

DOMINION ELECTIONS

Union Government Has Majority of 51.

ONTARIO SOLID FOR UNION

Quebec is Only Province Supporting Laurier.

Loyal People of Canada Speak in No Uncertain Voice Regarding Constitution, and Only One Section of the Country Opposed the Sending of Support to the Boys.

The Canadian people endorsed Union Government by a majority that leaves no room for questioning their will to carry on the war to victory. The solid opposition of Quebec—only three Unionists were elected in the whole province, and these in English-speaking constituencies—the vote of the French elements in several Ontario ridings, backed up by the votes of all those whom the call of patriotism has left cold, were approved under by the union of Conservatives and Liberals all over the country.

Sir Robert Borden will go back to Ottawa with a majority of at least 51 members, which will be increased when the four deferred elections are held.

Ontario did its share by returning Union supporters in all but ten ridings, and in at least two of these the man elected as Laurierites—McColl, of Kent, and Duncan Ross, of West Middlesex, voted against their leader on a conscription. But if Ontario did well, the West rallied to the standard of Unionism in a manner that was remarkable. West of the Great Lakes Sir Wilfrid Laurier won only two seats—Provencher in Manitoba and one in British Columbia. Saskatchewan returned 16 Unionists, Alberta 12, and British Columbia 10.

The sweep was accompanied by tremendous majorities for the Unionist candidates. In the Western Provinces Laurier candidates fell thousands of votes short. Centre Unionists supported Union to the tune of 3,000 majorities, a record that is a size of the constituencies compares well with North Toronto's

majority to Sir George Foster. Only in the Maritime Provinces did Laurier candidates make anything like a showing. In Prince Edward Island they carried three seats and in Nova Scotia won eight, compared with six won by Unionists. The Nova Scotia final return will probably be an even break, since the two Halifax seats for which the election has been deferred are conceded to the Unionists. In New Brunswick the Unionists have a margin of two to three seats.

Quebec did all that Sir Wilfrid Laurier expected of it. In fact, the Unionists won a seat more than they expected, but the two English-speaking Ministers, Hon. J. C. Doherty and Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, got through as did Sir Herbert Ames. Side of Montreal, however, no Unionist was elected, both Hon. Meade and Hon. Albert Sevigny being defeated.

It was a significant fact that with only two exceptions, the ridings Laurier carried in Ontario had a strong German or French element. After the organized insult to Sir Robert Borden at Kitchener it was evident where the pro-German element in North Waterloo stood and the big majority rolled up for Borden, the Laurier candidate, was no surprise. In South Perth also voters of German descent made their presence felt, and South Bruce, which was won by Ruben Trux, Laurier candidate, had two or three townships in which voters of German descent predominated. The loss of the Essex seats to Laurier candidates was a surprise. The seats won by the Laurier candidates in the Eastern townships were carried by the solidarity of the French-Canadian vote.

With one exception the endorsed candidates defeated independent Unionists, the exception being Brampton where Col. Harry Cockshutt, the soldier candidate, defeated John Harold, Liberal-Unionist. An interesting fact for Unionists was that of Evan Fraser over W. M. German in Westland. Mr. German supported conscription but he was nevertheless a strong Laurier partisan. He was regarded as unshakable, but he fell over 100 votes short.

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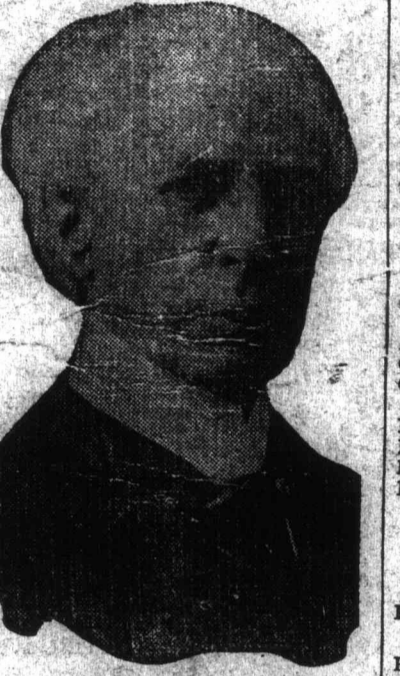
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WARNING FROM UNDERWRITERS

Chief Brown Received Communication Re Risk of Christmas Decorations. Fire Chief W. J. Brown has received a communication from the secretary of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, relating to the risk of fires in store at Christmas time owing to decorations. Toronto, Dec. 18th, 1917. The Chief of the Fire Department: Dear Sir,— In accordance with our usual custom I am taking the liberty of enclosing copies of a circular which we are placing in the hands of all departmental and large retail stores which are liable to make Christmas decorations and displays as outlined in the circular. We have sent copies direct to some of the firms at it is of course impossible for us to keep posted on the names of all large retailers throughout the province or to reach the many others who are interested. I would ask for your kind co-operation in endeavoring to safeguard the public interest by seeing that the suggestions we make are carried out, and would be glad if you could arrange to have your local papers publish copies of the circular. By so doing you will greatly oblige. Yours truly, John A. Robertson, Secretary.

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