ELECTION DRAGS WEARILY ALONG

BRITISH PUBLIC HAS LOST INTEREST IN THE RESULT OF POLLINGS.

London, Dec. 13.—The election continues to drag wearily along. The public has lost interest and the newspapers have given up publishing late editions. Fleet street and other points, where the returns are shown, are deserted. The standing of the parties tonight is as follows:

Government Coalition. 302
Liberals 199
Nationalists. 58
Ind. Nationalists 9
Laborites. 36
Opposition—Unionists 240

There were forty-two pollings today, but the results in only six constituencies were announced tonight. No change was recorded in these.

Party feeling continues to run strong in Cork, where there are conflicts daily between the opposing factions. David Sheehy, member of the House of Commons, in a riot today was struck by a stone and so badly injured that he remained unconscious for some time. No less than one hundred persons have been surgically treated in the Cork Infirmary since the elections began, and eighty were admitted in one night.

No Covenant With Redmond.

The Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, secretary of war, speaking at Gullano, last night, denied that the Liberal party had any covenant with Redmond. He said that it would be so much the worse for Ireland if she rejected the offer made to her. The Liberals, he asserted, could not alter their terms to appease anybody.

An editorial in the Morning Post, the chief tariff reform organ, characterizes Balfour's referendum as impracticable. The Post says: "The faction at the behest of which a fair chance of victory for tariff reform was thrown away, is not worth a hundred votes in a single constituency. The Unionist party must retrace its steps and tariff reformers must insist on having a clear understanding with the Unionist party."

Will Force an Appeal.

Speaking at Newport Pagnell tonight, Lord Milner made a strong speech against Home Rule. The government's veto proposals, he said, were merely a cloak for a piece of political treachery. The Unionists, he added, though in the minority, would be strong enough to force an appeal to the country.

Lanarkshire, Northwest—W. R. M. Pringle (Lib.) 9315; Pringle (Unionist) 8486. Unchanged.

Lancashire, Southwest, Leigh—Raffan (Liberal) 6790; Oversby (Unionist) 5507. Unchanged.

Lanarkshire, Patrick—R. Balfour (Liberal) 10555; Macgnochie (Unionist) 10190. Unchanged.

Montrose, Burgs—Harcourt (Lib) 3878 Low (Unionist) 3155. Unchanged.

Leicestershire, Bosworth—McLaren (Lib.) 7500; Carowski (Unionist) 4120. Unchanged.

L.I.D. 26-D-4.

Bulletin News Service.

The District Council met for the last time this year, as per resolution of last meeting, at R. Alton's, N.E. 34-51-7-4, on December 10th at 10 a.m.

All the councillors were present, viz., J. H. Tovell (chairman), R. Alton, John Symington and D. McNeil.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted

The following pay lists were passed and ordered paid: Division 1, $3.25; division 2, $182.90; Division 3, $78.25; division 4, $344.25.

The following bills were passed and ordered paid: R. Dolan, clevice, division 4, $1.26; A. Storm, fixing plow, division 4, $5.00; Hayward Lumber Co., lumber for division 2, $24.79; Alberta Northern Lumber Co., division 3, $8.50; E. L. Christie, supplies, $1.95.

The following returning officers were appointed for the annual election: Division 1, John Hope, at J. Hope's, S.W. 22-51-7; division2, F. J. Lane, at F. J. Lane's, S.E. 16-52-7; division 3, A. Clark, at school, N.E. 10-51-8; division 4, A. Golisch, at A. Golisch's, N.W. 16-52-8.

The secretary was instructed to get the necessary supplies for the election.

A petition was presented to council asking for the survey of a road, starting at the S.E. corner section 3-52-7-4, and following the bank of the slough westerly as far as the most northwesterly point; then due west to the road running between sections 3 and 4 of the same township.

The petition also requests the cancelling of a former application for survey between sections 3 and 10-52-7-4, as this leaves three miles without a road running east and west.

The council recommended the petition and ordered the secretary to forward the same to the Minister of Public Works.

The following councillors' fees were passed and ordered paid: R. Alton, council meeting, $2.00; J. H. Tovell, council meeting and overseeing, $12.60; D. McNeil, council meeting and overseeing, $21.20; J. Symington, council meeting and overseeing, $18.60.

Council adjourned to meet at the call of the secretary.

Mannville, December 12.

HURT BY POWER POLICY.

Mr. E. A Lancaster May Quit the Political Game.

St. Catharines, Dec. 12—That all is not harmony in the local Conservative camp is evidenced by the doings at the county executive meeting, behind closed dors, in this city on Saturday afternoon, details of which are just beginning to be whispered about the city. It seems that Mr. E. A. Lancaster ,the member for Lincoln, in the Commons, declared strongly that he would not support the Whitney Government in the future owing to the Hydro-electric power policy. He claimed that he had been insultingly treated in corespondence by members of the Cabinet, and that as a result of the power policy he believed it would be impossible for him to be successful in another contest, as the farmers in the district through which the Hydro-electric line runs are up in arms. He also claimed that many Liberals had obtained better prices for their lands than good old Conservatives. Mr Lancaster added that the policy would not affect Dr. Jessop, the member in the Legislature, as the Hydro-electric line does not run through his constituency. Lincoln being divided on different lines for Dominion and Provincial elections. It was also insinuated by Mr. Lancaster that he might not again seek re-election. That has been street talk for some time, the names of Dr. W. H. Merritt and Lieut.-Col. John S. Campbell being mentioned as probable successors.

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THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL MARKETS

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKETS.

Chicago, Dec. 13—Statements that the outlook for winter wheat in the South-west had become the worst in twenty years formed a sustaining influence today for prices here. Texas received some rain but dry weather and no snow covering were reported in Kansas and Oklahoma.

Compared with last night the market closed 1-8 to 1-4 higher to a shade lower.

Oats, unchanged to 1-8 up.

Aside from the drought, news regarding wheat was bearish but there was no material selling pressure. The Russian crops situation and the prospects for continued heavy shipments were excellent, the Argentine harvest was progressing under the best of conditions and it was stated that samples of new yields arriving in Europe from Buenos Ayres were of a splendid quality. World's shipments declined but less than third as much as a year ago. Notwithstanding all this sellers were chary and seemed to relish a report from Kansas City that all wheat let go now would be wanted back at 20c higher. Throughout the day, prices here kept in almost perfect poise

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec 13—Such activity as the stock market displayed today was invariably in the direction of lower prices. Business was the lightest of any full day for some time and narrower than usual in that operations were confined almost exclusively to the few issues commonly known as speculative leaders. At no time since its recovery from the low prices of last July has the market appeared so thin and hollow as at the present juncture. The fluctuations of the past few weeks have represented almost entirely the speculative purchases and sales of room traders.

Developments of the day were unimportant Announcement of another conference at which it had been agreed to curtail the copper output, called renewed attention to the uncertainty of that industry and found further reflection in the weakness of copper shares and kindred issues

United States steel issues were under pressure throughout, despite the withdrawal of low rates for sheet steel recently quoted by manufacturers Recoveries to yesterday's closing price were quite general in the final trading but an irregular tone prevailed at the end. Exports of merchandise for the current week are estimated at a figure below those of previous week and the corresponding week of 1909. Bonds are steady. Total sales par value $1,752,000.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13—Liverpool cables came 3-8 lower and all gossip was bearish with the result that the American and Winnipeg market opened lower. Trade in options, in the terms of one broker was a "dead letter," the range of the morning for December being 1-8c and for May 1-4c. These options at the close of the market showed a decline of 3-8c for December 1-4 to 3-8c for May and 1- 4c for July. Demand for cash wheat was almost as bad as for options. Very little was doing and although foreign bids were generally from 1 to 2c out of line yet some No. 4 Northern was worked for export.

The only market to show any strength was in flax which advanced 1-2c for cash, 3 1-2c for December and 3c for May, on the local, while Duluth showed a similar advance.

American markets were almost as weak as the local Chicago at close showed an advance of 1-4c while May declined 1-8c and July unchanged, while Minneapolis declined 1-8c, May 1-4c and July 1-4c.

WINNIPEG STOCK MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec 13—The markets closed without effecting any material changes in prices as compared with those of the close of yesterday. At Montreal, there was a little activity in Detroit United, but outside of this issue, the market was very weak. At Toronto, there was very little trading.

Listed Stocks—	Bid	Ask
Can. Fire	110	
Canada Landed	150	155
Great West Life	295	
Great West Perm.	126	128
Home Investment		140
Nor. Tr. t.p.	120	
Standard Tr. t.p.	130	
Winnipeg Electric	186	
Unlisted Stocks—		
Com. Loan, t.p.	110	
Com. Loan, p.p.	110	
Empire Loan	107	110
Empire Loan, p.p.	110	115
Monarch Life	120	
Occ Fire	110	
Pioneer Fire		55
Sovereign Fire	75	
Western Tr.	110	
Winnipeg Fire	105	115
Continental Fire	90	
Central Can Fire	110	
Banks—		
Crown C.F.E.		95
Northern C.F.E.	98	100
Indstrials—		
Beaver Lumber	92	100
Western Canada Flour		140
Estevan Coal	95	100
Estevan Coal com	21	23
Carbon Oil		120
Portland Canal	19	22
S. A. Warrants	680	695

Sales—1, S.A. Warrant 696.

New Players for Toronto.

Toronto, Dec 13—The Toronto ball club secured three pitchers and a catcher in New York yesterday for the Toronto team of 1910-11 as follows: Pitcher Johnny Lush, from the St. Louis Nationals (by purchase); Pitcher Lester Backman, from the St. Louis Nationals (by purchase); Pitcher Geo. Winter, from Montreal ,traded for Dick Carroll, Catcher Eddie Phelps from the St Louis Nationals (by purchase).

Dan McGann Commits Suicide.

Louisville, Dec 13—Dan McGann, former captain and first baseman of the New York Nationals, committed suicide here today. So far no cause for his suicide has developed.

ACT TO INDEMNIFY A.&G.W. CREDITORS

PREMIER SIFTON INTRODUCES BILL PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF JUST CLAIMS

The Legislature has begun to work overtime in the effort to reach prorogation by the end of the present week. Last night it was in session till midnight, and for the remainder of the week the House will meet in the afternoon at two o'clock, instead of at three. Although a number of bills brought out some discussion, there was little excitement yesterday. At the evening session the estimates were taken up and good progress was made.

The Edmonton charter amendments were set down for the third reading yesterday, but were left over till today because of the objections urged to the tenants' franchise clause inserted by Mr. Cross, when they were considered in committee of the whole. This was discussed last night by the city council, and the House will likely be guided largely by the view the aldermen take.

Mount Royal College is the name that the new institution in Calgary, to be presided over by Rev. W. G. Kerby, will take. This was decided by the House, at the suggestion of Mr. Michener, who had the bill in charge. The incorporating act of this college and the Calgary University Act were again considered and are now ready for the Lieutenant-Governor's signature.

Act to Borrow Money.

Premier Sifton, in moving the second reading of an act for raising money on the credit of the public revenue of Alberta, explained that it was to enable the province to temporarily secure cheap money on treasury bonds in case there should be litigation over the money in the banks realized from the sale of the Waterways bonds. The bill provided that the government might raise a sum of money not exceeding $7,400,000, to be borrowed at a term not exceeding fifty years and at a rate of interest not exceeding four per cent.

Mr. Bennett suggested that the government might authorize the Federal Government to invest the trust funds from sale of school lands in Alberta in taking up the A. & G. W. bonds. He saw by recent quotations that the bonds had fallen off five points and were now quoted at 112. At the present time the province was getting only 3½ per cent. on school land funds invested, whereas if the money were used to take up the A. & G. W. bonds more than four per cent. would be paid the province.

Premier Sifton said the suggestion was a good one and would be considered, as he had it already in mind. There was also a possibility that some of the bond-holders would exchange the Waterways for Government securities. The bill was given its second reading and afterwards passed in committee of the whole without discussion.

To Indemnify Claimants.

The act to indemnify certain persons interested in the A. & G. W. Railway was also given its second reading on motion of Premier Sifton and later passed in committee of the whole. It provides that "any person or corporation claiming to have suffered damage in consequence of the passing of the act for the forfeiture of the A. & G. W. Bonds Act may at any time within three months, but not later, file a statement of such damage with the Clerk of the Executive Council, together with evidence in support of such claim. The government shall consider these claims and the evidence and report at next session of the Legislature."

The Premier, in explaining, said the Act would provide a way whereby creditors of the A. & G. W. would present their claims and allow the House to judge of their justness.

Dr. Rutherford said he would not oppose the bill, but he hoped the contracts entered into for ties, etc., would be carried out and the province not lose a single cent. He hoped all the honest and legitimate claims would be paid.

A. Bramley Moore thought the bill to a large extent pledged the province. If the earlier measure passed by the House was a foreclosure, as the Premier had said, then Clarke and not the province was liable. He could not understand, if the government did not steal the money, how they could pass this legislation. The men who got "stung" by Clarke were not entitled to charity from the province. He understood that a large part of the liability was due to the banks, and he did not see why the farmers of the province should contribute to that. The banks were quite capable of looking after themselves.

R. B Bennett throught the provisions of this bill should have been incorporated in the foreclosure one. This bill was to recognize injury done by the foreclosure one. It would allow the House to sit on legal claims, which he thought was a most dangerous principle to introduce. For the next twelve months every member would be bothered by those who had claims or supposed that they had. He objected to the bill on three counts: (1 It was a recognition of confiscatory legislation; (2) it placed in the Legislature judicial functions which should be delegated to law courts alone; (C) it made the Legislature the ultimate tribunal to measure out the justice of the claims, and he didn't think a political body should be such a tribunal.

Claims of the North.

J. K. Cornwall said the big question to him was, what was the House going to do to consider the claims for damages by the people of the north. They were out of court, so to speak. The loss caused by the setback to that country was tremendous. At the present time the sky looked pretty dark, but he hoped soon to see a rift in the clouds.

C. M. O'Brien asked if the claims of the homesteaders, who settled along the right of way in expectation of a railway, would be recognized, and Premier Sifton said all claims could be submitted to the government.

The act respecting hail insurance was also explained by the Premier, and it, too, went through committee of the whole house. Its provisions were brief, said the Prime Minister. There was now to be a flat rate of $4 an acre and a premium of 25 cents. All insurance must be taken out before the first of July.

Dr. Rutherford spoke at some length on the experience of the late government with reference to hail insurance. The hail insurance had come down from the time of the territories. Saskatchewan had had a similar act to Alberta, but it had been repealed. Several years ago his government, at the request of the farmers, had increased the indemnity and the premiums. The first year the loss was $2,500, the next year $20,000, then $40,000, and last year it had reached the big sum of $300,000. Though Saskatchewan had repealed the Act, he did not think the time was ripe for Alberta to do so yet. He was in favor of the amendments.

Big Rate for Premiums.

R. B. Bennett said the rate proposed by the amendment was 6¾ per cent. for insurance, a big figure. He was in favor of one more trial, and if not successful the hail insurance business should be left to private companies.

A bill introduced by Mr. Boudreau to ratify a certain agreement between Raymond Brutinel, the promoter of the Edmonton Interurban Electric Railway and the Town of St. Albert, provoked some criticism. Messrs. Boyle and Bennett took the ground that in the interests of the town the agreement should not be ratified unless it were referred to the ratepayers, to be endorsed by a two-thirds vote. This amendment may be made.

Third Readings.

Eighteen bills were given third readings and passed. They were respecting witnesses and evidence (Marshall); to prevent priority among execution creditors (Mitchell); to amend the school ordinance and school grants ordinance (Mitchell); to amend the noxious weeds act (Marshall); to amend an act respecting butter and cheese manufacture (Marshall); to incorporate the Great North Insurance Company (Buchanan); to incorporate the Western Canada Fire Insurance Company (Cushing); respecting the University of Calgary (Bennett); respecting the Alberta North Western Railway Company (Boyle); to confirm a certain by-law of the town of Macleod (Patterson); to amend Medicine Hat charter (Mitchell); to amend Calgary charter (Bennett); to incorporate the chartered accountants (Boyle); respecting the Village of Stafford (Buchanan); to amend Strathcona charter (Rutherford); respecting City of Wetaskiwin (Olin); respecting two Lacombe electric railways (Puffer).

The House was in committee of the whole for the remainder of the afternoon session and a number of smaller bills were considered.

At the evening session all the estimates for 1910 were passed. There was little discussion, as the money has already been almost all spent and protests are now of no use. The leader of the Opposition, E. Michener, who was in the House in the afternoon, was unable to be present owing to continued illness in the evening, and, at the request of Mr. Bennett, the 1911 estimates were left over till today, when he is expected to be better. These will be the subject of considerable debate when they come up in committee of supply.

There were many humorous incidents in passing the votes last night, the leader of the criticism being Mr. Bennett. He promised more severe attacks when the votes for next year are taken up.

When civil service votes were being discussed, Mr. Bennett made a plea for a non-partisan civil service. He said the time was drawing near when the government must take steps to provide in order that the best class of officials, free from politics, would have to be secured.

BELVEDERE.

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brant are the proud parents of a son.

The Pembina here is at least frozen over and will carry heavy loads, but the approaches on both sides are not good.

Quite a little snow has fallen lately, thereby improving sleighing, but more is needed.

C. Ritchie has taken over 200 live chickens into Edmonton for sale, which he hatched with his incubator.

Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelley gave a dance at their house and a number of friends attended and had an enjoyable time until the small hours of the morning.

Messrs. Lovett and Whittaker took a bunch of cattle to the packing plant, Edmonton.

James Stalley has his brother and a friend with him from the States.

It is understood the authorities have decided to place a Mounted Policeman here. He will take up his abode about the beginning of the New Year.

Several teams are freighting goods for the stores here and beyond. C. A. Roberts has just returned from Edmonton, bringing several sleighs and other implements.

Morris Brothers have finished their threshing in the district and have done some good work with fair crops.

The Public Hall having been completed, the committee intend holding a concert, basket social and dance therein on Wednesday, January 4th, 1911, commencing at 7.30 p.m., when they hope to have a good attendance, the proceeds to be given towards the hall.

Several people have passed through here during the year from the Peace River country and claim this route to be the shortest. One party stated they had taken six weeks going from Edmonton to there by the Aathbasca Landing route and eleven days back by this route.

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