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## CONSERVATIVES SUSTAINED

Premier McBride Secures  
Majority Of 14 In B. C.  
Elections

A SWEEPING VICTORY

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—The Conservative party, under the leadership of Premier McBride, gained a decisive victory at the polls Saturday. The returns indicated the strength of the parties in the next Legislature are:

Conservative	27
Liberals	13
Socialists	2
Labor	3

In the last Legislature the Conservatives had a bare majority over the combined Opposition.  
The Liberals' chief defeat was in Victoria, where the four seats were lost, one to Premier McBride, who is also returned for his old seat in Dewdney. Vancouver, where the Liberals expected to make a gain, again returns five Conservatives.

The result of the election in Vancouver Island was practically a clean



PREMIER M'BRIDE.

sweep for the Conservatives, for, out of 12 seats, the Conservatives have not got 2, the Liberals 2, Socialists 1, Independent Liberals 1, and one to hear from. At Alberin, Hon. William Manson, Provincial Secretary, is 20 behind H. C. Brewster, Liberal candidate, with four polling stations to hear from. The Liberal will likely be elected.

As was expected, Nanaimo went Socialist. Hawthornthwaite, Socialist leader in the province, being elected by 132 over the Labor candidate. In Newcastle, Thomas (Independent Liberal) has a majority over a Socialist.

In Esquimaux, Hon. C. E. Pooley, Speaker in the last Parliament, went down before J. Jardine (Liberal) by a good majority. The Conservatives counted this seat sure.

The hardest fight was in Islands district, which includes all the small islands between the mainland and Victoria. This was counted as sure Liberal. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., Conservative candidate, put up a tough fight, visiting all settlements in cold weather, made a hit with the farmers, and the final result gives him a majority of six over T. W. Preston, who represented the constituency in the last House for the Liberals. S. Anish also went Conservative, and D. M. Eberts, K.C., who for several years represented the district, but who was defeated at the last election, regained his seat. The fight in this district was very bitter, and the result is a bitter blow to the Liberals.

In Victoria the four Liberal members of the last session were defeated. Premier McBride headed the poll by 100, with other Conservatives close behind.  
Election day in this city was bitter cold, but all parties worked hard and a big vote was polled. Two Socialists and one Independent Labor man lose their deposits.

Premier McBride went to Westminster to vote and returned to Victoria about 6 o'clock. He was met at the depot by the Conservative candidates and taken direct to the polling station. On leaving the carriage he received an ovation seldom tendered any public man in this city.

After the result was made known the Premier was serenaded, a large number calling at his residence. The Premier was much affected by the ovation. It is considered likely that he will resign his constituency on the mainland.

Yesterday Premier McBride was confined to bed. During the last few days he has been working in excitement, and now the result is known has broken down. He will be around in a few days.

**LAURIER TO RETIRE?**

Montreal Paper "Persists in the Affirmation" It Made Recently.  
Montreal, Feb. 4.—Le Canadienne says:

"We persist in the affirmation that the news of the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which we published last week, is founded on the precise expressions of Sir Wilfrid himself."

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## PLANET REPRESENTATIVE FINDS THAT NATURAL GAS USED FOR ILLUMINATING IN EASTERN TOWNS IS NOT PURIFIED

Reporter Makes Tour Of Investigation In Town Of Galt, Where 1200 Consumers Use Natural Gas, And Are Quite Satisfied With Results—"We Have No Clause In Our Bylaw Pertaining To Purification; We Never Even Thought Of It," Says Ald. J. P. Jaffray

Natural Gas is used in Brantford, Hamilton, Galt, Paris and St. George for commercial and domestic purposes, viz., for power, heating, cooking and lighting. The gas is not purified, and there is no odor or unsanitary effects.

The above information is the result of an investigation made by The Planet.

In view of the local trouble which has arisen over the purification of natural gas before it is sent out to the consumers, this Great Home Journal on Saturday assigned a representative to visit the eastern cities and towns, where natural gas is being used, to get all the information possible on the subject. It was the intention to cover a number of these towns and cities, but enough information was gathered in the town of Galt.

The reporter visited the manufacturing establishments, the stores and a number of private houses, where the gas in its natural state is used. In Galt there are 1,200 consumers of natural gas. The product is brought from the Selkirk field in the Township of Haldimand, which is fifty miles distant from the town. The gas was piped to the city by a syndicate chartered under the name of the Dominion Natural Gas Company. The wells controlled by this syndicate also supply natural gas for Hamilton, Brantford, Paris and St. George.

After the gas had been piped to the town limits, Galt had much the same kind of an experience as Chatham. A private company, which had previously supplied Galt with artificial gas, entered into some arrangement with the Natural Gas Company whereby they agreed to lease their mains to the latter. Thus the natural gas inside the town is practically under the control of the private company. The Dominion Gas Company is composed of a number of P. E. burg capitalists who promoted and engineered the scheme.

Galt consumers get natural gas for heating, lighting and cooking purposes combined for 35c. per thousand feet, if the account is paid promptly. Manufacturers pay 60c. per thousand feet for the product, with a discount of fifty per cent, if the account is paid promptly, making the actual cost 30c. per thousand feet. For heating and lighting, the rate is 60c., with 25c. off for prompt payment, making the actual cost 35c.

The citizens of Galt are more than pleased with results, and the only complaint they have to make is that the gas does not come fast enough during the severe weather, when there is a big demand upon the supply. This failing is due to the small sized pipes used to carry the gas through the town.

Many of the stores and residences of the town rely on natural gas for their supply of light and heat. A special mantle is used for lighting and the flame gives off a strong, brilliant light. No odor can be detected even when one holds his nostrils directly above the flame. In fact, consumers claim that there is less odor from the natural gas than there was previously from the artificial gas. The heat thrown off by the natural gas flame is very strong. This was cited as one disadvantage during the summer months, where

the product is used for illuminating purposes. A large number of jets in a store throw off an intense heat.

Many of the merchants have their show windows illuminated with natural gas, and by the use of a long perforated pipe, along which the little jets are ignited, they have discovered a method of keeping their windows from freezing over during the severe weather.

In the private residences visited, where natural gas is in use, everyone appeared to be perfectly satisfied with the results, but they all had one big kick to make about the recent shortage. During the recent cold snap, the supply of gas gave out, and many of the citizens, who had no other system of heating in their houses had rather an unenviable experience. Natural gas is used in many of the churches and in some of the municipal buildings for illuminating purposes.

In one residence visited, a small gas stove was used for heating three fairly large rooms. All the rooms were quite cozy and comfortable. The stove used is much the same as the ordinary gas stove, with a small pipe attached to carry away the fumes. One feature pointed out was that natural gas gives off a damp heat, and thus has a tendency to loosen the paper on the walls of private dwellings. There was very little complaint on this score, however. Wherever it is used, everyone seemed perfectly satisfied with results.

White in Galt, The Planet interviewed Ald. J. P. Jaffray, editor-in-chief of The Reporter, on the subject. Ald. Jaffray is a man who has been closely in touch with the municipal affairs of his town for years. He has been a potent factor in its rebuilding, and in the securing of many of the industries now located there. Through the columns of his bright little paper he has always energized the progressive spirit of the town, and during his municipal career he has lent his best efforts and enthusiasm in every measure which tended towards its advancement. Ald. Jaffray thinks Galt, and lives Galt. He is never more happy than when discussing the town's progressive past, and the brilliant future he foresees for it.

The Planet found him seated in his editorial chair. He quite obligingly gave out much valuable information with regard to Galt's experience with natural gas.

"The natural gas used in Galt is not purified," said Ald. Jaffray. "The question of purification never came up before our Council and we have no clause in our by-law dealing with the subject. In fact, I don't think purification was even thought of. Of course, natural gas was pretty much of the nature of an experi-

ment with us, but we have had no bad results on that score so far. We use natural gas here for illuminating purposes, and there is less odor noticeable from the fumes than there was previously from artificial gas. However, I might remark that the natural gas we are supplied with, is considered to be of a very high grade, and this fact, of course, might have some bearing on the question. I can candidly state that we have no complaint so far to make as far as purification is concerned.

"We had quite a serious difficulty with the natural gas here some time ago. While the cold snap was upon us, the gas did not come fast enough, and during this time the lighting and heating services were in very bad shape. There are three reasons given for this shortage in the supply. The first is that the demand during the severe weather was abnormal, and thus greater than the supply. The second is that the severe frost may have a tendency to clog the mains, and the third and most likely is that the pipes being small have become clogged with the dust and dirt which accompanies the product.

"Although gas was brought here by an outside syndicate, it is distributed through the local company's mains. The local company have since discontinued the manufacture of artificial gas, and when the natural gas supply ran short, there was no other source from which to derive the product. This is a point which I think should have been covered in the by-law. It should be compulsory for the local company to turn on artificial gas when the natural supply runs short. If this had been provided for, our recent experience would never have occurred.

"There are 1,200 consumers of natural gas in Galt. Before its advent there were only 300 consumers of artificial gas. Workmen were busy putting in the mains right up till the time when the frost set in. Gas formerly cost us \$1.25 per thousand feet. As an instance of the saving made by the use of the natural gas, I might quote our own bill for power at The Reporter. We run all our machinery by means of gas engines, and where it formerly cost us an average of \$10 per month, it now only costs us an average of \$10 per month. This economy applies in almost the same degree when natural gas is used for heating, lighting and cooking purposes."

The above information with regard to purification contains the facts, as far as the reporter could make out. If a deputation of aldermen were to visit the eastern towns where the gas is in use, they would probably be favored with the same views on the subject.

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