# ASQUITH'S MAJORITY STEADILY INCREASING

**Government Coalition Have Eighty Majority Over Unionists—Austen Chamberlain Expresses Disapproval of Balfour's Tariff Reform Referendum Policy.**

London, Dec. 14—The results in the general elections announced tonight leave the position of the rival parties unchanged. This is as follows:

| GOVERNMENT COALITION | |
|---|---|
| Liberals | 223 |
| Nationalists | 56 |
| Ind. Nationalists | 9 |
| Laborites | 38 |
| Total | 331 |
| **OPPOSITION** | |
| Unionists | 251 |
| Coalition majority | 80 |

**Chamberlain Breaks Away.**

A further sign of growing discontent among the Unionists over Mr. Balfour's management of the campaign, which started in an editorial in the Morning Post, was noticed in a speech by Austen Chamberlain at Buxton tonight. He said it was not a part of the original plan that tariff reform should be submitted to a referendum. There were great inconveniences and objections connected with putting a budget to popular vote. He would not himself have made such a proposal.

**Favor Policy of Compromise.**

Many Unionists, realizing that there is no hope of bettering their position in this election, favor a policy of negotiation. Sir Edward Clarke said the essential result of this balanced election was that there must be a conference between the parties with a view to the settlement of the constitutional question. Both the veto bill and the referendum, he declared, must go, and the best men of both sides must endeavor to find a solution.

**Ministerialists Chuckling.**

London, Dec. 14—The Morning Post's outbreak yesterday against the decision to refer tariff reform to the people whenever the Unionists should gain power has caused many chuckles in Ministerial circles where Mr. Balfour's dramatic announcement has always been regarded as much as an unsuccessful attempt to "ditch" the tariff reform ress as well as a strategy to win elections. It is pointed out again that Joseph Chamberlain's letters and telegrams to the candidates practically ceased immediately after Mr. Balfour gave the referendum pledge in Albert Hall. The Liberal press has no hesitation in declaring that the opposition leader has given mortal offence to the most effective portion of his battalions.

**Austen Chamberlain Sore.**

In his speech at Buxton tonight, Austen Chamberlain said that he had accepted the ground which Mr. Balfour had chosen for the Unionist party to fight on but personally he never would have suggested a referendum.

"I am not afraid of taking tariff reform directly to the people," he concluded, "whenever the Unionist party wins tariff reform wins. Whenever there is a Unionist government in power, tariff reform, whether it be put to a referendum or not, will be put in the statute books or the Unionist government will go out."

**Includes Electoral Reforms.**

London, Dec. 14—According to the Liberal Daily News, the government's programme for the coming session in addition to the veto bill will include electoral reforms such as the payment of members of parliament and possibly also a bill for the holding of all elections on the same day.

**Wednesday's Results.**

Monmouthshire, South—Herbert (Lib) 6656; Walker (Unionist) 8658. Unionist gain.

Lincolnshire, Brigg—Gelder (Lib.) 6506; Bennett (Unionist) 5637. Unchanged.

Nottinghamshire, Rushcliffe—Jones (Lib.) 9186; Disraeli (Unionist) 6580. Unchanged.

Renfrewshire, West—Greig (Lib.) 6366; Mechan (Unionist) 6082. Unchanged.

Yorkshire, Otley—Duncan (Lib.) 6151; Thompson (Unionist) 4982. Unchanged.

**To-day's Pollings.**

London, Dec. 14—Following are Thursday's contested elections, name of the government candidate coming first, and the party majority at the previous general elections, January last:

Buckinghamshire, North—Sir H. Verney; Lt. Col. Bernard. Lib. 111.

Cornwall, Camborne—F. D. Acland; Coates. Lib. 2446.

Derbyshire, High Peak—O. Partington S. H. Wood. Lib. 106.

Devonshire, Barnstaple—E. J. Soares; C. S. Parker. Lib. 882.

Durham, Bernard Castle—A. Henderson (Labor); H. G Stobart. Labor 1490.

Durham, Bishop Aucland—Sir H. M. Havelock Allan (Lib.); G. E. Markham (Unionist); William House (Labor). Lib. 1551.

Glamorganshire, West—J. Williams (Labor); Phillips (Liberal). Lebor 6780.

Gloucestershire, Tewkesbury—B. A. Lister; Hon. M. Hicks-Beach. Unionist 972.

Hertfordshire, Hitchin—T. T. Gregg; Dr. A. Hillier. Unionist 1884.

Lincolnshire, Stamford—G. H. Parkin; Major G. W. Willoughby. Unionist 356.

Norfolk, Southwest—R. Winfrey; Capt. Stanley Clarke. Lib. 239.

Northamptonshire, West—L. O. C. Money (Lib.); Sir A. D. C. Brook (Unionist); T. F. Richards (Labor) Liberal 1877.

Northumberland, Hexham—R. D. Holt; H. Cheyter. Liberal 1061.

Staffordshire, Lock—R. Pierce; W. Bromley Davenport. Unionist 10

Wiltshire, West, Bury—Sir J. Fulter; D. L. Palmer. Liberal 754.

Yorkshire, Whitby—W. H. S. Pyman; Hon. W. O. Beckett. Unionist 550.

Yorkshire, Skipton—H. Cleugh; R. F. Roundell. Liberal 508.

Yorkshire, Doncaster—C. N. Nicholson; C. W. Whitworth. Liberal 3569.

Aberdeenshire, West—J. M. Henderson; F. Smith. Liberal 2807.

Ayrshire, South—W. P. Beale; T. W. McIntyre. Liberal 2040.

Berwickshire—H. J. Tennant; Capt. Campbell. Liberal 932.

Sutherland—A. C. Morton; Lord Stafford. Liberal 656.

Cork, East—Capt. Donalan (Nat.); O'Brien (Ind. Nat.). Nationalist acclamation.

Cork, South—W. Barry (Nat.); Walsh (Ind. Nat.). Nationalist acclamation.

Down, South—J. McVeagh (Nat.); Johnston (Unionist). Nationalist 635.

Londonderry, North—Brown (Lib.); N. T. Barrie (Unionist. Unionist acclamation.

Buteshire—R. P. Mitchell; H. Hope. Unionist 159.

Dumbartshire—A. A. Allan; W. T. Shaw. Liberal 1032.

Dumfrieshire—P. A. Moltine; W. Murray. Liberal 575.

Forfarshire—J. Falconer; J. Duncan. Liberal 2505.

Haddingtonshire—Hon. R. S Haldane B. H. Blyth. Liberal 745.

Lanarkshire, Northeast—T. M. Wilsent; Carpenter. Liberal 2093.

Lanarkshire, Mid—J. H. Whitehouse (Lib.); H. S. Keith (Unionist); B. Smiley (Labor). Liberal 391.

Lanarkshire, South—Sir W. Mercles; Douglas. Liberal 1631.

# MILK IMPORTED FROM U.S. FOR WINNIPEGERS

**Astounding Condition Existing in Manitoba's Capital—One Firm Alone Bringing 700 Gallons Daily From Across The Line.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 14—Owing partly to lack of feed this year, but still more to the fact that weeds are favored more than dairy cows under the system of farming near Winnipeg, one firm in this city claims to be importing daily 500 to 700 gallons of milk from the United States and cream in addition.

This statement was made by a responsible man at one of the local creameries this morning. He stated that it hurt him badly to have to bring in his milk as it cost them as much as they sold it for. They had to pay five cents per gallon for milk and duty and the carriage brought the cost up another five cents, making the price ten cents, wholesale, which was the price it was retailed for.

The situation is a serious one, as it means dearer butter for Winnipegers and if other firms are reduced to the same straits, to get milk, it means that the price of milk will also go up.

**MANLY.**

Bulletin News Service.

Manly is quite a mail distributing centre now. Onaway and the new post office, Heatherdown, and Mink Lake, are served from Manly; the former town twice per week and the latter once per week by stage from Stony Plain.

Miss S. Reid, teacher at Manly, is making preparations for the Christmas three entertainments which by all expectations, will be the best in Alberta.

Peter Gunn, M.L.A., paid a visit to this settlement on his way from Edmonton to Lac St. Anne.

Dec. 12th.

**NORTH BATTLEFORD.**

Bulletin News Service.

That North Battleford would vote the local option by-law down was a foregone conclusion, but that the town voted it down by an almost two to one vote came as a surprise to the majority of citizens. The organized effort of the liquor men was, of course, partially responsible for the failure of the measure. The chief reason, however, for the large vote was that many of the business men were of the opinion that local option would materially retard the splendid progress North Battleford is making at the present time, and that as the town of Battleford, only two miles distant, was not voting on the question, conditions would, if anything, be worse here if local option prevailed.

North Battleford has decided to try "young blood" in the council for 1911. Out of the four councillors needed to fill the vacancies, three who secured seats on the council are not far from their "teens."

The mild weather prevailing here has caused a stir along building lines. Two new residences were started this week, while quite a number of buildings which were left over to be finished in the spring are being rushed to completion.

The Board of Trade have issued a neat folder, setting forth the commercial advantages of North Battleford. They have also decided to carry on a vigorous advertising campaign during the winter months. An agent has been employed in England to lecture and distribute literature, while a large number who have gone to the States and elsewhere to spend the winter have taken literature with them to distribute.

**Business Better Than Expected...**

Winnipeg, Dec. 16—Bradstreets reports say that business through all parts of the province continues active. Retailers have their holiday supplies on hand and in many cases are finding it necessary to order further lots. It is evident the volume of business will be heavier than was expected.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprins, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rhumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlain's. Sold by dealers everywhere.

# TALKS OF GEORGIAN BAY CANAL PROJECT

**Sir Wilfrid Receives Deputation Urging Construction—Says He Needs No Argument For Pressing Necessity—Is Question of Finance, But Hopes to See It Started in His Lifetime.**

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Replying to the deputation which today waited upon him to state that the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal is of more importance than the deepening of the Welland Canal, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

"The government does not require any argument as to the advisability and pressing necessity of the Georgian Bay Canal and the building of it at once; but it is altogether a question of finance. As you know, Mr. Fielding is absent, from causes which we all regret, and in his absence the government cannot make any promises which involve expenditure of great sums of money. We must wait to go ahead until the finance minister tells us that we are in a position to do so.

**Deprecates Antagonism.**

"I cannot understand the antagonism which seems to exist in Montreal against the deepening of the Welland Canal in favor of the Georgian Bay project. We must provide for the growing trade of the country, and even when we proceed with both of these, we will not have too many routes to provide for the traffic of the future.

"The advantages of the Georgian Bay canal will not be injured in any way by the deepening of the Welland Canal. That project will enable grain vessels to come down to Prescott, and I am sure that Montreal will get the bulk of the trade, just as they do now. There should be no rivalry. Both projects are needed by the country and both will be proceeded with in time.

**Convey Request to Banker.**

"It will be my duty to convey your request to our banker, and if he thinks that the moment is propitious, that he con go to England and borrow the money, no one will be more pleased than I if we can undertake the work this year.

"I may not, I will not, live to see Georgian Bay canal completed, but I hope to see it started, and that before long. It is all a matter of finance.

"When you come again, do not besiege me with arguments. I need no orguments to convince me of the necessity of proceeding with the canal just as soon as possible."

**MOSSIDE.**

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. Menuier is now away on a trip to Edmonton.

Mr. Peter Brant is getting a large pile of wood ready for the sawing machine.

Messrs. Thomas and Robert Littlefair have left Mosside for the winter, having gone to seek a better "hunting ground."

Mr. Baldwin returned recently from Edmonton and has now gone to Twin Lakes to look after his stock there. Mr. Pilling accompanied him.

Miss J. Barton returned to Edmonton, after having spent a few weeks with her parents here.

Mr. Langmaid has his men at work now in C. Ballenbaugh's grove he having taken the contract to have it sawed. A large amount of timber is being got ready for the saw, which will be in soon.

Mr. Barton and Mr. Cummings have finished their threshing and are well pleased with the turn-out. Mr. Whittaker's crop, also, fulfilled all expectations.

Miss May Whitaker left Mosside some little time ago to return to Washington. She arrived there safely after a quick trip.

The children in this neighborhood have had quite a siege of whooping cough this year, but as the winter wears on they seem to be getting over it.

Fred Maxwell has returned to Mosside for the winter. People of the neighborhood are all glad to see his smiling face again. We wonder if the report is true that he is going away again soon and will not return alone.

A party was held at Mr. Tetreau's a few nights ago. Games, dancing and refreshments were the order of the evening, so it is needless to say that a lively time was spent.

Mr. Beddome's home was also the scene of a pleasant "surprise" party recently, they having moved into their new house.

Henry McLeod and his bride have gone to Fernie, B.C., to spend the winter.

Mr. Cummings has just returned from a trip to Edmonton. He reports the roads very bad, but thinks the recent fall of snow has made them fairly good for sleighs.

Mr. Hoover visited at Mr. Tucker's not long ago.

Mrs. Davidson is going to leave Mosside for a time and go on a trip to the States. All wish her a pleasant and happy time while away.

Mr. Bredenson and son have taken the contract of building a new house for Mr. Bollenbaugh. It is being speedily erected and will make a comfortable home.

Toronto, Dec. 15—That the Department of Industries and Publicity be re-established was the recommendation sent on to the city council yesterday afternoon by the Civic Legislation Committee. J. P. Murray, of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; S. J. Murphy, of the Niagara Navigation Company, and others urged the Aldermen to take some aggressive action to bring tourist traffic here and make Toronto a convention city.

**Publicity Campaign For Toronto.**

Philadelphia Record—Mrs. Guzzler: Aren't you ashamed to come home in this condition?

Mr. Guzzler—Mortified to death, my dear. I find that my capacity isn't what it used to be.

**THE STEAMER OTTAWA BURNED.**

**Took Fire at Dock at Cape Vincent, N. Y.—Crew All Saved.**

Kingston, Dec. 14—The steamer Ottawa, owned by the Thousand Island Steamboat company, of Kingston, and running between this city and Cape Vincent, N.Y., was burned at 7 o'clock this morning at the latter place. The vessel was all ablaze before the fire was discovered by the cook. The Cape Vincent fire brigade could do nothing to check the blaze and the Ottawa was almost burned to the water's edge. The crew were all saved. The fire is supposed to hav originated in the coal bunkers. The Ottawa was built at Sandusky, Mich., in 1884, and was rebuilt here last winter by the Polger company at a cost of $12,000. She was of American register and valued at $20,000. She is fully insured.

**TELEPHONE RATES CUT.**

**Railway Board Brings Relief to Telephone Users Near Toronto.**

Toronto, Dec. 15—Citizens of West Toronto and outlying districts who have bene paying excessive charges for telephones, had their grievances righted by the Railway Board. Chairman Maybee ruled that all outlying portions of the city should be served at the same rate. The company then wanted to raise the flat rate charged citizens, but the commission would not allow it. One thousand and ninety-two telephone users benefit by the decision. Residence phones cost $36, business phones $45, irrespective of proximity to the city hall. Hitherto some outlying patrons paid as high as $80 for phone service.

# SAYS EAST WILL BE FRENCH IN 15 YEARS

**Henri Bourassa In Interview With Correspondent of the London Mail Gives This Opinion—Emphatically Favors Separation From The British Empire.**

London, Dec. 13—Henri Bourassa is keeping so much out of the public eye in Paris that the French journalists seem unaware of his presence. A somewhat startling interview with him appears, however, in the London Mail today by the well-known war correspondent, William Mixwell. Bourassa it is reported, made the following reply to Maxwell's forecast that in a few years the West and not Quebec will hold the balance of power in Canada:

"In fifteen years and before that time comes, the Eastern Provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will have become French in language and Roman Catholic in faith."

Maxwell declares the root of Bourassa's overmastering ambition is a French enclave with the Monroe doctrine inscribed on its borders, and a complacent, docile Federation bowing at his door pleading to be admitted to the freedom of the Atlantic coast.

Bourassa added: "A Feredal Empire is geographically impossible and politically undesirable. If you leave Canada, like the rest of the Empire, to develop its own national and ethnic traditions separation will be a slow process. We will be friendly, we shall continue the best allies of Britain, and Britain like the other nations of Europe will find it to her advantage to preserve in North America the independence of a country which will serve as a counterpoise to the United States invasion.

**PROVINCIAL RIGHTS CANDIDATE.**

Moosomin, Sask., Dec. 15.—Sixty delegates, representing every polling sub-division in the Moosomin electoral district, met in convention in the Opera House this afternoon to nominate a Provincial Rights candidate to contest this electoral division at the next provincial elections. The following names were put in nomination: D. G. Ellis, M.D., Fleming, Sask., farmer representative; Joseph Goodman, Rocanville; John McLean, Welwyn; E. L Elwood, Moosomin. Dr. Ellis and Mr. McLean withdrew their names from nomination and the vote being taken, Mr. Elwood received forty votes and Mr. Goodman twenty. A complimentary smoker was tendered the delegates and friends this evening, where the policy of the party was fully outlined.

**FREE TRADE WITHIN EMPIRE.**

London, Dec. 14—Great interest is aroused here by the proposal to be presented to Ottawa to-morrow by the western farmers for the continuous reduction in duties against Great Britain until free trade with the rest of the Empire is established. This was Jos. Chamberlain's original proposal and was only rejected because the Canadian ministers said it was impossible for Canadian revenue considerations. Very many free traders here would warmly support the proposals on this basis of Empire free trade.

**FLOODS IN ITALY.**

Rome, Dec. 12.—Reports from many points in Italy indicate a continuation of heavy storms, the flooding of towns and serious damage to crops. The victims are few, the people having ample warning of the threatening waters, and in some cases they have abandoned their homes. The river Po is close to the high-water mark.

**To Hear Telephone Appeals.**

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Railway Commission in session here has arranged to hear all the telephone appeals against excessive rates tomorrow. After a long discussion, the C.P.R. was granted permission to construct two subways in the town of York with certain provisions. The citizens are divided on this matter. The matter of the elimination of a grade crossing at Yonge street was held over until February.

# FARMERS DECIDE ON RESOLUTIONS

**MONSTER DEPUTATION TO WAIT ON PREMIER TO-DAY WILL DEMAND RECIPROCITY.**

Ottawa, Dec. 15—Eight hundred delegates, representing every province in Canada with the exception of Prince Edward Island, were present at the convention held at the Grand Opera House today to frame resolutions to be presented to the government by the monster deputation of farmers which will wait upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the House of Commons tomorrow morning.

D. W. McCuaig, of Winnipeg, president of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, presided, and other members of the council present upon the platform were: James Bower, Red Deer, Alta., vice-president; E. D. Drury, Barrie, Ont., secretary-treasurer; W. J. Tregillus, Calgary; E. J. Fream, Innisfail; James Speakman, Penhold; and D. Warner, Edmonton, representing the United Farmers of Alberta, F. W. Green, Moose Jaw; E. A. Partridge, Sintaluta; J. A. Meharg, Moose Jaw, representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association. H. E. Burton, Port Stanley; J. J. Morrison, Port Arthur; W. L. Smith, Toronto; James McEwing, Drayton; J. G. Lethbridge, Alliance; Thos. McMillan, Seaforth, representing the Dominion Grange of Ontario. S. C. Parker, Berwick; M. E. Ells, Kentville, representing the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association. S. B. Hathaway, Fredericton, and W. H. Fawcett, Sackville, representing the New Brunswick Farmers' Association.

**Reciprocity With U.S.**

In reference to the tariff, resolutions were adopted calling for reciprocity with the United States in all agricultural, horticultural and animal products, fuel, lumber, fish etc., and in all agricultural machinery; for an immediate lowering of duties on all British imports to one-half of the rates charged under the general tariff; gradual adoption of free trade with Great Britain within ten years and that the farmers are willing to face direct taxation in such form as to make up for revenue losses under new tariff relations.

Regarding the Hudson Bay Railway, a resolution was passed that the railway and all terminal facilities should be constructed, owned and operated in perpetuity by the Dominion Government under an independent commission.

A resolution was also adopted that cheap and efficient machinery for the incorporation of co-operative societies be provided by the Government during the present session, also that the Government acquire and operate under separate commission the terminal elevators at the Pacific coast and at Hudson Bay when necessary.

A resolution was also passed that the Government be urgently requested to erect the necessary works and operate a modern and up-to-date method of exporting meat animals by establishing a system for handling chilled meat.

Another resolution pledges the farmers organizations throughout Canada.

**Manufacturers Hold Up Country.**

The resolution on the tariff was moved by E. C. Drury, of Barrie, Ont., the secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Council of Agriculture and ex-master of Dominion Grange in speaking to the resolution, he dealt at considerable length with the matter from the farmers' viewpoint. Today, he stated, organized manufacturers are holding up the country instead of trying to develop it.

"The resolution," he stated, "does not ask that one cent be taken from any class and be given to the farmers, but it does ask that the system established to benefit an infant industry and which has now become a system of legalized robbery be put a stop to.

Regarding reciprocity in agricultural instruments, he stated that the standing offer made by the United States in this respect should be at once accepted. The farmers, he stated, were going to ask that whatever advantages be granted the United States be also granted Great Britain.

The resolutions were seconded by E. A. Partridge, of Sintaluta, Sask., and supported by representatives from every province. In response to an invitation that any one opposed to the measure take the platform, there was no response, although the request was repeated several times. Th resolution carried amid great cheering.

In addition to presenting their resolutions to the Premier, several lengthy memorials will also be read. The memorial on terminal elevators deals exhaustively witht the mater showing in detail the farmers' contentions. The memorial in respect to the suggested Railway Act amendment ends by asking that the principle of fixing tariffs in accordance with the competition of other roads or density of traffic or volume of business handled be disallowed. The tariff reform resolution comprices 6,000 words, while tnat on the Hudson Bay is also lengthy.

**Drowned Crossing Lake on Ice.**

Tweed, Ontario, Dec. 8—Mr. W. A. Caniff, an old resident of this place, was drowned while attempting to cross Stock lake here this morning with a horse and rig. He had driven about half a mile across the lake when the ice, which was very thin at this point, gave way and himself and horse were both drowned. The body has since been recovered. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

**Fire Causes a Panic.**

Washington, Penna., Dec. 8—Fire drove two hundred women and children from a supper at a bazaar given by the Claysville Mother's club in the public school building in such a panic-stricken manner tonight that several women fainted and had to be carried out and a number were trampled upon. None was seriously injured.

**Troops Fired on Rioters.**

Funchal, Dec. 15.—Troops fired into a crowd of rioters at Santa Cruz today. The casualties were not made known. Twenty persons were arrested. The disorder originated in resistance of uneducated classes to the strict measures taken by the authorities to check the wholera epidemic. The disease is still claiming many victims.

**Escaped From Winnipeg Station.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 8—At three o'clock this morning, George Summer and Louis Stolseth, prisoners at the local police station, made their escape in a sensational manner. By some means, just how is not known, as they had no implements, they wrenched the window bars in their cells apart and then by attaching their bed clothes to the remaining bar, slid to the street and to safety. The escape was only discovered when the jailer felt a draft blowing through the building from the open window. Later on, Summer was recaptured, but his companion is yet at large. Both men were in jail on remand.

**The Shearer Inquiry.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 8—Despite the objections of Justice Robson, Counsel Denistoun introduced figures from Montreal and Toronto to prove that those places also had a social evil to contend with and that proportionately they were not much if any better than Winnipeg. Dr. Shearer was also pressed to suggest a place where these women could go without dumping them upon another community, or what he would do to them, but this, the doctor asserted, was another question. Commissioner Robson, deprecating the manner of cross-examination, pointed out that it was not the Social and Moral Reform association that was on trial.

**To Old Country for Christmas.**

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Over 900 people in the last two weeks booked passage for England to spend Christmas.

# BANDIT SHOT HIMSELF TO ESCAPE CAPTURE

**Sensational Climax To Robbery of Salina, Kans., Bank of $2,500—Farmers Apprised of Escape by Telephone and Succeed in Surrounding The Man.**

Salina, Kans., Dec. 15—Ira Ward, thirty years old, killed himself when surrounded by a posse of farmers, fourteen miles north of Paradise, Kansas, today. Ward's suicide came as a climax to a most sensational robbery. He had made a hard ride for liberty, but as the farmers over the entire section had been notified by telephone, the posse easily picked up his trail.

This morning he went to a hardware store and bought a revolver, ammunition and a coil of rope. He then went to the bank, where he covered Cashier O'Brien and four other men with the weapon. After the safe had been opened by the cashier at Ward's direction, the five men were marched into a back room and forced to lie on the floor.

The lone bandit then tied the men and gagged them with a gunny sack. After searching the vault, securing $2,500, Ward walked over to the hardware store, purchase a rifle and a large number of cartridges and mounting his horse rode rapidly away. In a short time, the men in the bank were discovered by customers and were released.

A posse was formed and started after Ward.

**New Financial Concern in Calgary.**

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Edmund Taylor, vice-president of the Gowan's Kent Company, Toronto, and director of several wholesale firms in Canada and New York, is removing to Calgary shortly to become managing director of a financial institution in process of formation. He will remain on the directorate of the eastern concerns. Mr. Taylor is a well-known westerner, being for many years Hudson's Bay Company's manager at Calgary.

**Bold Robbery at St. Kitts.**

St. Catharines, Dec. 15.—J. S. Smith's jewelry store was boldly robbed last night by thugs, who smashed a window with a stone and got away with a number of watches, brooches, etc., but failed to land the tray with $1,500 worth of diamonds. Four years ago the same store was robbed and diamonds worth $1,300 were secured, none of which were ever recovered.

Calgary, Dec. 15—At yesterday afternoon's session of the Calgary presbytery, being held in Knox Presbyterian church, the matter of church union as proposed, including the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches was taken up at some length, but no final action was taken in the matter. The idea met with some support and much opposition, and the general spirit of the gathering was not one of enthusiasm over the prospect of a union.

**Mutinous Brazilian Sailors Banished.**

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 15.—The sailors who took part in the recent mutinies in the navy have been dispatched to remote states, where they will be employed in building roads and railways. Merchant crews are being recruited for the dreadnaughts. Liberty parties from the British warships in the harbor visited the city today.

**Students May Have Smallpox.**

have been vaccinated, and the institution is being thoroughly disinfected.

Levis, Que., Dec. 14—The Superior of Levis College reports that while most of the doctors report the illness among the students to be chickenpox he declares it may be smallpox, and as a matter of protection all the students

**21 Bellevue Victims Buried.**

Lethbridge, Dec. 14.—Twenty-one victims of the Bellevue disaster were buried at Blairmore yesterday. The ceremony was in charge of the United Mine Workers, and Rev. T. D. Jones, Methodist minister, conducted the service, assisted by the other clergy of the district. Eight hundred men formed a monster funeral procession.

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**WANT CHEAP ELECTRIC POWER.**

**Eastern Ontario Organizes to Secure Hydro-Electric Power.**

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 15. — The question of securing cheap hydro-electric power for the municipalities along the frontier between Napanee and Cornwall brought a meeting of representatives of nine municipalities here yesterday. After a good deal of discussion, a union of municipalities was formed for the purpose of co-operating in securing hydro-electric power for Eastern Ontario. Mr. Elliott, of Kingston, was elected president and Wm. Shearer, of Brockville, secretary. A rough estimate of what power could be used by the municipalities represented was given, amounting to 5,300 horse power.

**PERPETRATES FRAUD.**

**Cashed Bogus Cheque and Made Quick Exit.**

Grenfell, Sask., Dec. 15.—Tom Watson is wanted here on a charge of defrauding. Some days after exhibiting a cheque supposed to have been signed by a man for whom he had worked, he had a cheque for thirty dollars, signed by himself, cashed at night by the pool room proprietor. Thomas Lines, on the pretence of having deposited the first cheque. He left this morning, and his whereabouts is unknown. The matter is in the hands of the police.

**Fight Stopped by Promoters**

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 13—A schedule ten-round bout between Monte Attell and Jeff O'Connell was stopped by the promoters at the end of the fifth round tonight and the entrance money was refunded. The promoters refused to pay either fighter. Attell was to have received 30 per cent of the gross receipts. The fight was tame from start to finish, Attell getting a shade the better of it. Hissing started in the first round and throughout the fight the spectators could not be quieted. Twice during the course of the fight promoter Tom Elks requested the referee to make the two men fight or get out of the ring.

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