

CHANGES IN ALBERTA CABINET
Wilfrid Gariepy, M.P.P., Becomes Minister of Municipalities

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 1.—A number of changes in the provincial cabinet are announced by Premier Sifton. Wilfrid Gariepy, M.P.P. for Beaver River, who was elected to the legislature for the first time at the last general election, has been appointed to the portfolio of minister of municipalities and was sworn in by Lieut. Gov. Bulyea on Friday last. Hon. Charles Stewart, the former minister of municipalities, takes the portfolio of public works, and Hon. C. R. Mitchell, who vacates that department, becomes provincial treasurer. The last succeeds the late Hon. Malcolm McKenzie, whose death took place last March. The portfolio has since been unfilled.

Hon. Wilfrid Gariepy, who will represent the French Canadians, has shown himself at the one session in which he has been in the House, to be one of its most eloquent speakers. Although only 36 years of age he is an old-time resident of Edmonton. He is a son of Joseph H. Gariepy, one of the oldest merchants. He was born in Montreal, educated at Laval and McGill and came to Alberta in 1893, where he has since practiced law. He was alderman of Edmonton from 1907 to 1910, and has been a school trustee since 1904. He is a member of the law firm of Gariepy, Giroux and Dunlop.

A writ has been issued for an election in Beaver River on Monday, Dec. 22, with nominations on Dec. 15.

JUDGE DEFRAUDED GOVERNMENT
Ordered to Refund \$4,290

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—In the exchequer court today Mr. Justice Cassels gave judgment in the case of the attorney-general of Canada vs. Hon. W. H. Clements, one of the puisne judges in the supreme court, for the recovery of the sum of \$4,290 alleged to have been wrongfully obtained from the crown for per diem allowances on the basis of the defendant being absent from his home on judicial duty. The attorney-general charged that the defendant, in obtaining these moneys from the crown sent in certificates from month to month fraudulently representing that his residence was at Grand Forks, B.C., while in fact he was then residing in Vancouver, and was therefore not entitled to \$6 per diem allowance under the Judge's Act.

The defendant denied that the certificates in question were false or fraudulent, but were true and correct and made on good faith. He also alleged that during the period in question his home and permanent place of residence were at Grand Forks and that he only temporarily sojourned at Vancouver and other places in the province during such period.

Judge Cassels decided that Vancouver and not Grand Forks was the defendant's residence during the time in question and that being so the defendant must repay to the crown the sums charged per diem allowance while in Vancouver.

BORDEN'S WASHINGTON VISIT

Washington, D.C., Nov. 29.—The real purpose of the visit of Premier Borden to Washington yesterday was to bring the Canadian and United States governments together in an inquiry into the high cost of living, it was reported. A discussion of the cost of living question is said to have taken place at a conference at the White House between President Wilson and Premier Borden. The premier, however, refused to confirm the report that he had taken the initiative in a movement to bring the two countries together in a joint inquiry.

President Henders Bereaved

Carman, Man., Dec. 1.—The death occurred on Friday last at the home of her son-in-law, Richard Staples, of Mrs. John Henders, aged 93 years. The deceased, who has lived in Manitoba for a great many years, is the mother of R. C. Henders, president of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association, and of Mrs. Richard Staples, Elm Creek. The remains will be taken east for interment.

Direct Legislation has Large Majority

Saskatchewan Voters Strongly Endorse Direct Legislation Measure, But Vote Is Short of 30 Per Cent. Required

The referendum vote to decide whether or not the Direct Legislation Bill passed at the last session of the Saskatchewan legislature, was held throughout the province on Thursday last, Nov. 27. While returns are not yet complete those to hand show that a large majority was given for the bill, but the vote was very light in most localities and fell considerably short of the 30 per cent. of the voters' list required to make it effective.

Premier Scott, interviewed on Saturday, said: "The returns are still incomplete and I do not care to commit myself until the total vote cast is returned. However, I do not think the government would be justified in considering the vote cast Thursday as a full expression of the voters of the province in favor of the legislation. But at the present time I will not make a definite statement as to the official policy that we intend to pursue. The future of the measure is in the hands of its friends, who must now make the first move to rehabilitate it."

F. M. Bee, a prominent member of the Direct Legislation League, said that the league hopes to get the measure submitted again at the next general election. If that can be done he is sure it will carry. He declares the result of the voting was not altogether unsatisfactory, seeing that no adequate arrangements were made for getting the voters to the polls. "We did not expect to carry the measure," he added, "and as a test the referendum was not without value."

Details of Vote

The detailed vote throughout the province, so far as received to date, is as follows:

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