Calendar for Dec., 1907

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon 5d. 6h. 22m. a. m.
First Quarter 11d. 10h. 16m. p. m.
Full moon 19d. 1h. 55m p. m.
Last Quarter 27d. 7h. 10m. p. m.

D of M	Day of Week	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	Moon Rises	High Wat'r a. m.	High Wat'r p m
		h. m	h m	h. m	h. m	h. m.
1	Sun	7 33	4 37	2 39	7 10	7 42
2	Mon	7 34	4 37	3 48	8 12	8 27
3	Tue	7 35	4 36	5 00	9 11	9 12
4	Wed	7 36	4 36	sets	10 07	9 52
5	Thu	7 37	4 35	5 04	10 50	10 30
6	Fri	7 39	4 35	5 56	11 48	11 10
7	Sat	7 40	4 35	6 59	12 39	11 50
8	Sun	7 41	4 35	8 10	.....	1 30
9	Mon	7 42	4 35	9 29	0 35	2 22
10	Tue	7 43	4 35	10 38	1 27	3 13
11	Wed	7 43	4 35	11 52	2 26	4 09
12	Thu	7 44	4 35	p. m.	3 38	5 05
13	Fri	7 45	4 35	0 02	4 58	6 03
14	Sat	7 46	4 35	2 10	6 13	6 52
15	Sun	7 47	4 35	3 19	7 22	7 39
16	Mon	7 47	4 35	4 24	8 23	8 23
17	Tue	7 48	4 36	5 28	9 21	9 06
18	Wed	7 49	4 36	6 31	10 17	9 47
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20	Fri	7 49	4 36	5 28	11 50	11 02
21	Sat	7 50	4 37	6 20	12 34	11 38
22	Sun	7 51	4 37	7 19	.....	1 13
23	Mon	7 52	4 38	8 15	0 14	1 49
24	Tue	7 52	4 38	9 18	0 49	2 26
25	Wed	7 53	4 39	10 16	1 28	3 04
26	Thu	7 53	4 40	11 20	2 13	3 43
27	Fri	7 54	4 40	a. m.	3 05	4 24
28	Sat	7 54	4 41	0 23	4 09	5 08
29	Sun	7 54	4 42	1 28	5 26	5 57
30	Mon	7 54	4 42	2 37	6 39	6 48
31	Tue	7 54	4 43	3 48	7 49	7 40

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

Opening of the Session.

THE FRENCH TREATY.

MR. BORDEN, PREMIER WHITNEY AND MR. BERGERON.

LONDON ELECTION CONSPIRATORS CONVICTED.

OTTAWA, Nov. 30, 1907.

The fourth and perhaps the last Session of the tenth Parliament of Canada opened on Thursday with the usual ceremonies. The speech from the Throne boasts of the enormous revenues collected during the year, as if the increased taxation of the people in a time of financial stringency were an achievement of high statesmanship. The Government acknowledges that the present financial situation is rather gloomy, which is a change from the story of "unparalleled prosperity" told in previous addresses. There is the usual summary of events that occurred during the past year, but very little indication of what is to be done this session. The Government however, promises to increase the postal facilities and to place telegraphs and telephones under public control, thus borrowing two planks from Mr. Borden's platform.

THE TREATY WITH FRANCE.

Announcement was made in the speech concerning the treaty with France and the treaty itself was laid on the table. An examination of the document seems to show that the French statesmen of today are clever bargainers. Canada gives France the benefit of the intermediate tariff on the list of goods imported from this country. Each country undertakes to give the other as favorable tariff treatment on these classes of goods as is given to any foreign country. So far the arrangement may be a fair exchange, though it appears that the quantities of goods on which Canada makes concessions s larger than those on which she receives advantages. But in addition there is a schedule of French products which are to be admitted into Canada at specified rates, lower than the intermediate tariff and in some instances lower than the British preference duties.

WINES AND SILKS.

It will interest the ordinary Canadian tax payer to know that the articles upon which these large and special tariff concessions are given by Canada are champagne and other wines, anchovies and sardines, works of fiction in the French language, olive oil, embroideries, lace, silk velvets and silk fabrics, ribbons, and various manufactures of silk, canned vegetables and medicinal compounds. French sardines, now paying 3½ cents per box will psy 2 cents. Certain non sparkling wines have the duty reduced from 25 to 20 cents per gallon, and another class from 25 to 15 cents. Champagne is now paying a certain amount per dozen bottles or by the gallon with 30 p.c. additional. This 30 p. c. is to be struck off. French novels will pay 15 per cent. instead of 25 Embroideries and lace will pay 27½ instead of 35, silk velvets and certain silk fabrics 20 per cent. instead of 30, ribbons 25 per cent. instead of 35, other manufactures of silk 32½ per cent. instead 37½. In the hard times that may be coming upon us, it will be a comfort to the working man to know that some relief has been afforded to those who consume champagne; who wear silk velvet, expensive embroideries, laces and ribbons and laboriously read French novels.

CONSERVATIVE GAINS.

Five new members were introduced on the opening day of the session. Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented three and Mr. Borden two. Leaving out the two ministers who were not opposed the new men brought a record of Conservative gains at the polls. Major Beattie, Conservative, of London, takes the place of a Liberal minister and has a majority of over 1,000 to his credit. Mr. Owen, of Northumberland, a Conservative, succeeds a Conservative, but has an increased majority. Mr. Martin, a Liberal, succeeds a Liberal, but has a reduced majority.

GREAT NEWS FROM COLCHESTER.

While these members were presented the electors of Colchester were casting their ballots, and on the night of the opening day the sensational announcement was made that there was no longer a solid Nova Scotia delegation supporting the Government. Colchester's Liberal majority of 198 has been turned into a Conservative majority of 323. This remarkable overturn in a county where the Government exerts a large railway influence and in which both the Federal and Provincial administrations made the fullest use of their patronage was the principal talk of corridors on Thursday evening. For two or three years it has been shown here that the Nova Scotia Supreme Court was crippled because the appointment of the member for Colchester was deferred until it was deemed safe to open the county. It is a fit punishment that the county should be lost to the Government after all, and lost at a time when defeat is most disastrous. Mr. Fielding was so anxious to win the election that on the eve of the session he left his duties here and rushed off to confer with the local managers and to address a meeting in Truro. But Truro town gives a Conservative majority of 279 compared with 59 three years ago. Mr. Foster who addressed the Truro electors the night before the election may compare notes with the Minister of Finance. Mr. Fowler, of King's, who spoke in Londonderry, followed a group of three Nova Scotia members, Mr. Logan, Mr. McLean and Mr. Johnson, in exchanging comments with his friends across the House.

A GREAT PUBLIC MEETING.

On the evening before the opening of the House an immense mass meeting was held in the Russell Theatre. This was the closing meeting of Mr. Borden's Canadian tour, which appropriately terminated at the Capital. An immense torchlight procession marched through the streets and escorted the Leader of the Opposition from his residence to the place of meeting. In every way the demonstration was a magnificent success. The large auditorium was crowded and many were turned away for want of room. Some 30 or 40 Conservative senators and members of Parliament occupied seats on the platform, and the Premier of Ontario was one of those who came from a distance to pay their tribute to the Conservative Leader and to give their support to the cause which he represents.

MR. BORDEN'S SPEECH.

Mr. Borden spoke with great force and earnestness in support of the Halifax platform, declaring most emphatically that if his party should succeed at the polls it would at once give effect to the principles contained in that declaration. No place is more interested in civil service reform than Ottawa, and here in the presence of thousands of witnesses, who will remember what he says, Mr. Borden declared that the Conservative party would remove the service from partisan influence and cause appointments and promotions to be made by an independent authority on merit alone. He repeated pledges made elsewhere that the Intercolonial Railway would also be rescued from party control and placed under an independent commission such as Mr. Whitney has established for the management of the railways belonging to the Province of Ontario. The Opposition Leader denounced political corruption, bribery and fraud at elections, and called on the people to join him in his efforts to bring these offences to an end.

CHALLENGE TO MR. PUGSLEY

Mr. Borden did not allow the recent statements of the Minister of Public Works to pass unnoticed. He challenged Mr. Pugsley to appoint a commission to inquire minutely into the campaign expenditure of both parties in the election of 1904 in order to ascertain how much was contributed, from what source it came and how it was expended. Mr. Borden asked that he would appear before that commission and tell all he knew. He invited Mr Pugsley and his fellow ministers to do the same, and amid the cheers of the audience contended that if this proposition were not accepted Mr. Pugsley would stand discredited before the country. "It is meet," said Mr. Borden, concluding his reference to the New Brunswick Minister, "that a Government which has protected the perpetrators of the Brockville and Huron election frauds and other similar crimes should have called to its counsels the politician, who as Attorney-General of New Brunswick refused to bring to justice the criminals who stuffed the Rothesay electoral list, and were pronounced by Judges on the Bench to be guilty of theft, perjury and forgery."

MR. WHITNEY SPEAKS.

This was Mr. Whitney's second appearance as a public speaker on the Russel platform. He recalled the previous visit when he addressed the Ottawa electors in 1905, making his last speech before the Provincial election. On the polling day the Ross Government, right arm of the Laurier Administration, was crushed, and as Mr. Whitney predicted the Laurier Ministry would be in the next Federal election. The Premier of Ontario said that he was glad to come 300 miles to show his regard for and confidence in the Opposition Leader in the Dominion, whom he pronounced a worthy successor of the founders of the Liberal Conservative party and a most upright, devoted and capable public man. Incidentally Mr. Whitney remarked on the docility of Liberal members of Parliament who loyally accepted the judgment of the Premier that not one of them was fit to be a Minister, and that it was therefore necessary to hunt around outside for successors to Mr. Hyman and Mr. Emmerson.

MR. BERGERON.

Mr. Bergeron closed the meeting with an eloquent and witty address, giving some reminiscences of his tour with Mr. Borden in the West, and many laughable references to the success of certain Liberal politicians in gathering to themselves extensive domains in that region.

MR. FISHER'S BAD BREAK.

Mr. Fisher has been making a speech in which he declared that Mr. Borden carefully avoided repeating the Western land charges in places where the facts were known. Mr. Fisher's audience was greatly misinformed.

The Blairmore Town site steal was discussed at the place where the politician lives who carried through the deal and profited by it. The Galway grazing lease scandal, the Grand Forks deal, and the Robins steal were discussed at Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Moosejaw the places of meeting nearest to the scene of the operation and the home of the principle perpetrators. They were also denounced at Prince Albert and Rosthern, where two of the principals reside. The Saskatchewan land deal was described and attacked at Regina and other points nearest to the scene of the plundering operations. The timber lease scandals were exposed at the meetings held nearest to the operations and the residence of the chief operator. It may be said further that the audiences in these places were deeply interested and gave every sign that these acts of plunder would receive at their hands the punishment they deserve.

SCANDALOUS DELAY OF JUSTICE.

It took the Supreme Court of Canada four minutes to decide that the appeal of Messers. Roche and Carney against the trial of the petition against them was frivolous. These alleged representatives of Halifax have managed, by evasion of service, by appeals and other dilatory proceedings, to hold their seats for three sessions. They are now safe for a fourth, for though the case is ordered back for trial it cannot be tried during a session of the house. The professed members for Halifax will, therefore, sit and vote in the house as if they and their associates had been declared innocent of the charges of corrupt practices. Mr. Borden, who believes himself entitled to represent Halifax, may well demand better election laws, when men may sit four years in parliament and stave off, during that period, the trial of the question whether they have a right to be there. Such escapes from justice are about the only triumphs which the Government obtains in these days.

GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY.

The London election conspiracy trial, before Judge Winchester, came to an end on Friday, the Judge finding all the accused guilty. These are John O'Gorman, William J. Mulloy, Daniel Wiley and George M. Reid, chief campaign managers for Mr. Hyman in the election of 1905. These politicians were not sentenced, but are out on bail pending the result of an appeal on a question of jurisdiction. The London victory of 1905 was proclaimed throughout Canada as a vindication of the policy of the government on the autonomy question. It is now shown to have been merely a stolen election.

The heroism of the fishermen of Quilty, County Clare, Ireland, who risked their lives for two days to save the crew of a French ship, has aroused admiration throughout the British Isles, and a fund is being subscribed to lighten the burden of poverty borne by these brave fellows. At one of the meetings held for this purpose the Church of England Rector of Milltown Malbay, the press correspondence informs us, "paid a tribute to the men of Quilty and district, not only for their magnificent courage, but for the courtesy which they showed to those who differ from them on religion and other grounds. He, as a Protestant clergyman, had an experience of thirty four years in the district, and never had an unkind word been used or an ungenerous act performed towards him by those fishermen of the South. These Roman Catholic fishermen were among the bravest and most fearless, and at the same time they possessed the natural courtesy of true Irish gentlemen.—Gasket.

At the re-opening of the Catholic Institute of Paris last week the learned and eloquent Rector, Mgr. Baudrillart, spoke at great length on the subject of Modernism: "The Modernism which the Pope has condemned," he said, "is not a period of history, or the caprice of fashion, or the immense field of external and material civilization. But it is that modern spirit such as it has been defined by Buchardt, one of its greatest partisans, in his work on 'Civilization and the Renascence in Italy': 'The modern man is he who has again found nature and the free use of his own reason, and who recognizes no other masters than these. Protestantism and Kant, who has been styled the philosopher of Protestantism and the father of the modern spirit, have completed the concept of the modern man—the man who has determined not to be dependent on anybody but himself, who, in other words, is a God unto himself. That this modern spirit is radically contrary to Christianity can not be doubted by anybody.'" The prelate then summed up the story of the chain of destruction forged by the Modernist spirit in religious belief. First, the doctrinal authority of the Church sacrificed to the free interpretation of the Bible: then, the Bible sacrificed to natural religion; next, natural religion opening the doors to agnosticism, which in its turn sapped the bases of the moral law, until, to use the expression of Renan, men are asked to live on the shadow of a shadow and on the odor that remains when the vase has been broken and its contents spilled out.'" Mgr. Baudrillart concluded his address by warmly inculcating the duty of giving a frank and willing adhesion to the teachings of the Pope.

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