr. Martin
Charlesworth, the members of the
family have decided to make their
home in North Dakota.

Miss Helen Fair has gone to the
west.

Mr. J. Govett is renovating the house
and stable recently purchased on Wil-
liam street.

The following students of the Clin-
ton Collegiate Institute have com-
pleted the matriculation examination:
DeWitt Cosens, Bridge Cummins, Bell
Draper, Clarence Killy, Jean McTaggart,
The following children, James
matriculation: John Chidley, James
McArthur, Harry McArthur.

Rev. Irving McKelvey, of Trow-
bridge, occupied the pulpit of Ontario
Street Methodist Church on Sunday.

Mr. W. C. Leavell, of Lucknow,
preached in Wesley Church.

Miss Grace Shepherd has returned
to Lambeth to take charge of her
school.

Charles Leppard and family, of
Walkerton, are spending a few days
with friends in town.

Mr. John Torrance and wife have re-
turned to their home after an enjoy-
able visit at Banff and other western
points.

Miss Jean Chidley is holidaying at
Dayfield.

PARKHILL.

Parkhill, Aug. 15.—The country

schools about Parkhill opened on Mon-
day. The school south of Greenway is
without a teacher. The trustees re-
ceived only two applications for ap-
pointment, and the school board has
been engaged elsewhere before their
applications were accepted.

Mr. Frank Ryan has been engaged
as teacher at Adelaide, Miss Georgie
Lindsay at Corbett, Miss Mavis Ca-
vanagh at Rutherford, Miss Jessie
Smith at Sprague, New Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stewart, of the
Standard Bank, returned from their
trip up the lakes on Saturday.

Mr. Arthur White and bride have
returned from their trip and are taking
up their abode in a flat over F. J.
Layman's grocery.

The annual excursion to Niagara
Falls, which was postponed on ac-
count of the strike, will be held on
Thursday of this week, Aug. 18.

A large delegation of Forest Old
Boys in Parkhill are enjoying the Old
Boys' homecoming in Forest this week.

Two former residents of these parts
were in town over Sunday with their
autos, viz., Dr. Walter G. Patterson,
of Detroit, Mr. E. M. Mark,
banker, of Deckerville, and Dr. Robt.
Mark, of Minden city.

The funeral of J. D. McColl took
place on Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Nairn.
Rev. E. G. Newton conducted the ser-
vices. Several from a distance at-
tended the funeral.

TEUTONS PLAN TO GAIN

LAP ON ENGLISH NAVY

Autumn Budget Will Provide for Four Dreadnoughts.

Berlin, Aug. 16.—The Governmental
naval bill to be laid before the Reich-
stag this autumn will ask for an ap-
propriation to build three battleships
and one battlecruiser. Included
with these four super-Dreadnoughts
will be appropriations to replace the
two old battleships, Weissenburg and
Kurfurst Friedrich Wilhelm, just sold
to Turkey, which, under the naval
programme, would not be asked
for before the autumn of 1911.

Germany thereby will gain a lap
in the race with England for su-
periority in Dreadnought construc-
tion, having two of the latest de-
veloped types of modern battleships
laid down and consequently con-
structed one year sooner than the
original published programme con-
templated.

The budget will authorize the con-
struction of two small cruisers and

CHAPMAN'S Ladies' Tailoring Department Reopened For Fall

With the reopening of our Ladies' Man-Tailoring Department after the summer holidays, we
announce our readiness to meet the most up-to-date tailoring demands for the new season.
Orders placed now for immediate delivery will receive the benefit of a special price.

A Great Number of Our Fall Suitings Have Arrived

The fashion trend for fall can already be recognized in our early showing of new Suitings
and Dress Goods. The ladies who require their costumes early are assured of getting the new
goods, as well as the most authoritative styles, and the pick of novelties.

Carpet News That Should Go Straight Home

In many homes the heads of the house are just waiting for
an opportunity like this to buy new Carpets that are needed.
The following prices will go into effect Wednesday, and continue
until further notice.

\$1. Brussels Made and Laid at 83c Yard

Genuine English Body Brussels Carpet, suitable in quality
and pattern for parlors, sitting-rooms, libraries and bedrooms.
Rich green, fawn and red colorings, in newest designs. Some
with borders to match. Our regular selling price is \$1.00 a yard.
Sale price for the next two weeks (made and laid) 83c

\$1.25 Brussels Made and Laid at 96c Yard

Ten rolls of English Body Brussels Carpet, for offices,
drawing-rooms, parlors, libraries, sitting-rooms, bedrooms and
halls and stairs, in floral and conventional and also rich Oriental
colorings. Borders to match. Our regular selling prices are
\$1.15 and \$1.25 a yard. During this sale made and laid at
a yard 96c

English Tapestry Carpets 55c Yard

Sixteen rolls of high-grade Tapestry Carpet, in reds, greens,
fawns and oaks, some very handsome patterns, suitable for any
room. Worth up to 75c yard. During this sale, made and laid
at a yard 55c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO 126, 128, 128 1/2 Dundas Street

six torpedo boats, and will contain
an appropriation of \$3,750,000 for sub-
marine boats.

WORKMEN BURIED

AS DAM COLLAPSES

Cornwall, Ont., Aug. 16.—Four men
perished at Massena yesterday through
the collapse of a section of a dam
under construction here. Nine others
were taken out bruised but alive. The
dead men were Italians.

NO NIGHT WATCHES

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men's apartment, opposite "murderers'
row," made an equally sensational
escape from the same floor less than
a