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GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE 40 SUPPORTERS; 37 SURE; TWO DEFERRED; THREE IN DOUBT

The latest returns show that the government has at least 37 seats in a house of 56 members. Three seats are in doubt with the probability of two going for the opposition. The two deferred will most probably go with the government, and the final returns will show the government with 40 seats to the opposition 16.

The three elections still in doubt are Clearwater, which the government hopes to win, Innisfail and Medicine Hat. Last night, J. A. Simpson, the Liberal candidate, reported that with one poll to hear from he was six behind in Innisfail. He is not too confident of winning out, but is very hopeful. It is a tradition in politics that Mr. Simpson always wins out by the returning officer's vote, or by one or two majority, but he always wins. For that reason his friends expect him to win.

With 17 polls to hear from, Hon. Mr. Mitchell was 170 votes behind in the Medicine Hat riding. When speaking to the Albertan he was not too hopeful. The district to be heard from will greatly reduce the majority of his opponent. The vote was not coming out well in that district however, and it is probable that it will not be sufficient to overcome the lead. There are 45 tied up ballots in Medicine Hat, of which Mr. Mitchell will have a slight majority.

It is possible that Hon. A. G. McKay will yet be elected in Edmonton. He is 119 votes behind Mr. Ewing, but about 500 votes are tied up, of which the Liberals claim a fairly large majority. Turgeon Winning in Redoubts. Edmonton, Alta., April 18.—Thirty-four polls out of 39 in Redoubts give Turgeon a majority of 94. The five polls to come will probably increase his majority. E. Edson, Cross now has a lead in Rocky Mountain poll, which went for the Conservatives, but figures not given. Whiteside has majority of 61 in Coronation with 21 favorable polls to hear from. With all polls reported in Whiteside constituency, Hudson leads Rawling by 52 but his election is not conceded. Peter Gunn of Lac Ste. Anne has a majority of 97 with eight favorable polls to hear from. Edmonton, Alta., April 18.—According to the latest figures, which may be subject to revision in some particulars, the Liberals carried nine out of the fifteen newly-created constituencies, with three going to the Conservatives, two to Independents, and one not as yet heard from. The details are as follows: Liberals: Acadia, Beaver River, Bow Valley, Grouard, Hand Hills, Little Bow, Redcliff, Hinton and St. Paul. Conservatives: Edson, Wainwright and Coronation. Independents: Warnet and Whitford. Not heard from: Clearwater. Conservatives: 19. Returns from 19 polls out of 33 give Puffer, Liberal, a majority 183. Further returns are not likely to change this materially. The town polls went Liberal by 55. PAUFFER, 183 MAJORITY. Lacombe, Alta., April 18.—Returns from 19 polls out of 29 give Puffer (Liberal) a majority of 182. Further returns are not likely to change this materially. The town polls went Liberal by 55.

BLOW, TWEEDIE AND HILLOCKS ELECTED AS LEGISLATORS OF THREE CITY CONSTITUENCIES

All three of the Conservative candidates in the Calgary riding were elected Thursday by the substantial majority of the voters of Dr. T. H. Blow, in South Calgary, being the largest polled for any candidate in the province. Dr. Blow's total vote was 3,483 as against 1,345 registered for Mr. Clifford T. Jones. The net majority of Dr. Blow is 2,138. In Centre Calgary Mr. Tweedie, the former Conservative member, was re-elected by a majority of 483, polling 1,557 votes as against 718 polled for Rev. John McDougall. A substantial majority was given Rev. B. Hillocks in North Calgary, Rev. Hillocks having 1,238 votes, Alderman George H. Ross, 717, and R. King 248. Rev. Mr. Hillocks' majority over the vote of his nearest opponent was 521, and over the combined vote of the two remaining candidates a majority of 373 votes was recorded. The Liberals attribute defeat to a lack of organization. It was generally conceded that the Sifton government as an administrative body would be returned to power, and in viewing the probabilities of the larger result, slight loss of the smaller local issues. The result was an indifference to the local situation which proved disastrous. Another point was the utter absence of Liberal funds. Such a few automobiles as were used were operated by their owners. There were no hired cars and money was not employed for entertainment purposes of any kind. The vote in North Calgary was surprisingly small, being less than fifty per cent of the voting strength of that constituency. The so-called labor vote went nearly so largely as in the municipal campaign, and many business men in each of the ridings were insufficiently interested, or else had such confidence in the Provincial result that they did not bother attending the polls. Thursday night the defeated Liberal candidates made brief statements through the medium of the Albertan:

"I am satisfied," said Rev. Dr. McDougall. "The limited time at my disposal made effective organization in Centre Calgary very difficult, and that the Liberal cause was so well supported in that riding is a source of gratification to me. Particularly am I grateful for the splendid work done by the ladies of Calgary. I know that they worked long and hard in my behalf and their assistance was most encouraging to me during the campaign." "The result in South Calgary was a disappointment to me," said Mr. Clifford T. Jones. "But I am prepared to accept the verdict of the people. Had I been chosen I should have done my humble best, but since I have been defeated I remain free to accept my defeat in good part. The ladies of Calgary did great work and set a most excellent campaign pace. Whether they ultimately receive the right of the ballot, as I am sure they will, the fact remains that they have demonstrated wonderful energy and sincere desire to finish any proposition they take up." "A very small vote was polled in North Calgary," said Alderman George H. Ross, "but I am without regret. In the city of Edmonton I have endeavored to fulfill my duty as a citizen and had I gone to Edmonton I should have assisted to the best of my ability in the promotion of legislation calculated to be in the interests of the province at large. However, such is not my political fate, though it pleases me to observe the success of my colleagues, all of whom, I believe, will legislate wisely in the future as in the past." "I feel deeply indebted to the ladies of Calgary. They worked systematically and displayed a commendable knowledge of campaigning. The day is far distant when equal suffrage will become a pronounced issue, and when the women of Alberta gain their point I anticipate their ability to vote with wisdom, and to skillfully analyze the issues of the day as they are presented." The usual demonstrations marked the victory of the successful candidates. There was a band, of course, and an attempt made at street corner orations. Mr. Tweedie endeavoring to address the multitude by means of a megaphone, much to the amusement of the crowd. The following are the results: North Calgary—Burge 348; Ross, 717; Hillocks, 1,238; majority for Hillocks, 621. Centre Calgary—McDougall, 718; Tweedie, 1,557; majority for Tweedie, 639. South Calgary—Blow, 3,483; Jones, 1,345; majority for Blow, 2,138. Is End of Closure Debate in Sight? Ottawa, April 18.—Liberals in caucus this morning decided to offer no further resistance to government closure resolutions after Tuesday's session. Wednesday next, when a vote will be taken adopting rules, it is understood that advisability of resuming their application was discussed. Mr. Turgeon, Liberal member for Gloucester, N. B., was given an ovation on account of the election of his son to the Alberta legislature. Another son is the Alberta general of Saskatchewan.

Sick Pontiff Better

Physicians of Pius X Report an Amelioration of Holy Father's State. Rome, April 18.—Today's morning bulletin issued by Prof. Marchisava and Dr. Androsio, chief surgeon, their usual consultation at the Pope's bedside, was as follows: "There is further amelioration of the Pontiff's catarrhal trouble and bronchial affection. His general condition is also more satisfactory today. His temperature this morning was 97. (Signed) 'Marchisava.' "Amel." Several cardinals have sent to Cardinal Merry Del Val to ask about the exact condition of the Pope. They have received, as a reply, the physician's bulletin which Cardinal Merry Del Val says, speak for themselves. He adds that the amelioration in the Pope's condition, although slow, makes constant progress. Cardinal Merry Del Val today received the news of the Pope's condition from the leadership of seven bishops. The cardinals assured them that the Pope was progressing well and that the symptoms of bronchial affection were decreasing, while the strength of the Pontiff was returning.

Bury Says He Is Surprised

Winnipeg, April 18.—Geo. S. Bury, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was seen today with respect to the reported transference of himself to Montreal as senior vice-president to succeed D. McNeil, who may retire from that position. He stated that he was surprised that such a report should have got into print, and gave an emphatic denial. Mr. Bury says that so far as he knows no such transference has taken place, and he is sorry that such a story ever appeared.

Store Is Burglarized. The burglars who forced an entrance into the People's Clothing Store Thursday night were apparently not very well posted for their trade, 200 \$38 having been secured. This is the third time within six months that the store has been burglarized. The first of these establishments, have been the victims of thieves, and Mr. Franklin complained bitterly of police neglect. According to a newspaper who examined Thursday evening, the man must have worked about four hours to effect an entrance. He had to bore holes with a one-inch bit in the building, making an opening about 16 inches square through which they gained entrance. Although they were protected from view by a one-inch board fence, Mr. Franklin is of the opinion that they should have been discovered by the policeman on duty that long before an entrance was effected. As far as the proprietors could determine the burglar's means of entry the cash register.

THE fire which destroyed the Allan Block, corner First Street East and Ninth Ave. early Friday morning, was one of the worst visitations of the downtown district in recent years. MacLeod Bros., Dry Goods and Clothing Store; the Calgary Millinery Co.; the City Bowling Alleys; the Majestic Realty Co.; the Rex Cafe; Burnand's Job Print; L. H. Kennerly Realty Company and the Albertan Publishing Company were rendered homeless, and the various plants and premises completely destroyed, entailing a total loss of between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

The Albertan's Temporary Offices

THE ALBERTAN PUBLISHING CO. has resumed business in temporary quarters in the Herald Bldg. The business offices are located in the offices formerly occupied by the Herald-Western and The Farm and Ranch Review, telephone M2166. The News and Editorial offices are located in suits 3 and 4, second floor, Herald Block. Editorial telephone, M2320; News telephone M6183. The Albertan Job Office will be located with the business office, telephone M2380; orders will be filled as usual. The Morning and Weekly Albertan will be published regularly as heretofore.

SUFFRAGE QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS MAY 5 AND 6

London, April 18.—The influence of Lloyd George and Sir Edward Grey prevailed against Premier Asquith to secure May 5 and 6 for the house of commons discussion of woman's suffrage, but seeing that this is the eve of White Sunday recess, many supporters of the measure are expected to begin lobbying on Saturday, May 3, in order to escape the responsibility of voting for the measure in the face of the militant's criminal conspiracy. J. L. Garvin, editor of The Pall Mall Gazette, addressing the Unionist supporters of the measure, said: "According to a newspaper who includes Right Hon. Arthur Balfour, Right Hon. A. Bonar Law and Right Hon. Geo. Wyndham, in The Pall Mall Gazette, says: "To pass suffrage just now would be to lower the flag of anarchy."

HULL DEFEATS GLOSON

London, April 18.—In a postponed second division football game played yesterday Hull City defeated Glossop by the score of two to nil while in a postponed Southern League match Northampton drew with Swindon Town, each netting a goal.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND CONSIDERS LEGISLATION AGAINST THE AUTOMOBILE

Charlottetown, P.E.I., April 18.—The legislature is considering a government measure to raise the prohibition against the use of automobiles on the island introduced by the government. It provides for their use on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, under very strict regulations. Chauffeurs must be licensed and the fees devoted to the upkeep of the province roads. Opportunity will be given the people to express their opinion and if it is unfavorable the bill will be withdrawn.

THE EGRIA, DREAM OF THOSE WHO WOULD ESTABLISH A TRAINING SHIP IS A FAILURE

Vancouver, April 18.—The Egria is for sale. After a year's effort the Navy League has been compelled to give up its scheme for establishing a training ship in Vancouver, and the famous old vessel now anchored off Deadman's Island will be disposed of. It is regarded in shipping circles as most regrettable, but absolute indifference of the public and lack of interest in the scheme precluded the Navy League from carrying out its plans.

Fire Spreads Rapidly

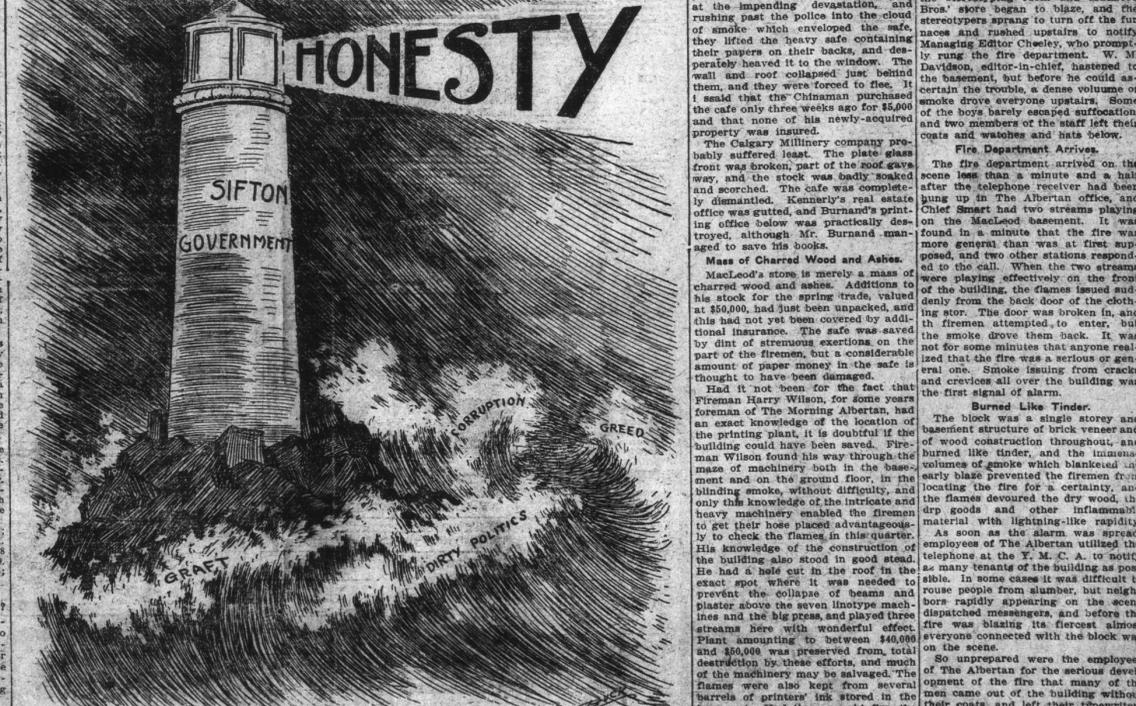
The blaze spread with incredible rapidity. The tons of woollen and cotton material in MacLeod Brothers blazed up in sheets of fire, and the whole interior was a mass of flames within fifteen minutes. The blaze backed up to The Albertan job office, where Fireman Harry Wilson and an auxiliary crew had made a strategic stand, and for half an hour the firemen fought in the face of the flames, pouring streams of water through a hole in the roof and through the windows and doors on to the rapidly heating machinery. While these men kept the fire in check in the southeast corner of the building, the business office of The Morning Albertan took fire, and the floor gave way with a deafening crash, precipitating everything, except two or three desks and a few papers which had been hastily hauled out into the basement, where the weight of the debris disconnected the gas pipes. The men working in the basement had the forethought to turn off the gas under the furnaces before rushing out, but the Gas company, although notified by telephone at once, failed to have the curb valves turned off. In a second enormous volume of gas from two or three disconnected pipes caught fire under the floor, consumed the boards above, and sent up a roaring flame to the ceiling behind the plate glass windows. In a minute the roof crashed in, and the gas flame leaped above the tin cornice, making a spectacular illumination. For twenty minutes the firemen played two streams of water on the blaze, but the gas burned fiercely until the Gas company's man finally managed to turn the curb valve in the sidewalk.

In the meantime the fire had gained headway toward the north, finding its way under the floor and through the flimsy partitions, which burst into sheets of flame. The fire then leaped and burned merrily like a miniature prairie fire. The crack of plate glass and the crash of the tin cornice, as the firemen worked below, were practically obscured by a sudden hubbub; and in a minute, natural gas from disconnected pipes in the restaurant and in the office below was practically extinguished with sufficient force to hurt the firemen back to the pavement in a huddled heap. Carried Heavy Safe Off. Two Chinamen, who had recently purchased the Ritz safe, became frantic at the impending devastation, and rushing past the police in the cloud of smoke which enveloped the safe, they lifted the heavy safe containing their papers on their backs, and desperately heaved it to the window. The wall and roof collapsed just behind them, and they were forced to flee. It is said that the safe was purchased for \$5,000 and that none of his newly-acquired property was insured. The Calgary Millinery company probably suffered least. The plate glass front was broken part of the roof gave way, and the store was fairly well wrecked and scorched. The safe was completely dismantled. Kennerly's real estate office was gutted, and Burnand's printing office below was practically destroyed, although Mr. Burnand managed to save his books. Mass of Charred Wood and Ashes. MacLeod's store is merely a mass of charred wood and ashes. In addition to his stock for the spring trade, valued at \$50,000, had just been unpacked, and this had not yet been covered by additional insurance. The safe was saved by dint of strenuous exertions on the part of the firemen, but a considerable amount of paper money in the safe is thought to have been damaged. Had it not been for the fact that Fireman Harry Wilson, for some years foreman of The Morning Albertan, had an exact knowledge of the location of the printing plant, it is doubtful if the building could have been saved. Fireman Wilson found his way through the maze of machinery both in the basement and on the ground floor, in the blinding smoke, without difficulty, and only this knowledge of the intricate and heavy machinery enabled the firemen to get their hose placed advantageously to check the flames in this quarter. His knowledge of the construction of the building also stood in good stead. He had a hole cut in the roof in the exact spot where it was needed to prevent the collapse of beams and plaster above the seven linotype machines and the big press, and played three streams here with wonderful effect. Plans amounting to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 was preserved from total destruction by these efforts, and much of the machinery may be salvaged. The flames were also kept from several barrels of printers' ink stored in the basement. Had these caught fire, the loss of The Albertan plant would have been a mere matter of minutes, as the ink consists of turpentine and other highly inflammable substances. The fire broke out in the partition

between The Albertan press room and the basement of MacLeod Bros' store. The fire originated in a minute tin stove which is thought that a pile of inflammable clothing placed near the chimney caused the fire. The tin stove was run, caught fire from the intense heat generated by the gas burners, and smouldered for some time before bursting into flame. The stereotypers, printers, reporters and telegraph operators were all busily engaged in The Albertan building at the time—about half-past-one; and the first intimation of fire was a cloud of smoke from the basement. As this frequently occurs in the stereotyping plant, no one paid any attention. Suddenly the basement partition between the stereotyping room and MacLeod Bros' store began to blaze, and the stereotypers sprang to turn off the furnace and rushed upstairs to notify Managing Editor Chisley, who promptly rang the fire department. W. M. Davidson, editor-in-chief, hastened to the basement, but before he could ascertain the trouble, a dense volume of smoke drove everyone upstairs. Some of the boys barely escaped by jumping, and two members of the staff left their coats and watches and hats below.

Fire Department Arrives. The fire department arrived on the scene less than a minute after the alarm. After the telephone receiver had been hung up in The Albertan office, and the chief engineer had two streams playing on the MacLeod basement, it was found in a minute that the fire was more general than was at first supposed, and two other stations responded to the call. When the two streams were playing effectively on the front of the building, the flames issued suddenly from the back door of the clothing store. The door was broken in, and the firemen attempted to enter, but the smoke drove them back. It was not for some minutes that anyone realized that the fire was a serious or general one. Smoke issuing from cracks and crevices all over the building was the first signal of alarm.

Burned Like Tinder. The block was a single storey and basement structure of brick veneer and of wood construction throughout, and burned like tinder, and the immense volumes of smoke which blanketed the early blaze prevented the firemen from locating the fire for a certainty, and the flames devoured the dry wood, the drp goods and other inflammable material with lightning-like rapidity. As soon as the alarm was spread, employees of The Albertan utilized the telephone at the Y. M. C. A. to notify as many tenants of the building as possible. In some cases it was difficult to rouse people from slumber, but neighbors rapidly appearing on the scene dispatched messengers, and before the fire was blazing its fierce course almost everyone connected with the block was on the scene. So unprepared were the employees of The Albertan for the serious development of the fire that many of them came out of the building without their coats, and left their typewriters and notebooks on their desks. The business office staff had gone home early in the evening. Mr. A. A. Moore, business manager, was summoned by



THE LIGHT WILL SHINE ON!

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