

VOTE IN VICTORIA WAS A CLOSE ONE

Count of Ballots Gives G. H. Barnard Majority of Five—Electors Turned Out in Large Numbers.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Never in the history of federal elections in Victoria was there greater activity shown than there was yesterday, when Hon. W. Templeman, representing the Liberal cause, and G. H. Barnard, in the Conservative interests, contested the local seat. From early morning there was a steady stream of voters entered the polling place. At no time was there any cessation. Before the hour of opening in the morning there were hundreds waiting to register their votes. Just before the polls closed automobiles were brought quickly up to the polling place and numbers of voters got into the building. This was the experience at nearly every election, there are always some that reach the polling place too late.

The workers on both sides did good service. The Liberal headquarters were located in a large tent on a lot next to the polling place. The Conservatives occupied rooms in the McGreggor block on View street. Thus the whole settlement was concentrated in a small space on View street. From Broad to Institute hall, the whole day long the street was crowded with cabs, and people on foot. At different times ladies visited the scene to watch how the men were behaving themselves, but the excitement was too intense to permit of the least relaxation on the part of the workers who were attracted by nothing from the great object in view, that of having their candidate elected.

There was no disorder and under the eye of the returning officer T. W. Hick everything went without confusion.

A large vote was cast. In all 4,427 voted, although there were a number of spoiled ballots.

Realizing that the results were likely to be very close there was great play for betting and large sums were wagered.

Count of Ballots.

With the arrival of 5 o'clock and the closing of the poll both Liberals and Conservatives prepared for a count which it was acknowledged on both sides was destined to show very close figures. As the count progressed it was evident that the Liberal majority had been tallied up on the last polling booth would it be possible to say for a certainty who had secured the largest number of votes? The final figures as tallied up on the count made by the deputy returning officers showed G. H. Barnard to have 2,171 votes and Hon. William Templeman 2,166. There were 22 rejected ballots and 68 spoiled according to the records.

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R. F. Green presided at the meeting in the hall. There was a big attendance, naturally, and a mixed one. By far the greater part of the crowd was not there to celebrate for anyone but to see what was going on.

The chairman proclaimed a sweeping victory all through the Dominion. William Blakeney saw it too, but both took care not to particularize. Mr. Blakeney declared that Mr. Barnard would insist at Ottawa on Victoria getting its rights and if he could not get them he would resign and come home.

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RUNS ASHORE NEAR NANAIMO IN FOG

Steamer Grounds at High Tide and is Now Filled With Water.

Last night, while creeping towards Nanaimo during foggy weather, the little steamer Iroquois ran ashore on Jack's Point, 2½ miles from her destination, and is a total wreck. The tide was high at the time and as it receded the steamer floated into a bad position and is now filled with water.

A launch, which was taking election returns from one of the islands, took off the fifteen passengers from the Iroquois and conveyed them to Nanaimo. The crew rowed to that city early this morning. The Iroquois carried a heavy stock shipment for this port but all were saved. The vessel was valued at \$30,000. She can be raised at an expense probably of \$5,000.

Other speakers were Fred Davey, M. P.; H. P. W. Behnes, M. P.; H. B. Thomson, M. P.; E. A. Lewis, Leonard Tait, Albert Carrs, William Price, J. W. Bolden, H. B. Perry, A. E. McPhillips, M. P., and Herbert Cuthbert. Leonard Tait made an emphatic promise to J. L. Beckwith that his self-sacrifice would get its reward.

There were three hundred Japanese landed today although the government tells us they have an agreement to restrict these people," said J. W. Bolden, who was asked to speak as representing labor. Mr. Bolden thus gave wider publicity to an absolutely false statement which had been circulated among workmen yesterday by Barnard agents during the afternoon. He made the bald statement and did not try to explain the lie by offering anything in proof.

Three cheers for the Conservative candidate closed the meeting.

Official Count, Majority Five

No Change in Figures From Those Reported Last Night.

Thomas J. W. Hick, returning officer, at 2 o'clock this afternoon concluded his summing up of the vote cast yesterday and declared G. H. Barnard elected by a majority of 5.

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CASTRO BLUFFING.

Anxious to Direct-Attention from Activity of Venezuelan Revolutionists.

Wilhelmstadt, Oct. 27.—According to letters received here from Venezuela, the people of Venezuela are confident of a prompt settlement of the dispute between that country and Holland. The refusal of President Castro to reverse the decree of May 14th is regarded as a bluff. The revolutionists are doing the revolutionists.

AMOY PREPARES TO WELCOME BATTLESHIPS

Authorities Take Precautions to Prevent Disturbances During Visit.

Amoy, Oct. 27.—As a precaution against any disturbance here during the visit of the second squadron of the American battleship fleet, invitations to Chinese for the reception to the fleet have been limited in number to 400.

Many foreigners of bad character are assembling here but no foreigners will be admitted to the grounds where the receptions are to be held without a pass from the consular representative of his country. Invitations to the Foo Chew students naval cadets have been withdrawn.

Vernon, Oct. 26.—Col. Holmes, D.O.C. of Victoria, last week inspected the local squadron of Okanagan Mounted Rifles. The men made a splendid showing, not only in attendance, but also in their drill and general efficiency. Out of 68 men and five officers, the total strength of the corps, there were present 62 men and four officers. The interest in the drill since the formation of the squadron has also been very great, the average attendance for 32 drills has been 40.

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Strike Bonanza.

Men Lease Mine Which Promises to Yield Fortune.

Nelson, Oct. 28.—It has been said by a few of the Sander divined men, that the first exploited in the Kootenay a couple of decades ago, is now a "has been." Such, however, is the recent report in mining and stock circles, which exist all over the Kootenay in old and new districts alike that a recent lease in Sander has proved a fortune for a few lucky Italians.

The Reco mine was recently leased by its owners, Fred Kelly and John Harris, of Spokane, to some Italians. They started work this month and last week made a strike in one of the old workings of a rich vein of silver-lode ore. It is estimated that there is said to be nearly \$200,000 worth of ore on the dump and at least \$100,000 more in sight. The original owners are declared to have offered the lucky Italians \$50,000 for their lease, but the men have held on to their bond and declare they will receive more money than the amount which was offered them.

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Fire Wipes Out Portion of Summer Colony on Merrimac River.

Salisbury, Mass., Oct. 27.—The greater portion of the thickly housed summer colony at Salisbury beach was wiped out early by a fire which destroyed more than one hundred cottages situated along the beach front north of the mouth of the Merrimac river. Practically all of the houses had been abandoned for the season and the damage was estimated to reach not more than \$100,000.

After the flames had raged for three hours the combined fire fighting forces of Amesbury, Salisbury and Newburyport, together with the half dozen life-savers from the Salisbury beach station and a little band of volunteers, pulled down a number of cottages standing between the burning area and the larger hotels and dance halls and succeeded in confining the flames to the area already burned.

Governor Refused Bribe.

Threw Man Out of Office When Offered \$200,000.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 27.—The death of ex-Governor John Miller, of North Dakota, here yesterday recalled the famous fight against the Louisiana lottery in North Dakota. Mr. Miller led the fight against the lottery and the story is told that a representative of the lottery came into Mr. Miller's office and laid down a suit case containing \$200,000. "That is yours if you will permit the lottery to enter North Dakota," he said. "My price is higher than that," said Mr. Miller, and he threw him out of the office. They called him "Honest John" Miller in North Dakota. His fight against the lottery was redoubled after that.

A speck of gold weighing less than one-millionth part of a grain can be seen with the naked eye.

COMMANDER SPAIN ARRIVES IN CITY

Will Investigate Collision Between the Vado and Amur.

Commander Spain, commissioner of wrecks for the Dominion of Canada, has arrived in the city on official business, and with Mrs. Spain is staying at the Empress hotel.

Upon the arrival of the steamer Amur from northern British Columbia port Commander Spain will hold an investigation into the collision between the Vado and the Amur off Trivet point, McKay Beach, on Saturday, September 19th last.

The Amur is expected in port Thursday when the witnesses will at once be called and the hearing commenced in the court house.

Commander Spain when asked if his visit would include an inquiry into the uniform system of pilotage, pay and appointment, said he had so far received no instructions from Ottawa on the matter and until the arrival of the same would take no steps in that direction.

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