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## TRAINS DELAYED BY SNOWSLIDES HAVE BEEN HELD IN MOUNTAINS FOR DAYS

### The Mayoralty Contest at Montreal—An Old Couple Drowned in Nova Scotia.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 27.—The municipal election fever is at its height to-night. This afternoon application was made to Judge Langelier for a writ of mandamus ordering the city clerk to return Mayor Prefontaine's name to the ballot paper. The judge granted it. It will be remembered that four candidates were nominated. One, Dr. Lachapelle, was nominated in the belief that nobody but a Frenchman could beat Prefontaine. Wilson Smith, a former mayor, was nominated because it was the turn of an English-speaking mayor. Jas. Cochrane nominated himself because he considered a scheme was on foot to force Wilson Smith on an unwilling electorate. Matters were complicated by the fact that Prefontaine had about ten days previous sailed for Europe. Cable communication was opened with him, and finally it was decided that Lachapelle and Prefontaine should retire. The city charter provides that the retirement of a candidate shall be made personally. In Prefontaine's absence this had, of course, to be done through power of attorney. The judge was then left between Smith and Cochrane. A canvass of the city soon showed indications that Smith would be beaten by thousands. Smith and Prefontaine are supposed to represent the same interests. The result was that the writ of mandamus noted above was asked for and Prefontaine was restored to the ballot, because his withdrawal not being made personally, was illegal. Smith will now withdraw and the contest will be between Prefontaine and Cochrane.

Pioneer Dead.

Winnipeg, Jan. 27.—Col. P. H. Atwood, a pioneer of Winnipeg, died this morning at the residence of his daughter. He passed away after a long illness. He was 71 years of age.

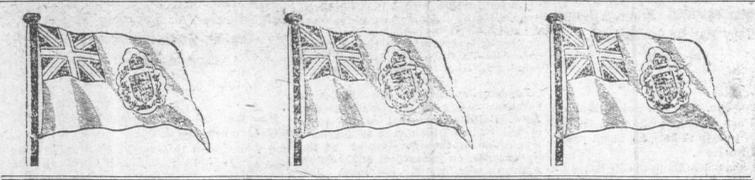
## EIGHT PERSONS KILLED. Loss of Life in New York Explosion Was Greater Than at First Reported.

New York, Jan. 27.—The explosion in the Park avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit tunnel shortly after noon to-day caused the death of eight persons, including J. Roderick Robertson, of Nelson, B. C. At least 100 persons are injured. Although the walls and main structure of the Murray Hill hotel stood the shock, nearly every room in the front of the house was wrecked. The Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital, on the east side of the avenue, had to be abandoned. Thousands of windows, some of them seven blocks from the tunnel shaft, were broken and the showers of broken glass and falling debris injured a great number of people. Every available ambulance in the district was quickly on the scene and numbers of the injured were treated on the spot.

The cause of the explosion is not definitely known. District Attorney Jerome visited the scene at once and conducted an investigation. He examined witnesses, who told conflicting stories, and as a result, Ira A. Shaller, engineer in charge of the work at Park avenue; John Bracken, foreman, and Martin McGrath, an assistant foreman, were placed under arrest, charged with homicide. The damage may exceed \$1,000,000. The first estimate on the Murray Hill hotel estimated the loss at \$100,000, but later the building was abandoned as unsafe. If the building is condemned the loss on it will reach \$1,000,000. The damage to the Grand Union is estimated as \$40,000, and to the Manhattan hospital, \$25,000. Loss at the Grand Central station was entirely in glass, as was that of 100 or more other buildings. No estimate was made of the loss sustained by the Rapid Transit contractors.

The Late Roderick Robertson.

Nelson, Jan. 27.—The intelligence received this afternoon of the death of J. Roderick Robertson, manager of the London & B. C. Goldfields and subsidiary companies, as the result of the Fifth avenue explosion, is deeply regretted here. He was easily the most prominent citizen of Nelson, and has done much to introduce Sloan and Nelson mining divisions to the British investor. He is said to have carried heavy accident insurance.



# A LIBERAL VICTORY

### Geo. Riley, the Government Candidate, Elected Yesterday by a Big Majority.

### Landslide to the Cause of the Laurier Administration and a Business Cabinet.



"Three cheers for Riley." Someone in the corner shouted. "Three cheers for Riley." Mr. Riley has the floor. The Conservatives are wily. But the district must be won. And it's three, two, three, four. And it's three, two, three, four. Three cheers for Riley, etc.

And it's George Riley, M. P. And Frank S. Barnard, also ran. And furthermore, the Tory spell is broken.

### Victoria for the First Time in Her History Defeats Conservative Standard-Bearer.

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The Jubilation.

Five minutes after the counting of ballots commenced the Times window was greeted with the first bulletin, showing Riley in the lead by a score of votes. This "first blood" for the Liberals was received with strong tokens of satisfaction by the crowd. There on until the close of the polls-bulletins were posted continuously, while the cheers of the constantly increasing crowd attested the popularity of the winner.

As soon as the result was announced arrangements were made for a proper celebration of the historic event. Before half-past seven in the evening a big crowd had gathered in front of the Liberal committee rooms, and before eight o'clock it had grown until it reached out into the street. The doors were kept open, and this many could see the speakers who had not the faintest conception of what they were saying.

At eight o'clock the crowd had gathered to huge proportions, and not only filled the Liberal rooms, but the square outside. Then the band arrived, and shortly afterwards the procession moved up the band leading off with "St. Patrick's Day in the Morning" and "The Home Guard" and other popular tunes. Behind them came a hundred enthusiasts with flaming brooms, which had been previously soaked in oil. Behind these again came a long line of huts filled with stalwart workers in the party. Each carriage was decorated with flags, and the cheering on route was almost continuous. At the corner of Yates and Government, which was reached via Douglas and Johnson streets, the brooms had burned out and a ball was made to replace them with new torches. Then the procession moved on, headed by Fort street, and the band playing "The Liberator" and "The Home Guard" and other popular tunes. The procession then moved along Douglas to Fort, and along Broad street to the Times office. Here another ball was made, the band playing several seconds, and Mr. Riley making a speech from his carriage, which was in the front of the procession. He was received with cheers. It was nine o'clock before the procession disbanded, the band playing "God Save the King."

In the committee rooms before the procession started stirring speeches were made by Messrs. Riley, Drury, Templeman, Helgesen and Jardine, and on the return to the rooms speeches were made by Messrs. Powell, Gregory, W. A. Ward and others.

The Conservatives had a quiet meeting in their rooms, in which they decided to make their organization permanent, and passed a resolution of confidence in Mr. Barnard.

Congratulations by Friends.

While Mr. Riley was in continued receipt of warm congratulations from local admirers and friends, he also received a long array of telegrams from out-of-town Liberals who had been awaiting Victoria's verdict with keen interest. Among them were the following:

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 29th. Geo. Riley, Victoria: My most hearty congratulations for your great victory.

WILFRID LAURIER.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 29th, 1902. George Riley, M. P., Victoria, B. C.: Accept my congratulations on your great victory; the large majority is particularly gratifying.

R. W. SCOTT.

Ingolf, Ont., Jan. 29th. George Riley, Victoria: Hearty congratulations on your great victory. Just received the news.

CLIFFORD SIFTON.

New Westminster, B. C., Jan. 28th. George Riley, M. P., Victoria: Heartiest congratulations on your well deserved victory.

AULAY MORRISON.

Nelson, B. C., January 28th, 1902. Geo. Riley, Victoria: Congratulations to you and the Liberal party.

GALLIHER.

Kamloops, B. C., Jan. 29th. Geo. Riley, M. P., Victoria: Accept our heartfelt congratulations.

INLAND SENTINEL.

Congratulatory telegrams were also received from W. Mackenzie, Ottawa; J. R. Seymour, G. F. Cane, Frank Bodwell, A. B. Clifton and Joseph Martin, Vancouver; H. P. McCrory, Rossland, W. D. Woodruff and Jas. A. St. Catharines; Wm. Sloane, Nanaimo, and P. H. Martin, Ladysmith.

The fir tree is the cornerstone of all trees being found in every part of the world.



GEORGE RILEY, M.P.

For the first time since Confederation the Capital City sends to Ottawa a disciple of Liberalism, and a stout supporter of a progressive government.

Such was the pronouncement of the electors of Victoria yesterday, and such the result of their selection at the polls. George Riley is elected. Not by a narrow margin, which might imperil his seat in the case of a recount, but by a big bumper majority, which indicates a complete turn over in the political faith of the place.

His majority is just 421, in city and districts.

Among those best able to judge, the signal triumph of Mr. Riley is attributed to but one cause, a landslide to the Liberal candidate on the part of the business men of the city, many of whom until the present election have been confirmed Conservatives. These men took a practical view of the situation, and despite the appeals of Sir Hibbert Tupper they ignored their previous affiliations and cast in their lot with the candidate of a business government.

Victoria went mad last night when the result of the polls was announced. For the first time in its history Victoria saw a locally triumphant Liberal procession in its streets, and the sight gladdened the hearts of grey-headed men, who for a score of years have fought an up-hill battle against the Conservative tradition.

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Wills	32	30
Esquimault	68	72
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Cedar Hill	20	40
Person's Bridge	20	12
Total	1,707	1,376
Riley's total majority	421	

The Results.

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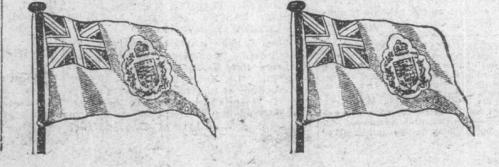
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The Hague, Jan. 29.—In the first Chamber of the States General to-day, Premier Dr. Kuyper, replying to a question on the subject, confirmed the accuracy of A. J. Balfour's statement in the British House of Commons yesterday regarding the Dutch government's offer to help in bringing about peace in South Africa. The Premier added that he was prevented by courtesy from disclosing any details concerning the note so long as the British government had not published its contents, or until a reply to it was received.

The Boer delegates disclaim any knowledge of the contents of the Dutch note to Great Britain.

Visited The Commons.

London, Jan. 29.—The Premier, Lord Salisbury, and the minister of foreign affairs, Lord Lansdowne, took the unusual course of visiting the House of Commons this afternoon. They held private consultations with their ministerial colleagues in the committee room. The incident aroused considerable interest in the lobbies, where the visit was connected with the note of the Dutch government on the subject of peace in South Africa.

## FISHERMEN'S MEMORIAL Presented to the Commission To-Day—They Are Opposed to Traps.

Vancouver, Jan. 29.—The fishermen to-day presented their memorial to the commission, which was the closing evidence before Prof. Prince and associates. They asked that no changes should be made in the present weekly closed season, that purse seine and drag net licenses be issued only to bona fide white fishermen and Indians, that no licenses be issued to canners, that there be no limit to sea fishing nets, and that no trap licenses of any kind be granted to anyone or introduced by the government. The last mentioned is a question on which particular difference between the canners and fishermen occurred.

A dispatch from London to-day says the Red Rock is quoted at fifty per cent. reinsurance, but no writing. Inactivity in the reinsurance market is caused by many recent disasters.

## THE CANADA ATLANTIC. Purchased With Intention of Making It Part of Trans-Continental Road.

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## RE-DISTRIBUTION. A. J. Balfour Says Bill Will Be Introduced During Present Parliament.

London, Jan. 29.—In the course of to-day's debate in the House of Commons, A. J. Balfour, the government leader, intimated that a redistribution of seats bill "remedying the flagrant anomalies now existing" would be introduced during the session of the present parliament.

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### Arrangements for the Purchase by New York Central Completed—"Ticket-of-Leave Acts."

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—Dr. Seward Webb, seen again to-day in reference to the sale of the Canada Atlantic railway, stated that he had now completed the purchase and that every cent that Mr. Booth had in the road was disposed of. All that remained to be done was to secure from the Canada Atlantic railway a statement of its affairs, and the cash would be paid over and the road would pass over to the new interests. That, said Dr. Webb, is all that is necessary to complete the deal.

Dr. Webb was at Government House when he gave out this statement. The exact price which is to be paid is not known, but it has been fixed between the parties concerned. Dr. Webb went on to speak of how he intended to improve the road by purchasing new cars, locomotives, laying new rails and building new bridges. As for the connections, he said that the intention was to be friendly to the Canadian Pacific. Boston will be made the winter terminus of the road. As for the summer terminus it was intended to build a new elevator at Quebec, so as to save further elevator accommodations at Depot harbor.

The general belief here is that the road, under the new interests, will form the eastern section of what will be a great trans-continental system, joining with the Clergue and Mackenzie & Mann systems to the Pacific Coast.

The New York Central, Rutland and Canada Atlantic will be practically one road. The steamers now plying between Ogdensburg and Chicago will be taken off and will be put on between Duluth and Chicago and Depot harbor. A new issue of stock will be required to complete the purchase.

Ticket-of-Leave.

The amount of the minister of justice was distributed to-day. Hon. David Mills, in referring to administration of "ticket-of-leave acts," says that in 1901, 190 tickets-of-leave were issued, of which 120 were granted to convicts in penitentiaries and the other 70 to prisoners confined in jails and other public houses. This shows an increase of 54 per cent. on the number of tickets issued last year. Of these one was cancelled by full remission of sentence granted in order to enable recipient to be taken to a foreign country for medical treatment; another because the prisoner declined to accept it, and a third was cancelled for breach of its conditions. Returns received during the year show seven forfeitures for conviction of indictable offences.

Mr. Mills says that this justifies the conclusion that the acts have proved successful from a reformatory point of view.

To Assist Marconi.

The Dominion government, at yesterday's cabinet meeting, decided to put a sum in the estimates to assist Marconi in erecting his station near Glace Bay, at Cape Breton.

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