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### Great Political Revolution Sweeps Meighen Government Into Oblivion

#### Mackenzie King Given Control at Ottawa Meighen Party Now One Third Its Strength Progressives Surge Past Tories in Contest

##### Most Astonishing Election Turn-Over Since Confederation—Quebec Sends Solid Block of 65 Liberals—Ontario Routs Meighen Forces Except in Larger Cities—Late News of the Election.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—(Bulletin)—Garvey, Progressive is apparently elected in Fort William instead of Manion, Conservative, and Kennedy, Progressive, in Edmonton West is leading Oliver, Dr. Edwards is probably defeated, making eleven casualties among the cabinet.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—With the assurance that the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King will lead the next administration in Canada, the Liberals have exceeded beyond the most sanguine expectations.

The National Progressive party, while it stands second to the Liberals did not obtain its expected support east of the Great Lakes and it was just able to hold the seat of Victoria and Carleton, New Brunswick, in the contest in the Maritimes.

Little more than one-third of the seats it held at dissolution was retained by the government. With the Prime Minister to defeat went eight of his ministers.

Of their number five have been members of the cabinet only since September when the ministry was reorganized. Two of the defeated ministers were beaten by the Progressives, the others by Liberals.

Following is the standing of the parties including a revision necessitated by this morning's returns from all parts of the Dominion.

##### Huge Anti-Meighen Majority.

Only by the division of the opposition forces were many of the Conservatives in rural Ontario able to hold their seats. The popular vote when compiled will show a very great majority against the Government in the only Province in which the Conservatives made a stand against the tide of condemnation.

##### Verdict in Brantford.

The organization of the Government forces in the larger industrial centres—Toronto, Hamilton, London—enabled the party to carry all the seats in these cities, but in the smaller industrial cities, such as Brantford, where one of the most remarkable of the Liberal victories was won, the electors took the bit in their teeth and showed that they resented the endeavors of factory owners to direct the votes of their employees en bloc to the Conservative candidates.

##### Swamped East and West.

The Progressive wave in the West was scarcely less overwhelming than the Liberal tide that extinguished Conservatism in the East. Out of 47 seats between the Great Lakes, and the Rockies the party led by Mr. Crerar is reported to have carried 37—of which 13 are in Manitoba, 14 in Saskatchewan and 10 in Alberta. Returns from British Columbia are incomplete at the time of writing, but the Conservatives will do fairly well there and may bring up the total of the party's strength in the new House to approximately 50 seats.

##### Stalwarts Go Down.

Among the notable changes in the representation of Ontario is the disappearance of such well-known Conservatives as Hugh Clark, Col. John Currie, W. F. Cockshutt, John Best, Hon. Wm. Smith, E. W. Nesbitt, H. B. Morphy, Frank S. Scott, G. B. Nicholson, J. E. Armstrong and A. E. Frapp, all of whom were defeated at the polls.

The most serious loss sustained by the Liberal party in Ontario was the defeat of Mr. F. F. Pardee and Mr. Duncan Ross, both as a result of three-cornered contests. Another notable feature of the Ontario contests was the victory of Miss Agnes McPhail, Progressive, in Southeast Grey, which has the honor of returning the first woman member of the Parliament of Canada.

##### Progressives Sweep West.

At midnight leaders of the Progressive party in Winnipeg claimed the election of 37 members in the three Western Provinces. Progressives claimed to have carried 10 out

#### HOW PARTIES NOW STAND

	Libs.	Cons.	Prog.	Ind.	Total
Prince Edward	4	0	0	0	4
Nova Scotia	16	0	0	0	16
New Brunswick	5	5	1	0	11
Quebec	65	0	0	0	65
Ontario	22	37	23	1	83
Manitoba	2	0	12	1	15
Saskatchewan	1	0	15	0	16
Alberta	1	0	10	1	12
British Columbia	2	7	2	0	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>234</b>

#### DEATH OF MR. THOS. RITCHIE REMOVES MAN WELL BELOVED WHO DID MUCH FOR BELLEVILLE

Death Took Place Early Today at his Home at Age of 82—Sketch of His Career—Born Where Parliament Buildings Stand at Ottawa—Educated for Presbyterian Ministry—His Great Work for Others.

The death of Thomas Ritchie, which took place early today at his residence, 127 John street, removes one of the most public-spirited citizens of Belleville in many spheres of activity.

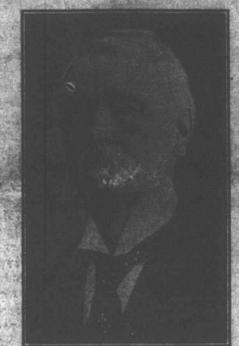
His long life of almost eighty-four years was one of the most active careers in the history of this city. Although a native of Ottawa, he had come to be in every sense a citizen of Belleville. He will be much missed in the business world and in the church and philanthropic enterprises, which owe a great deal to him.

The late Thomas Ritchie was born in Ottawa on January 4th, 1838; his father, Robert Ritchie, who married Ann Martin, being at the time ordinance storekeeper under appointment of the Imperial Government, which at that time controlled and owned the settlement upon which now stand the Parliament Buildings of Canada. The official residence of Robert Ritchie, the birthplace of his son Thomas, stood upon the site of the present Senate Chamber.

Here the family resided until 1857, when the entire property was transferred to the Government of Canada. The late Thomas Ritchie graduated from Knox Theological College, Toronto, and also enjoyed the advantage of a course in literature and special work in the University of Toronto. Although certified as a licentiate of the Presbyterian Church upon completing his studies in theology, Mr. Ritchie soon after reentered the business which had been founded by his brother, George Ritchie, in this city, and with which he had been connected at its organization. A partnership was formed of the brothers George and Thomas Ritchie and Jeremiah Thompson, under the firm name and style of "George Ritchie and Co." Although Thomas Ritchie subsequently became the sole owner, he continued the business under its former name until the year 1900 when he organized and incorporated "The Ritchie Company, Ltd.," as a departmental store, being himself the chief stockholder and president until a few years ago. This business he had built up to be one of the best-known in the eastern part of the province.

Mr. Ritchie was a strong Liberal in politics and in the year 1896 contested West Hastings in the interests of the Liberal party against the late Senator Cory but was unsuccessful. One of the most important achievements of Mr. Ritchie in the public sphere was his share in the organization of the company which built the Bay of Quinte bridge between Belleville and Prince Edward. He was a subscriber to the bridge and was one of the first directors of the bridge company.

His philanthropy was freely bestowed. Among the monuments to his



The late Thos. Ritchie, Esq., who died today, aged 84.

public seal are the playgrounds in East and West Belleville, two parks which under the Board of Education are reserved for the perpetual use of the children of the city. The one is in the east end of the city and other at the top of Murray's Hill adjoining Queen Mary school. These were his gifts for the young life of Belleville.

He was a generous giver to the Children's Aid Society and, realizing the need of the less fortunate children of the city and of the surrounding district, he was mainly instrumental in the building of the present Shelter on Dundas street, near the Belleville General Hospital. His gift for this purpose was very generous.

Mr. Ritchie never courted publicity for his kind deeds of philanthropy and social work and it was only because these interests were so much in the public eye that his generosity became known.

He was one of the most devout members of John Street Presbyterian Church and loyally supported it with his means and his abilities. To mourn his death he leaves his widow, a daughter of the late Dr. Holden.

The Rev. W. H. Wallace, president of the Children's Aid Society, paid a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Ritchie: "I esteemed him highly as a Christian gentleman," declared Mr. Wallace, "a man of genuine spirit and genial and kindly feelings. He loved children, and so much did he value their lives that he provided for the poorer, one of the finest shelters in the province. He was a man of great intelligence, broad view, and vision, one with whom you could converse with profit. He was one who exemplified the highest type of citizenship and Christian manhood. In his death the young have lost a great, unassuming benefactor. He made it possible for many to lead better and nobler lives."

##### ORRIG IS RETIRED.

BELFAST, Dec. 7.—Sir James Craig said today he would want further information before he could make a definite statement on the Irish agreement.

#### MEIGHEN IS HIT HARD BY NEWS OF HIS DEFEAT

Gloom Surrounds Premier's Office in Ottawa as Returns Pour in

##### CABINET'S DOWNFALL

Quebec Liberals Rejoice at Gauthier's Rejection—Regarded as Traitor

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Gloom, undiluted and profound, reigns in and around Premier Meighen's office in the East Block, where many Conservatives were gathered together, but there are bright faces and cheerful bustle everywhere about the quarters of the Liberal Leader, the Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

These were the two central facts about Ottawa. The Conservative Leader, with Sir James Loughheed, Senator Robertson, Senator Blondin and their ladies, received the news with fortitude, though it was evident that the news that he was defeated in his own constituency hit him the hardest.

The news of the Liberal Leader's success in North York was especially pleasing to his supporters, because of the predictions which Conservatives had constantly been making that he would be defeated.

##### LOOKING TOWARD WEST.

Quebeckers found great satisfaction in the news that Quebec would be solidly Liberal, and that Ontario had sent 24 Liberals to end Quebec's alleged isolation. The West at midnight was being anxiously looked to, because on the number of Liberals returned from the West depended whether the Liberals would have a majority over all, and thus be able to conduct the Government without help from any other group.

The Progressive sweep of the Prairies has almost eliminated the Conservatives. But the latest returns from the West gave hope that there would be enough Liberals to secure a majority.

The sweeping away of every minister of the Tory Cabinet east of Ottawa, except Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, in its own commentary on how these men impressed the public.

##### WHO WILL BE SACRIFICED?

Over the whole Dominion there is scarcely a corporal's guard left of the Premier's Cabinet, and some Conservative will have to resign his seat to allow Mr. Meighen to sit in the next House.

#### DR. EDWARDS MEETS DEFEAT LIKELY 11 MINISTERS BEATEN CRERAR OPPOSITION LEADER

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—(2 p.m.)—Belated returns in the general election today to overwhelming defeat of the government and to the Liberal lead. Another member of the government, Dr. Edwards joined the ranks of the defeated today and there is every indication he will be accompanied by Hon. R. J. Manion. Should they be defeated a total of eleven ministers will have failed to secure elec-

#### NO GREATER POLITICAL UPSET HAS BEEN SEEN IN CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—As the Premier's defeat was overwhelming, and he says he accepts the verdict of the people, it is expected that he will place his resignation in the hands of the Governor-General at once. The latter will then ask Mr. King to form a cabinet. No greater political revolution has ever taken place as the result of a Canadian general election. The Premier and eight of his colleagues were defeated at the polls. In Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan no Conservative candidate was elected. East of the Ottawa River and west of the Great Lakes, Conservatism, as a political force, has ceased to exist, save in the urban centres of British Columbia,

#### Meighen Busy Sees Lord Byng; Nothing to Say

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Premier Meighen was at the office early this morning. Quiet pervaded the office following the noise and bustle of battle last night. He was busy all morning, received Sir Adam Beck, and attended to his correspondence, then went on a visit to the Governor General. He had no announcement to make regarding immediate action.

#### How Returns Were Received; Liberals Chery

The victory of the Liberals at the polls throughout the Dominion had been predicted by many local liberals but the realization of the defeat of the Conservative forces as reports came over the wires last night had not been lessened by the expectation of the fall of the Meighen government.

Returns were received at a large number of places, at the Labor-Progressive meeting at the city hall where Mr. D. V. Sinclair read the returns to a crowd that cheered itself hoarse as the announcements came thick and fast of Liberal wins, at the new paper offices, at the Conservative rooms, and at Griffin's Theatre. The Ontario answered over 1000 telephone calls.

Not since '98 was there such a night for Liberals. With them it was unadulterated pleasure, the result in the local constituency having been discounted.

Labor and Progressives had looked for a better showing against the Government candidate and were a little disappointed. It was the first time that many of them had stepped out from the party of their birth or choice and it was the first occasion on which they felt their consciousness as a group or class.

Crowds hung around the telegraph stations until the last message came through at midnight. Then they drifted homeward.

#### Sixty-Five Lose Election Deposits

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Returns show that sixty-five candidates lost their deposits and that the treasury is thirteen thousand dollars richer as a result. The Progressives were the greatest sufferers with nineteen. The Independents came next with eighteen, then Conservatives with 12, Labor, 9, and Liberals, 7.

#### PORTER RETAINS WEST HASTINGS FOR THE TORIES

McIntosh, Progressive, Defeated in Belleville, Trenton, Stirling, Frankford.

##### HUBBS IN PE, EDWARD

Defeats Horsey (Lib.) and Anderson (Pro.) Who Was Bad Third

The result in West Hastings was in the main what best informed opinion here and throughout the riding expected it would be. Mr. H. Guss Porter is again member as he has been for the past twenty years or more. And the Bay of Quinte district must vie with Toronto in being one of the few pleasant things to contemplate for the badly defeated and discredited party. Mr. Thompson carried the east riding by an overwhelming majority over the Progressive candidate, Mr. James Caskey, of about fifteen hundred votes and possibly by a plurality over both Mr. Caskey and Mr. Walsh, who ran in the Liberal interest. The latter's late arrival on the scene left him at a disadvantage in the race, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Caskey having lined up their supporters apparently before the Liberal entered the fight. Liberalism met defeat in Prince Edward County by reason of the triangular battle, Mr. John Hubbs, Conservative, winning the seat by over five hundred.

Mr. Porter after twenty-one years as representative of the riding of West Hastings again ran strongly. His fine organization gave him a big lead in the electoral race. The fusion of the forces of his opponent worked well in most places.

In Belleville he ran strong. In 1917, in the war time election he was defeated in Belleville, but yesterday he came back with a majority of 669 votes in the city. Sidney backed him strongly as did the other rural municipalities of the south and the town Trenton, although the majority at the latter place fell to 293.

Mr. McIntosh developed considerable strength in the north and in his own section. He did extremely well in Trenton, where labor was active in his interests.

Many of the polls of the riding have not been heard from at either the headquarters of Mr. McIntosh or of Mr. Porter, the deputy returning officers not having communicated with either of the candidates. For a day or so the official standing will not be known. Today it appears to be as far as reported 1412 of a majority for Mr. Porter.

Belleville

McIntosh Porter	
1. Foster	128 98
2. Foster	34 91
3. Sanson	81 92
4. Sanson	83 124
5. Sanson	99 120
6. Ketcheson	74 107
7. Ketcheson	44 98
7a. Ketcheson	54 91
8. Ketcheson	42 101
9. Baldwin	66 92
10. Baldwin	62 103
10a. Baldwin	68 119

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##### WALLBRIDGE PERSONALS

WALLBRIDGE—Mr. W. Kemp and Miss Blakely, of Murray, visited friends on Monday and attended the political meeting on Monday night. Miss Lena Hinchliffe and Miss F. Wilson, of Belleville, spent over the week end with the latter's parents at River Valley. Mrs. G. Westover, et al., and Mrs. A. Latta, of the third of Sidney, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. McLaughlin one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hinchliffe and daughter Ruth, also Miss Ida Hill, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Hinchliffe on Sunday. Mrs. W. H. Nobes visited friends in Belleville last week. Mrs. C. Spence and children visited over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Spencer. Mr. and Mrs. V. Holden and baby, also Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson of River Valley, had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. F. Hazard, of Plainfield, one day last week. Mrs. Jno. Hinchliffe called on Mrs. R. McLaughlin last week. Mrs. Jno. Hinchliffe visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Moore, of Plainfield, last week.

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#### ESARY SERVICES

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