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## PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED; ELECTION DAY OCTOBER 26TH

Hon. Thomas Greenway, Prof. S. J. McLean and Mayor Scott of Ottawa, Appointed Members of Railway Commission.

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—The tenth parliament of Canada has been dissolved and the electors will be asked to say by their votes on Monday, October 26th, whether or not the present government has deserved the reward of another tenure of power. This was the announcement handed out after a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon. Nominations will be on October 19th, with polling a week later. The date is a little earlier than originally selected, as the government found that all arrangements for putting the machinery of the election law into operation could be completed in time to put the date forward two or three days. Moreover, it was considered that Monday would, all things being considered, be a more

convenient day for the general public than a mid-week day.

### Write Will be Sent Out

Write for the holding of the election will be sent out at once to the various constituencies. Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, who has had charge of the immense amount of detail work involved in the preparation of the election lists, appointment of returning officers, will continue in office until the work is finished. Consequently the incoming Minister, Charles Murphy, will not be sworn in until next week. The returning officers in most of the constituencies have already been selected. With but few exceptions they

will be the sheriffs of their respective districts, although in some cases it has been found that other appointments were rendered necessary. The government is going to the country confident that the verdict of the electors will be a repetition of the verdict given in 1900 and 1904. Reports received from every province indicate that the outlook for the Liberal cause is most favorable and now that the Ministers have had a chance to feel the political pulse of the people in their respective provinces they are all in a most optimistic mood. In fact the general public opinion as far as can be gathered here is generally that there is not the slightest doubt but that the present government will be returned to power. This feeling is reflected in bets which have already been made here as to the result. So far they are on the basis of what the government's majority will be. An even bet of \$2,500 that the government's majority would be forty was made today.

In Halifax the returning officer will be Deputy Sheriff G. P. Archibald.

### Sheriffs Will Act

In other constituencies of the province sheriffs will act. In St. John the returning officer for both city and county will be Sheriff Ritchie. Returning officers for other New Brunswick constituencies have not yet all been appointed. At today's meeting of the cabinet council, which will probably be the last prior to the general election, several important appointments, which have been pending for some time, were put through. Mayor Percy Scott of Ottawa was

made assistant chief commissioner of the railway board, and the other two commissioners provided for in the act passed last session will be Hon. Thos. Greenway, ex-premier of Manitoba, and Prof. S. J. McLean, of the University of Toronto. The appointment of Prof. McLean in preference to William Galt, M. P. for Kootenay, whose name has been before the government for some weeks as a suitable candidate for the position, was made in view of the fact that Mr. Scott's appointment involved the addition of a second lawyer to the board and also because of the peculiar fitness of Prof. McLean for the position, he having been studying railway and transportation problems and allied economy questions for years. Moreover, he is virtually father of ideas underlying the constitution of the present board in Canada. He is universally regarded as one of the best authorities on railway rates in Canada today and is a well known writer on transportation problems within this country and in the United States. Mayor Scott has made railway work a specialty in his legal business, and has also taken a prominent part in discussions before the Canadian Union of Municipalities and railways. He is now in his second term as Mayor of Ottawa. Hon. Thos. Greenway is one of the best known agriculturists of Western Canada, and his fitness for the new position is unquestioned.

### Appointed Judge

Orders in council were also passed today appointing Hon. Horace Archambault, president of Quebec legislative council and ex-attorney general, to be a judge of King's bench in the province in succession to the late Judge Bove, and William Foran, for some years secretary of the board of civil service examiners, to be secretary of the new civil service commission. The selection of October 19th as the date of nomination for the general elections will involve a change in the date of Thanksgiving Day, which the government had intended to proclaim for that date. It is now probable that Thanksgiving Day will be postponed until Monday, Nov. 9th. The only other date available, if the holiday is to be on a Monday as promised, would be October 14th, which is thought to be too early, and Nov. 2nd, which is All Saints' Day and therefore unsuitable.

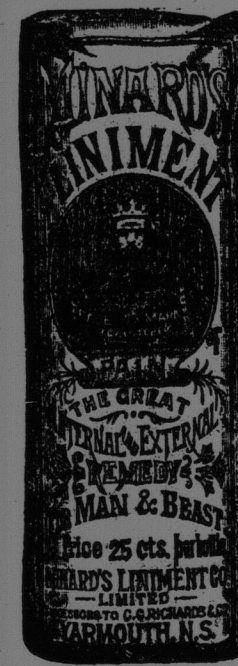
### BOY SHOTS HIS SISTER

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Sept. 16.—This evening at sunset the ten-year-old daughter of George Carson, section foreman of Highfield, was accidentally shot by the brother Albert, aged sixteen, while he was handling a loaded gun. The weapon discharged into the little girl's body. She died two minutes later. Fielding and Maclellan speak at Summerside Friday, Montague, Monday; Charlottetown, Tuesday.

## NOVA SCOTIA'S FAVORITE SON

HALIFAX, Sept. 16.—Hon. W. S. Fielding's tour of Nova Scotia has taken on proportions of a triumphal march over. Where he and Mr. Maclellan go they are greeted with the greatest audiences in the history of the respective towns, and never has such enthusiasm been manifested among the Liberal party in this province. Monday night Fielding, Maclellan, Logan and Ralston addressed the greatest meeting ever held in Parrsboro. Tuesday Annapolis Liberals broke all records with rally at Bridgetown following the unanimous nomination of S. W. W. Pickup, M. P. Tonight Yarmouth, which a week ago handed out chilling frost to R. L. Borden and his entourage, gave Fielding and Maclellan a royal welcome, showing contrast between popularity of Fielding and the opposition leader, whose tour of Nova Scotia aroused no enthusiasm and whose provincial premier's rally at Halifax has had the effect of a wet blanket on his party. The Halifax meeting was admittedly the dearest affair ever witnessed in this city. The coolness of the reception of Borden's speech was almost pitiable.

The announcement of the dissolution finds Liberals of Nova Scotia in fine fighting trim, determined to repeat the solid form.



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## KING TO CONTEST NORTH WATERLOO

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—At the Liberal convention in North Waterloo on Monday next, the nomination for the coming federal elections will be offered to W. L. MacKenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, and it is understood that Mr. King will accept. The campaign in that constituency will then open with a speech by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Berlin on Thursday. It is not known yet whether the sitting member, Joseph Seagram, will again run, but even if he does, those who are supporting Mr. King feel confident that they will have no difficulty in adding the seat. Mr. Seagram's last majority was 306, but he has taken no interest in the constituency and has rarely been seen in the House of Commons. To resign a permanent and congenial position worth \$5,000 per annum in order to contest a seat necessitating a hard fight, speaks much for the ability of Mr. King, but those who know him are prepared to wager that he will come on top on election day. It is also safe betting that if he is elected to the Commons, Mr. King will soon be taken into the cabinet as Minister of Labor.

### SOME COSTLY CANES.

King Edward Has Wonderful Collection of Sticks of Great Value. The \$270 worth was sold the other day for an enamelled "sabbane" (walking stick) of Louis XIII's reign was not a particularly big figure, all things considered, for quite a usual price for these articles at the time they were in vogue was five thousand francs, or say £100, allowing for the difference between the value of money then and now. Some of them, indeed, cost much more, being made of precious metal and jewelled. In England, too, similar extravagance was not unknown. Thus a walking stick which was made for a courtier of Henry VIII., which recently changed hands in London at the record price of £1,200, was of ebony, furnished with gold, and was furnished with a gold knob, inside which was a gem-encrusted snuff box and a secret bottle. The stick itself, too, was hollow, and contained, amongst other things, a set of gold "switches," a pair of compasses of gold, a foot rule of gold, and a whistle tipped with gold. Napoleon paid £250 for a gold-mounted tortoiseshell cane. It is now in the possession of King Edward, who also owns a beautifully carved walking stick that once belonged to "Bonnie Prince Charlie," for which he gave £150 at a recent sale of Stuart effects.

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Not long since, by the bye, there was offered for sale in London a walking stick which was said to have belonged to Pontius Pilate. The price asked was £250, but there were no buyers.

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