

MASSACHUSETTS GOES DEMOCRAT

Unlooked For Turnover In Republican Stronghold Elects Eugene N. Foss Congressman.

Better Trade Conditions One of Successful Candidate's Planks—Victory Regarded As National.

Brockton, Mass., March 22.—The national political weathercock turned Democrat in Massachusetts today, when the Old Colony section, one of the Republic's strongest, placed Eugene N. Foss of Boston, one of the country's leading exponents of reciprocity with Canada, in the congressional seat of the late Wm. C. Lovering of Taunton.

Mr. Foss accomplished what was regarded almost a political miracle, turning a Republican plurality of 14,250 into a Democratic victory of 5,640. The vote today was:— Eugene M. Foss, of Boston (Democrat), 14,950. Wm. H. Buchanan, of Brockton (Republican), 9,340.

It was the most overwhelming defeat the Republicans have met in Massachusetts since Governor Bates was overthrown by William L. Douglas, six years ago through the political guidance of the same Mr. Buchanan, who failed in the same capacity on his own behalf today.

The Democratic victory tonight is considered of national importance for Mr. Foss stamped the district for the granite hills of Mansfield to the sands of Provincetown on national questions and the people backed him up with a whoop.

HOUSE OF LORDS CONTINUE TO PLAN REFORM

Lord Rosebery's Resolution On Hereditary Principle Passes After Members Are Assured That No Pledge Is Exact.

London, March 22.—The large majority by which the House of Lords today carried Lord Rosebery's third resolution, which deals with the hereditary principle, is rather the registration of pious opinion than the forerunner of any effective reform of the second chamber. The resolution was adopted by a vote of 175 to 17.

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OTTAWA TO PRONOUNCE UPON METHOD OF VALLEY RAILWAY'S OPERATION

Responsibility for Adoption of Steam Or Electricity As Motive Power Laid At Doors of Federal Government --- Legislature At Fredericton Sits Until Early Morning Discussing Provisions of Bill --- Measure Now Being Taken Up Section by Section.

Members of Provincial Opposition Forsake Policy of Mr. Pugsley In Matter of Standard Required and Come Out For Modifications --- Federal Administration Scored By Hon. H. F. McLeod In Vigorous Utterance--- Yesterday's Proceedings At Fredericton In Detail.

Fredericton, N. B., March 22.—With members asleep on the available seats in the assembly chamber the debate on the question to take up the St. John Valley Railway bill section by section was closed by Mr. Munro about 1 a. m. The house then went into consideration of the bill section by section and sat to a later hour than ever before this session.

Following this Mr. Upham, of Carleton and Mr. Tweeddale, of Victoria, broke loose from their Ottawa godfathers and declared that fourteenth Mr. Pugsley and later approved by Mr. Wilfrid Laurier was too high a standard of grade to be practically adopted. There was more or less fighting over each section but all up to the end of part 2 of the bill was adopted by 250 a. m. when the House adjourned.

The entire part 2 of the bill was agreed to with the exception of section 11 which has to do with 40 per cent. of the earnings, which is made a rental basis and which was put over for further consideration.

Part 2 of bill has therefore passed with specifications and authorities laid down in toto so that if there is not a C. R. operation of the road it will be the fault of the federal government and not the provincial government.

Mr. Sproule explained that if the company issued bonds to the extent of \$30,000 a mile under this bill they would be compelled to pay off \$3,000 guarantee bonds on the railway and thus relieve the liability of the province.

Mr. Hatheway suggested that there be incorporated in the bill a provision to allow the amalgamation of the company with another railway only on approval of the lieutenant governor in council.

Hon. Mr. Hazen said the province had two mortgages on the International Railway, one for the amount of the bond guarantee of \$3,000 a mile and the other subsidy of \$2,000 per mile.

Mr. Fleming proposed a tax to make a very serious difference to the non-residents 50, with a provision that touring licenses valid for thirty days might be got for ten dollars which would permit tourists to visit the province.

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GOVERNMENT IS ROUTED

Remnant of Lumsden Committee Forced Into Complete Surrender by Opposition at Ottawa.

Evidence Adduced To Be Published for Benefit of Public—Yesterday at Capital.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 22.—One more surrender of the remnant of the Lumsden committee.

Last night the remnant met in what they hoped would be a secret sitting and debated the matter of their report to the House. On their minutes was a plain and unequivocal resolution moved by Mr. Houghton Lennox and carried, that its proceedings and the evidence elicited should be printed and reported to the House, day by day. They decided that this was only a recommendation though its terms were as just stated and decided to report their proceedings only. Not evidence though several instalments of this have been printed and are available. By holding back the evidence they thought they could choke off the debate for a while longer.

Decided to Report. This morning the remnant were given to understand that this would not satisfy the Conservative members of the committee. They thought better of it, and so they held another sitting this morning and passed yet another resolution on the subject. It was to report the proceedings, evidence and all, complete surrender—surrender rather feebly added by a reference to minutes to report from time to time.

The practical effect is that great bundles of evidence and proceedings which have been printed and are available, have been put into the committee room, kept away from the members and the public are now released and will be available for the information of the public.

WHY PRESIDENT ROASTED PRESS AT WINDY CITY

Mr. Taft Has Much To Confess Before New York Press Club—The Task Of Being President.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 22.—President Taft, facing a crowd of 500 newspaper men and editors at the New York Press Club this afternoon, indirectly apologized for his remarks concerning the press made in a recent speech in Chicago. He explained his attitude after John A. Hennessy, president of the club had remarked in a speech that he did not agree with the president's views. Then Mr. Taft said:

Reference has been made by your chairman, Mr. Hennessy, to a speech I made before the Chicago Press Club. I didn't know exactly what kind of a speech I was going to make there any more than I do now, but the chairman of the Chicago club whispered to me as I got up to speak:

Not Difficult. "They want to hear about the press so roast them." And I am bound to say that the task was not so difficult. This being president of the United States presents a great many new sensations to one who came into the office that surrounded my coming in. I had been on the bench for 12 years and I think the bench is the only place in the country that is free from severe criticism by the press. And having had that sort of training it is a little hard for me to get used to another kind of treatment. I am being educated, but there are times at the white house when one is exercising what is supposed to be the power of presidency, when one gets really very discouraged.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC LETS IMPORTANT CONTRACT

Contracts Involving Expenditure Of Millions Of Dollars Let Yesterday At Winnipeg—Who They Go To.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, March 22.—Contracts which will involve the expenditure of millions of dollars were let by the C. P. R. today. Assistant Chief Engineer J. E. Schwitzer.

In the farther west most of the new work of the year will be done by Foley and Stewart, and near Winnipeg it is expected that almost all the contracts will go to J. D. McArthur. The contract for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific line from Regina toward Estevan and Portal has been awarded to the J. D. McArthur Company.

What is stated to be the most important contract of its kind ever let in Western Canada will be let within the next ten days and a number of the sub-contractors who are in this city are much interested in it. This is for the moving of twenty five million yards of earth. No such block of work is said to have ever been tendered in the west, although larger contracts involving rock have been let. The earth work is to be in the district of the C. P. R. east of Gleichen, Alberta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Fredericton Roast, of Halifax, Must Answer For Shortage In Accounts Of Dominion Express Company.

Halifax, Mar. 22.—Frederick Roast, cashier in the Halifax office of the Dominion Express office, who was arrested on a charge of forging and misappropriating \$1500 of the company's funds was committed for trial by Stipendiary Magistrate Fielding today. The money has not been located. Roast's arrest caused a sensation here as he was a leader in church work and a teacher in the Sabbath school.

THREE LADIES DROWNED ON BOATING EXCURSION

Teeswater, Ont., March 22.—A very sad accident occurred a few miles north west of Teeswater today by which three ladies lost their lives. Mrs. Jas. Semple, her two daughters and Mrs. Elliot, who was visiting Mrs. Semple from England, were boating on the river running through Mr. Semple's farm, when the boat was overturned and Mrs. Semple, Miss C. Semple and Mrs. Elliott were drowned.

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4 KILLED BY STREET CARS WITHIN MONTH

Montreal, March 22.—Oscar Leroux, a boy eleven years of age was run down and killed while trying to cross in front of a street car on Notre Dame street this afternoon. This makes the fourth fatality of the kind within a month.

Mr. Leger (West) approved of some slight taxation on automobiles, but he was opposed to the idea of leaving the choice of day of week on which they should be prohibited from the use of the roads to the county councils, as by that means a different day might be chosen by each, non-resident tourists might find themselves tied up together. The day should be the same all over the province and be fixed by the legislature.

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