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TEMPLEMAN WINS BY A PLURALITY OF ABOUT 700 VOTES

Minister of Inland Revenue Returned for the City of Victoria by a Sweeping Majority.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Templeman	1553
Beckwith	857
Marcon	308

Majority for Templeman over Beckwith, 696.

The political battle which has been waged in Victoria for the past two weeks was brought to a close yesterday evening when the Liberal candidate won very decisively. The opposition made a desperate fight, but from the beginning of hostilities it was evident that the forces were not strong enough to cope with an army which has swept everything before it in Canada. The last fort to be attacked was Victoria, and this has been carried.

From the time the polling booth was opened in the morning till its close at 7 p. m. there was a constant stream of voters passing in and out of the old Royal Cafe, where a competent staff of returning officers and clerks kept tally; but so complete were the arrangements of Returning Officer Hicks that there was no semblance of confusion, and within three-quarters of an hour after the last ballot had been marked the returns were given to the public as follows:

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Beckwith (Conservative)	857
Marcon (Socialist)	308

These returns, as those which were promptly bulletined from the "Times" window, and an enthusiastic crowd gathered in front of the office and bore unmistakable evidence of the pleasure which the ever-increasing score of the winning candidate afforded.

Throughout the day hacks, private traps, express wagons, automobiles and vehicles of every conceivable style, were busy bringing voters to and from the poll, and active agents of the three candidates were hustling around, directing proceedings. The old advice, "Vote early and often," was emphasized, and a special effort was made to get a good start as soon as the booths opened. In the first two hours about 100 votes had been recorded, and then there was a lull until lunch hour, when another 400 was piled up. The rest of the day was devoted to gathering in the stragglers and the indifferent—and a busy time it was—until by the time the closing hour was reached and the last strenuous effort was put forth, 2749 ballots had been marked. Of these the official returns made to-day give:

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Spilled ballots, 25; rejected ballots 8.

The result did not come as a surprise to many, as it was generally conceded that Hon. William Templeman would head the poll by a large majority. His total vote would have been

considerably swelled were it not for the fact that many good Liberals refrained from voting altogether, cognizant of the fact that victory for their man was a foregone conclusion. To such an extent did this feeling prevail that were it not for the fact that many Conservatives voted for Mr. Templeman the figures would have been appreciably reduced. The poll was not as large as on previous occasions for the reason given, but the verdict is considered to be a very decisive one. In contrast with the tactics pursued by the Conservative candidate and his lieutenants since the campaign opened, the proceedings yesterday proved a welcome innovation, inasmuch as there was no outward and visible sign of that calumny and misrepresentation which characterized the preceding days. The general feeling appeared to be that all that it was possible to say for or against the candidates had been said on the hustings, and that it was now a matter of choosing between the two men—for the third candidate, the Socialist, was never considered seriously in the contest.

The people of Victoria demonstrated by their vote yesterday that they will not be influenced by calumny or the raising of false issues. Throughout the campaign Hon. Wm. Templeman has been subjected to all sorts of personal attack at the hands of his over-enterprising and venturesome opponents. Irrelevant issues were raised and the ex-Senator held responsible for the storms on the Pacific coast, the "scarcity" of flour, the opinions of railway engineers, and every sin of commission and omission attributable to man. The wreck of the Valencia and the absence of a light at that particular point on that particular occasion was represented as a serious political offence, and much capital was made out of a statement attributed to Mr. Templeman, and positively and publicly denied by that gentleman, to the effect that the people of British Columbia could not hope for better terms from the Federal government until they were represented in the Provincial House by a Liberal government. All these false accusations made with the object of injuring the candidacy of the cabinet minister have been discarded, and the people of Victoria by their verdict have shown that they consider the interests of their city and province first, last and all the time.

The vote yesterday is not considered a large one, although thoroughly representative of the feelings of the people. There are some 4,800 voters on the list and of these only 2,749 were cast. At the election of 1891 there were 3,015; in 1902, there were 2,075; in 1904, the vote was 3,218, so that yesterday's record shows a falling off. The reason for this has already been explained. Another point revealed by the returns of yesterday is that the Socialist party is steadily on the decline in Victoria—the vote is the smallest scored of that party. At the Provincial elections of 1903 the Socialist scored 697—their high water-mark in this city. In 1904 they scored 338, and this year notwithstanding that a strong candidate was selected the vote fell to 308.

As soon as the result of the poll was made public, the Liberals gathered at the committee rooms on Douglas street



HON. WILLIAM TEMPLEMAN.

and cheered their champion vociferously. The gentleman was naturally somewhat excited after his hard-fought battle, and when he was called on for a speech, ascended a chair and heartily thanked his supporters, Liberal and Conservative, for the victory won for him. He explained, however, that he was in the hands of his committee, and that the committee had decided that they should all meet again at eight o'clock, when he hoped to have a few words to say.

At the appointed hour, the committee rooms were crowded, and hundreds who could not gain admission congregated in the vicinity of headquarters. A number of hacks and other vehicles were drawn up in front of the building, the broom brigade was organized, the torches lighted, and the brass band played. Enthusiasm now ran high, and a number of husky fellows took the horses from the carriage which was reserved for the hero of the occasion, and attaching a rope to the drag, pulled the carriage to a place in the procession near the band, and with a

ringing cheer a start was made along the route decided upon by those in charge of the arrangements. At this time there were some six thousand people joining in the demonstration, all imbued with the same idea—that of celebrating a great victory. The procession marched along Douglas street, down Cormorant to Government, and around again to the committee rooms. In the carriage with Hon. Mr. Templeman were Ralph Smith, M. P., Jno. Oliver, M. P. P., and H. E. A. Courtenay, chairman of the election committee. The original intention was that Mr. Templeman should address the people from the Times building, but when it was announced that Mr. Harrison's daughter was lying dangerously ill at the Driad hotel opposite, it was decided to have the speaking take place opposite the committee rooms. On reaching this point the procession halted, and as Mr. Templeman took his stand in the carriage he was greeted with rounds of applause and the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," the band playing the accompaniment.

The hon. gentleman, as soon as the applause had subsided, thanked the people of Victoria for the honor conferred upon him by placing him at the head of the poll, and assured them that no effort would be spared on his part to prove himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. (Applause.) He did not intend making any definite promises as to what he would accomplish, but one promise he would assuredly make, and that was that he would put forward every effort to advance the interests of Victoria and the province of British Columbia. (Applause.) He did not know that there was much to be said—the victory was decisively theirs. The campaign was a brief one, but it was hot while it lasted, and in some respects, perhaps unfairly, as many unfounded accusations had been brought against him by his opponents. However, all was now over, and no one would cavil at the result. (Applause.) He would go to Ottawa as a cabinet minister and as representative of Victoria, B. C., and he extended to all a

Mr. Beckwith Barely Saves His Deposit, While Mr. Marcon Loses His--The Result Celebrated.

standing invitation, to call upon him at the capital or communicate with him on any matter of public business, and assured them that such representations would on all occasions receive his prompt and best attention. (Applause.) He would be leaving for Ottawa within a week, his parliament opened on Thursday next, and before leaving he would be happy to receive any suggestions on matters of public interest. On some future occasion he might again appeal to them for their support, when he hoped to have a record behind him, and on this record he would depend.

In conclusion he again thanked his friends, Liberal and Conservative, for the honor conferred, and assured them that it would not be misplaced. (Cheers.)

John Oliver, in response to an imperative demand from the audience, made a brief address, complimenting the electors of Victoria upon their choice of a candidate, and assuring them that Hon. Wm. Templeman would not disappoint them. (Applause.) A voice: "Right you are, John." (Laughter.)

Mr. Oliver said he was delighted to find that at least one man in Victoria who thought his right—(cheers)—laughed—as he was accustomed to be told by certain gentlemen over the bay that he was always wrong. (Laughter.) In forcing an election on this occasion their Conservative friends had done a great public service and deserved the thanks of all—they had shown the weakness of their party and the strength of the Liberals. (Cheers.)

The Conservatives had also, by their opposition, brought out some points of possible weakness in the Liberals, and these weaknesses would be seen to until there was not a vulnerable point of attack on the Liberal armor. (Cheers.)

Ralph Smith, M. P., addressed the assemblage, and said that he would be glad to bring back with him to Ottawa the glad tidings that the people of Victoria showed their appreciation of William Templeman and the great party he represented in the most unmistakable fashion, at the polling station. (Applause.) He (Mr. Smith) had the honor of representing a constituency closely allied in interests with Victoria—what was good for Victoria would also be good for Nanaimo—so that Mr. Templeman and himself could work in unity for the betterment of this part of the country. He alluded to the misrepresentations made by the Conservatives during the campaign, but said that the people had by their vote demonstrated what little importance they attached to them.

At this stage the band played the National Anthem and the crowd dispersed.

Later on in the committee rooms there was another big gathering, addressed by Sam Matson and Hon. W. Templeman. On this occasion Mr. Templeman again denied the charge so often preferred against him during the campaign—that the people of British Columbia could not hope for better terms from the Federal government until they elected a provincial parliament composed of Liberals. There was a good deal of money changed hands on the election. No

Conservative could be found to back his candidate for a winner—the best they would do was to bet on the extent of the majority the Liberal candidate would have.

Notes.

There were some humorous incidents in the polling booth yesterday, and when a laugh was heard the question was asked "who's that joke on?" A gentleman named Lewis came in to vote and struck the wrong booth. "What's your name?" demanded the official in charge. "Lewis," was the modest reply. "You go to L," remarked the officer, and Mr. Lewis left that gentleman and sought one whom he claimed to be a more courteous official.

Another voter was enquiring for the Macs. He was informed that "the Macs are away down," and did not feel at all complimented.

Another son of Scotia approached the proper booth, but in looking up the names of his particular clan it was found that they were a numerous lot, with various avocations.

"What are you?" asked the returning officer, hoping that the applicant's trade or profession would assist in identification. "I am a Scotchman, from Glasca," explained the man with the strong and unmistakable accent.

The identification of the Smith family also caused some trouble. One of them being asked for particulars, said that he was the man with the twelve children who lived on — street.

"New hats are now in order. The Conservative winners are adopting stiff—black stiff— which they decide carries out the mourning effect. Liberals select "soft things," in light spring shades—emblematic of their easy victory.

Many a voter yesterday enjoyed his first automobile ride. Strange what luxuries and novelties one can enjoy during election times!

The souvenir pipes from Monday evening's Liberal smoker, were very much in evidence on the streets yesterday.

All the saloons were closed down tight up to midnight. Election day was memorably dry in Victoria. The watering carts had not room to operate yesterday. It was calculated that Conservative tears would be shed in profusion, and for the occasion do street sprinkling work.

There are broom handles galore scattered about town to-day. The last remains of the torches which did service last night.

"INTERESTING, BUT UNTRUE."

Unfounded Rumor Regarding Political Alliance Between Britain and Spain.

(Associated Press.) London, March 7.—"Interesting, but untrue," is the British foreign office's comment on a story published in Paris to the effect that a formal political alliance between Great Britain and Spain will promptly follow King Alfonso's marriage to Princess Ena of Battenberg.

chief of the French mission, reads: "The internationalization of the police would give no guarantee of order, and presents grave difficulties. We ask for recognition of the legitimate interests of France as the Mussulman power in North Africa and our special interests in the maintenance of order in Morocco."

M. Revoll's speech also gave France's first exact plan for the police showing that the rank and file should consist of 2,000 Moroccans under sixteen French and Spanish officers. Germany's chief objection is that military bodies offered by Frenchmen would be stationed at four of the great Moroccan ports on the Atlantic coast, thus giving France a dominating influence on the Atlantic coast.

The positions of France and Germany are so diametrically opposed that the delegates see little hope of reconciling them unless Emperor William personally intervenes.

PRINCESS ENA OF BATTENBERG.

Paris, March 6.—Princess Ena of Battenberg, the future wife of King Alfonso of Spain, will be received into the Roman Catholic church on Wednesday next at San Sebastian, Spain. The Right Rev. Robert Brindley, Roman Catholic bishop of Nottingham, England, will officiate. King Edward will accompany Princess Ena from Biarritz to San Sebastian, but it has not been determined whether His Majesty will attend the ceremony of abjuration which will occur in the English church at San Sebastian.

RAID ON RUSSIAN BOMB FACTORY

REVOLUTIONISTS AND STUDENTS ARRESTED

One Hundred and Twenty Loaded Bombs Seized—Narrow Escape of Governor-General of Moscow.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—A wholesale bomb factory was captured by the police to-day at the lodgings of a druggist. One hundred and twenty loaded bombs were seized.

The apartments have been the rendezvous of students and revolutionists, 20 of whom were captured.

Another terrorist who was arrested in the street had a bomb in his pocket. Admiral's Escape.

Moscow, March 5.—A boldly planned attempt on the life of Vice-Admiral Houbassoff, governor-general of Moscow, and member of the council of the empire, was frustrated to-day. The would-be assassin was a woman,

and her method was practically the same as that of the woman who attempted the life of Vice-Admiral Choukinn on February 9th. Representing that she came from personal friends of the governor-general, she gained admittance to the chancellery, but her agitation attracted the attention of an aid, who noted particularly the luxuriance of the woman's hair, which was coiled high upon her head. When she was interrogated she attempted to flee, but was seized and searched, and a small bomb was discovered concealed in her tresses. The identity of the woman has not been established.

NO REPORT YET.

Kalen Island Committee Is to Meet Again This Evening.

The select committee of the legislature which has had in hand the investigation into the Kalen Island land grant met again this morning in connection with the preparation of the report. There seems to be a great deal of delay in getting this report, which looks as if the Conservative majority on the committee were not adverse to delay in view of the fact that the session is nearing its end.

It was deemed necessary to ask for further evidence on a few points this morning from officials of the department. The committee is to meet at 8 o'clock this evening, before the evening sitting of the House, in the hope of getting the report completed.

THE OLYMPIC GAME.

Twenty-Nine Athletes From the United States Will Compete at Athens.

New York, March 6.—The Olympic games committee of the American Amateur Athletic Union met last night at the Waldorf Astoria. Col. George B. Billings and Charles H. Carter, of the athletic committee of the Boston Athletic Association, authorized President Macabe, of the A. A. A. U., to offer in connection with the Marathon race at Athens a trophy valued at \$100 to the American winning the race. The offer was unanimously accepted. It was also unanimously resolved that M. P. Halpin, of the New York Athletic Club, be appointed manager and advisor of the American team. Decision was made that the members of the team wear a white uniform with quarter sleeves, and that all clubs' emblems be omitted, and in their place a small United States flag or United States shield be worn on the shirt front.

As the entries close on March 12th, it was arranged that a complete list be sent by the first possible mail. The team, which includes the manager, will make a total of thirty, will leave here March 31st and arrive in Athens April 16th, which will give them time for practice before the games open on the 22nd.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Mobile, Ala., March 6.—Fire to-day destroyed the Springhill hotel, a winter resort seven miles west of Mobile. The hotel was filled with guests from northern cities and many had narrow escapes. Nearly all of them lost their effects, including jewelry and diamonds. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS.

Challenges Received From Australia, America and Austria for Dwight P. Davis Cup.

DENONCED AS TRAITOR.

Father Gapon Says Father Petroff Is a Tool of Social Democrats.

St. Petersburg, March 6.—Father Gapon in an open letter to-day denounces Father Gregori Petroff as a traitor and a tool of the social democrats, who he says are fighting against the true interest of the workmen. Father Gapon also proposes a plan for the complete investigation of his organization by representatives of the various parties.

FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Executive Council Will Meet in New York on March 19th.

Washington, D. C., March 6.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has called a meeting of the executive council in this city on March 19th. The matters to be discussed have not been disclosed, but the fact that Jno. Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is a member of the council, will be present, leads to the belief that the coal situation will be considered.

LONDON, MARCH 6.—

The entries for the preliminary heats to decide which team will play the British holders of the trophy is expected to-morrow.

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