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BRITAIN DECIDES

To-day Britain, with 22,000,000 of its people eligible to vote, is at the climax of an election, which some regard with grave misgivings because they think it may have consequences fundamentally disastrous to the greatest of the Free Nations. The latest cables to-day reflect rather doubt as to the outcome than did those of forty-eight hours ago, but the trend of opinion appears to forecast either a clear Conservative majority, or a Conservative party strong enough to form a ministry with some Liberal support. Some gain in Labor's already formidable membership in the Commons is commonly predicted.

Before The Times-Star is issued tomorrow the result will be known. Whatever may happen at the polls—add the element of doubt in London is vastly considerable—Great Britain will set its face sternly against dangerous or destructive doctrines if any party should have the power, and should seek to convert them into legislation. The Mother of Parliaments, the greatest of the world's deliberative assemblies, is not a body to be stampeded; no Communist group can run away with the country. Britain has revolutions in having one—but they are slow and orderly, and sane. A glance backward in British history should do much to reassure those who are fearful today.

AN EMBARRASSMENT OF RICHES

Many a looker-on in politics lately must have noted with more than a flicker of interest the widely advertised entente cordiale between the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen and Mr. Armand Lavergne upon whom some time since (there descended the mantle of his old chief, Mr. Henri Bourassa. Quebec is very much a pivot in our national politics, and Mr. Meighen is naturally desirous of commanding in that province a dangerous weapon for the policies he proclaims as the leader of the Conservative party. He recalls—or his advisers remind him—what Sir John and Sir Wilfrid were able to do in Quebec; he knows that comparisons are inevitable if not always just; and for some time past he has been extending the olive branch toward the province in which he was rather savagely assailed while he was Premier, and indeed, while he was abroad in command of the forces in Alberta. This was to flood a large part of the province by damming the better plan would be to level the Rocky Mountains for a width, say, of two hundred miles, so that the could penetrate right through without being deprived of their humidity by the towering peaks. At the same time, however, he thought that something should be done for shutting off the moisture when it was likely to interfere with stampedes or other open-air gatherings in which the public was interested. We now find that the article is being taken quite seriously elsewhere in the Dominion, several newspapers having reported it as an example of the reckless ideas that prevail in the West.

To many in the East it doubtless seemed that a little thing like the fastening of a couple of hundred miles of the Rockies to prairie level would present no great obstacle to western enterprise. Certainly, from what we hear of western optimism and buoyancy, the suggestion, at this distance, presents no difficulties likely to dismay serious spirit of those who breathe the champagne which is the air between Winnipeg and the foot-hills beyond Calgary. However, for the purposes of argument, let us accept The Journal's suggestion, at this distance, presents no difficulties likely to dismay serious spirit of those who breathe the champagne which is the air between Winnipeg and the foot-hills beyond Calgary. However, for the purposes of argument, let us accept The Journal's suggestion, at this distance, presents no difficulties likely to dismay serious spirit of those who breathe the champagne which is the air between Winnipeg and the foot-hills beyond Calgary.

I wrote some lines once on a time in wondrous merry mood, And thought, as usual, men would say They were exceeding good. They were so queer, so very queer, I laughed as I would die; Albeit, in a general way, A sober man am I.

I called my servant and he came; How kind it was of him To mind a slender man like me, He of the mighty limb!

"These to the printer," I exclaimed, And, in my humorous way, I added as a trifling jest, "There'll be the devil to pay."

He took the paper, and I watched, And saw him peep within; At the first line he read his face Was all upon a grin.

He read the next, the grin grew broad, And shot from ear to ear; He read the third; a chuckling noise I now began to hear.

The fourth, he broke into a roar; The fifth, his waistband split; The sixth, he burst five buttons off, And tumbled in a fit.

Ten days and nights with sleepless eye, I watched that wretched fellow; And, since, I never dare to write As funny as I can.

The Bassano Mail man, having by this time, doubtless, begun to measure

the East's reaction to his proposal to juggle with the Rockies, ought to profit by the lesson. A sense of humor is priceless, but discretion is everything. He must realize that if he yields again to the natural temptation "to be as funny as he can" he may split the cause of national unity up the back. Or you never can tell—his next effort at "wiscracking" might set the whole East a-titter, and he might have to leave the great wide free, open spaces where men are used to come hither and sit up nights with us. Let him consider the sad case of Holmes, and be warned.

Britain to-day is in the valley of decision.

New Brunswick Now, And What's Coming

(Toronto Globe.)

In connection with the reeling problem of the Maritime Provinces, to which considerable newspaper comment has been devoted of late, there comes an interesting contribution from S. R. Weston, the engineer of the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Commission. He premises his observations upon certain general deductions made by the Power Commission of that province to the effect that increase in population follows the development of electrical energy. These deductions may be elaborated—

During the two decades previous to 1901 the population of Eastern Canada was largely sustained, and only in a small measure multiplied, by drawing upon native commodity resources, while in the two decades subsequent to 1901 population was not only sustained but appreciably increased, by drawing upon a hitherto comparatively undeveloped energy resource in the form of hydraulic and hydro-electric power.

If, therefore, appears, without further elaboration of the above argument, that the original proposition has been soundly substantiated, that the Province of New Brunswick must, of necessity, devise a program of diversified industrial development, in order that the resultant development of diversified commodity resources may stimulate the growth of population and the rate of inflow of new money, with a coincident tendency toward the reduction of the individual tax burden.

Including Grand Falls, Mr. Weston states that New Brunswick water power is now capable of providing about 100,000 continuous horsepower which may be utilized every minute of the year. With the construction of head dams and byrads, the water power, he claims that this could be stretched to 200,000 horsepower as commercially developable. The development he places first and foremost the possibilities of expansion in the forest industries, particularly paper and pulp. The utilization of New Brunswick's fourteen billion feet of spruce and fir, he estimates, would require a large number of long delayed unless hydro-electric power comes to the rescue. In fact the hope that such power will be developed, he thinks, would justify the expenditure of great sums of money in ownership enterprises. Such a start that other industrial activity will follow, he believes, is a reasonable expectation.

After the experience of Ontario, the possibility of failure for New Brunswick in such an enterprise seems remote. Mr. Weston's statistics are approximately accurate, the development of the latent wealth of the province only needs cheap power, and it is into being as it turns frozen assets into liquid assets, as it were. Cheap power cuts into industrial activity, and at the same time extends almost unlimited benefits to every community affected.

Problem of the C. N. R.

(L'Evenement, Montreal)

Whatever views we may hold on public ownership in theory, it is unquestionable that a careful government can rescue the C. N. R. in the course of time from the rut in which it bids fair to perish. Sir Henry Thornton's management has already shown that even in times of grave industrial crisis, operating receipts can be increased, and the deficit on the line sensibly diminished. Service has improved 50 per cent on the railway, and the business activity, the government would soon be able to count among its national assets the value of this "innate property."

When The Prince Is Alone.

(Sheburne Economist.)

"It must be a great relief to the Prince of Wales," says the suburban sage, "when he gets some place where he can say what he thinks without any danger that it will be published broadcast."

TWO YOUTHS ARE HELD FOR THEFT

Fredericton, Oct. 28.—Earle Tapley, aged 17 years, and Sidney Allen, aged 16 years, who pleaded guilty to the theft of about \$88 from the purse of Miss Vera Collins, of Miramichi, which they found in the street on Friday night last, were remanded in the police court this afternoon.

INTEREST IS KEEN AND RESULTS OF POLLING IN DOUBT

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On October 9, following a vote of censure in the Commons. While some of the Laborites still expressed confidence that the result would show the people favorable to their remaining in power, the general opinion was that the Government would be repudiated. The respective strength of the parties in the new house, however, was a subject on which no political observer would venture to give a public prediction. Only the returns will tell whether the Conservatives have been able to regain the majority over all other parties necessary to put them back into office and bring to an end the arrangement whereby they and the Liberals are headed the way the wind blows, the sentiment against the Laborites because of their reputed lenient attitude toward the Communists.

Up to a few days ago public interest in the outcome seemed apathetic, but the sensational eleventh-hour publication of the alleged Zinoviev letter, urging the British Communists to intensive propaganda and organization of units within the British army and navy, served to kindle the sentiment against the Laborites because of their reputed lenient attitude toward the Communists.

The true effect of this development cannot be gauged accurately in advance. If straw votes can be taken as indicating which way the wind blows, the strength of the Liberals, headed by former Premier Asquith and Lloyd George, is on the wane, and that of the Conservatives and Laborites both is increasing. There has been no expression of lack of confidence, however, on the part of Mr. Asquith or Mr. Lloyd George.

576 Vacant Seats.

All activities in the election campaign ceased at midnight. Today's votes about 811,576 vacant seats in parliament, 32 others being already decided by unopposed returns, while seven university members are to be elected by postal ballot.

If the earnest appeals to the electors by the heads of the respective parties had been heeded, the poll should be much larger than in 1923, when the quality of the 5,000,000 voters is said to have been a considerable effect on the result.

As far as the weather factor is concerned, there was nothing in the forecasts for today to overawe the electors, and the mild, uneventful day, with alternate spells of fine weather and rain.

Conservative headquarters, expressing hope that the people would ignore a possible wetting, issued a notice deprecating the rain, saying it was "better to risk a shower of rain than a reign of tyranny," the pun alluding to their contention that a Labor victory meant an effect of triumph for the red Moscow policy.

First Results at 6 p.m.

The earliest results are expected about 10 p.m. (six p.m. Atlantic Standard time) with a rapid succession of declarations thereafter, continuing until midnight, and scattered returns until about 8.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Even then, less than half the results will probably be known, the expectations varying between 225 and 280 seats, and the remainder will come in during the day tomorrow.

Among the results looked for to-night are those in Plymouth, where Lady Astor is the most conspicuous candidate; Paisley, where Mr. Asquith is having a straight fight with the Laborite lawyer, Rosalyn Mitchell; various divisions of Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield, and a few county divisions including Lancashire and Middlesex.

In some districts the polls opened at 7 o'clock and in others an hour later. At that time many sunshine was general, but the sky later became overcast and showers were promised.

People Out Early

An indication of the intense interest in the election was seen in the queues which were formed outside the polling booths before their opening. Another of the members of the middle class who usually put off their visit to the ballot box until afternoon or evening. The women who will play a large part this year than ever before and may eventually decide the fate of the parties, were evidently extraordinarily

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(Ex.)

Lady Astor ordered the red flag out of one of her meetings. It is about time someone spoke up about flaunting that symbol of revolt in the faces of citizens who believe that the Union Jack is by far the better banner of the two.

Consolation.

(R. W. Ferguson in Chatham World.)

The frost is (nearly) on the pumpkin, and the ban is on the corn. But still there's hoosh.

TO COMMEMORATE P. E. I. SOLDIERS

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Three bronze statues of Canadian soldiers, designed as a memorial to commemorate veterans of Charlottetown, P. E. I., who fell in the great war, arrived in Montreal today from Antwerp on the S. S. Canadian Pioneer. They will be shipped by rail to Charlottetown.

TWO STOWAWAYS ARE FOUND DEAD

Montreal, Oct. 28.—Two stowaways, one Polish and the other Czechoslovakian, were found dead in the cool bunkers of the liner Mella here yesterday. Investigators believe the men succumbed to coal fumes. According to papers found in their pockets the stowaways were W. E. Kolup, aged 88, and Marie Hodnar, aged 85.

Churchill Causes Stir.

Winston Churchill created something of a sensation in his division of Epping, when he drove throughout the entire constituency in a coach driven by eight horses, decorated with blue streamers, and with a horn blowing merrily, as his supporters shouted "Vote for Churchill!"

BRITAIN LEADS IN VESSEL BUILDING

London, Oct. 28.—There are at the present time under construction in the world 38 vessels of between 10,000 and 20,000 tons each, and eight of 20,000 tons and upwards, according to Lloyd's Register ship-building returns for the quarter ended September 30. Twenty out of the 38, and all the larger vessels, are building in Great Britain and Ireland.

Hero's Name Is At Last Discovered

London, Oct. 29.—Four times Robert Cooper, a young man of Edmonton, England, saved persons from drowning, and managed to slip away without being identified.

Recently he jumped into an Edmonton boating lake and rescued a little boy who had fallen in. This time—his fifth rescue—he was recognized by a police officer and traced, although Cooper, after the rescue, handed the boy over to friends and disappeared in his wet clothes.

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