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Expect Election In Manitoba Very Soon

Winnipeg, April 13—Possibilities for a general election in Manitoba during the coming summer were never brighter than today, says the Winnipeg Free Press this afternoon in a news story on the authority of "general opinion at the parliament buildings." The division in the legislature yesterday when by the deciding vote of the Speaker, the government was saved from defeat on a resolution which called for its resignation and the reconstruction of the Cabinet to represent all groups, is said to have "placed the government in the position where it feels that an appeal to the people is almost imminent."

An Appreciation Of A. Bonar Law

(By an Old Parliamentary Friend in the London Times)

Seldom in the history of Parliament, and never within the recollection of the present House of Commons, has there been witnessed so moving a spectacle as that which took place when the Prime Minister announced the resignation of Mr. Bonar Law. Members appeared to find it difficult to believe that the familiar figure who had won his way into the respect and affection of every one had vanished, possibly for ever, certainly for a considerable time.

Mr. Bonar Law has none of the attributes of genius. He has the outward and visible sign of his fellow man, the inward and invisible signs of real statesmanship, coupled with a high sense of duty to his country. When the skein of debate, r-cane tangled it was he who unravelled the threads. He was essentially a House of Commons man, but that is not all. In the Council Chamber his place may be best summed up in the words of a distinguished friend with whom he sometimes differed: "The annoying thing about Bonar is that he is usually right."

Of necessity his best work was negative in character. It was rather those things which he prevented being done than those which he did for which the country must be grateful. This fact, coupled with an innate dread of publicity, has kept him out of the limelight. The least masterful of men, his mastery of debate and of the House of Commons sprang from his perfect hands and innate sympathy with the horse he rode, and above all things, from his unerring judgment.

WAR SERVICES

To his services the country during the war history will, no doubt, give their true value. The letter which, in conjunction with Lord Lansdowne, he wrote without consultation with his colleagues on August 2, 1914, to Mr. Asquith will always remain a landmark in British history. On the formation of the first Coalition, although he had not before occupied one of the high offices of State, he rose to the full height of his responsibility, and it is an open secret that it was due largely to his unerring instinct and to the energy with which he pursued it that the abandonment of the tragic enterprise in Gallipoli was due.

On the fall of the first Coalition he had the courage to refuse the highest office in the State because he thought that the present Prime Minister possessed in a higher degree than he that peculiar magnetic quality which is essential to a democratic leader in a time of national crisis. On the formation of the second Coalition the burden which was placed on his shoulders was almost superhuman, and for the two last and most critical years of the war he bore it uncomplainingly and untiringly. His first duty, on becoming Chancellor of the Exchequer was the raising of the Victory Loan of over £1,000,000,000. It was during this time that he suffered the loss in action of his eldest son, whose younger brother had fallen at Gaza twelve months before.

It was no unusual occurrence for Mr. Bonar Law to be working in the early hours of the morning in his room long after the House had risen. Perhaps an idea of the strain of his work can best be given by relating that after a particularly long and arduous day in Parliament, followed next morning by a spell of official work in Downing Street he motored to Hendon, flew to Paris by aeroplane, and attended the same afternoon an Inter-Allied conference by no means as a spectator, and the next day flew back in time to take his place as Leader of the House of Commons.

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In the House of Commons to-day, in the overwhelming sense of personal loss which is felt by every member, the predominant feeling is one of thankfulness that Mr. Bonar Law has laid down the burden of office before he has suffered irreparable damage, coupled with a fervent hope that before long, after a complete rest, his familiar figure may once again be welcomed within the precincts of the Palace of Westminster.

Sleeping Sickness roud At Moncton

Moncton, N. B., April 15—What appeared to be a case of sleeping sickness the first of its kind reported in Moncton, has developed within the last few days. The patient is W. D. Marrs, a well known C. N. R. conductor, who has been ill the past week. Local medical attendants have had in consultation, Dr. Abramson, provincial pathologist, St. John, who is of the opinion that it is a genuine case of sleeping sickness.

"Municipal And Real Estate Finance In Canada"

The pamphlet entitled "Municipal and Real Estate Finance in Canada" just issued by the Commission of Conservation touches upon some of Canada's most difficult financial problems. It is a clear and convincing statement by Mr. Thos. Adams, Town Planning Adviser to the Commission, regarding housing land speculation and high taxation, resulting from municipal waste and mismanagement.

No national problem in Canada is of greater importance than that which has to do with the conservation of human and financial resources in our cities and towns. This publication emphasizes the fact that until we employ saner methods in developing our community life any efforts being made to conserve our natural resources must be nullified as a result of the careless way in which the wealth derived from these resources is dissipated by bad forms of land development.

This pamphlet may be obtained free on application to the Commission of Conservation, Ottawa.

SMALLPOX IN GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Three cases of smallpox have been reported to the Department of Health from Tiley Road, St. Isadore, Gloucester County. They are in the district of Dr. Desmond, D. M. H. O. The usual precautions have been taken.




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