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CONSERVATIVES RETAIN POWER IN MANITOBA

Roblin Government Wins by a Slightly Reduced Majority

Two Members of His Cabinet Reported Among the Defeated --Brown, the Liberal Leader, Badly Beaten--Tories Lose a Seat in Winnipeg, But Carry the Cities of the Province Generally--Returns Incomplete.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Winnipeg, March 7--The fiercest political battle in the history of the province came to an end in Manitoba today and resulted in the return of the Roblin government to power by a slightly decreased majority. Among the defeated are Brown, the Liberal leader, and one or two members of the government. Hon. Mr. McLeod, in Emerson, and Hon. Colin Campbell, in Morris. Winnipeg city only returned one Liberal and the towns generally remain in the Tory column. Following are returns as far as received up to 11:30 tonight: Conservatives Elected: Hicks, Landow. Lyons, Norfolk. Johnson, Turle Mountain. Howden, Beautiful Plains. Jas. Argue, Avondale. A. M. Jerome, Carleton. A. Forster, Cypress. M. O'Donoghue, Kildorian. P. D. McArthur, Lakeside.

J. M. Reddick, South Brandon. Lauzon, Laverandry. Wardell, Minnedosa. Agnew, Virden. Lyle, Arthur. Ferguson, Hamiota. Roblin, Dufferin. Rogers, Manitow. Armstrong, Gladstone. Lawrence, Killarney. Bernier, St. Boniface. Gordon, South Winnipeg. Mitchell, North Winnipeg. Taylor, Centre Winnipeg. McInnes, Brandon. Liberals Elected: Walton, Emmerson. Wright, Russell. McConnell, Morden. Baird, Mountain. Mickle, Birtle. Johnson, Winnipeg West. Dr. Armstrong, Gladstone. J. P. Jones, Swan River. T. C. Morris, Landow. D. A. Ross, ---.

SIR ALEXANDER SWETTENHAM, WHO RESIGNED JAMAICA POST



STR. J. A. SWETTENHAM.

BENEFICIARY CAN BE CHANGED

Notice to Life Assurance Companies Sufficient, Agrees Legislature

BUDGET NEXT WEEK Premier Pugsley Announces Tuesday or Wednesday as the Day--Union of Municipalities Delaying House Business by Consideration of Bills--Other News of the Session.

WANT CANADIAN TRADE THROUGH OUR OWN PORTS

Motion Up in Parliament That Preference Apply Only to Direct Imports

Laurier Approves of the Principle; But Thinks Dominion's Facilities Are Not Good Enough, and Amendment That It Go Into Effect Later On Carries--Interesting Arguments Pro and Con.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, March 7--When the house met today and went into committee of ways and means, H. J. Logan (Cumberland) moved his resolution confining the benefits of the British preference to goods imported through Canadian ports. This policy was one which had been adopted since confederation. It was under the inspiration of that policy that we contributed millions to build the C. P. R.; it was under its inspiration that the Intercolonial railway was built and that large sums of money were expended upon the canals of Canada. All these great projects were carried to completion for the purpose of keeping Canadian trade in Canadian channels. And need I mention that the last great project of this government, the building of the national transcontinental railway, was launched with the same object in view. All parties in Canadian politics have endorsed that policy and had it not been the policy of this country we would today see most, if not all, our trade diverted from Canadian channels and going through American ports.

(Special to The Telegraph.) The objections were: "1--Increased freight rates. Freight rates are the same to St. John as New York. "2--A lack of shipping facilities. The next objection is that a British Canadian service could not be dependent on regularity and that there would be considerable delay in the transportation of goods. Well, that objection is purely imaginary. The facts of the case are that during the past season the C. P. R. and the Allan line coming to Canada have given as regular and as rapid a service as any line to any United States port. The fast boats of the C. P. R. and the Allan line are making the trip today in mid-winter in a few hours over six days, and that speed is not equalled by any of the boats from Liverpool to New York. The time of the C. P. R. freight service between St. John and Toronto was fifty-two hours, between St. John and Hamilton fifty-seven hours, between St. John and London sixty-three hours and between St. John and Winnipeg 140 hours. There was a fast freight on the I. C. R. between Halifax and Montreal.

WHO IS BUYING READING STOCK?

Wall Street Puzzled Over Frenzied Trading in Its Shares

HARRIMAN'S DENIAL

Railway King Says He is Not Seeking Control of Coal Road--H. C. Frick Now Named as the Bold Operator--Market Unsettled and Closes Weak.

New York, March 7--The excitement in financial circles caused by the heavy buying of Reading shares yesterday, said to be for control of the property, died out and the stock market resumed its generally weak tone. No explanation of the Reading incident was obtainable officially today, but the denials of Harriman interests that were in any way concerned were generally accepted in Wall street and speculators were more inclined to the opinion that the heavy buying was for the account of J. C. Frick. It has been reported for some time that Mr. Frick sold out a considerable portion of his holdings in Reading, and it was held to be natural that he should take back his stock at the low prices of the past week. It was noticed also that 225 shares to be the price limit at which the heavy purchases were made yesterday, and this fact was used as an argument against the reports that stock was being taken for control. In the contest for Northern Pacific the shares were bought practically without regard to the price. Reading opened today at 122, or 212 points lower than last night, the highest was 124 and the lowest 118.34 and the last sale was made at 119. The sales were 23,900 shares. Yesterday 736,500 shares changed hands. Sentiment in Wall street was rather nervous at the opening of the stock market, traders being anxious to know whether there was to be a continuance of the furious buying of Reading which gained such a furor and such an abrupt change from slowness to strength in the general list yesterday. Without confirmation of the rumors that the purchases were made to obtain possession of the property, speculators were inclined to regard the situation as less favorable for a broad upward movement of prices and the first transactions recorded by the ticker were, almost without exception, at lower prices. From 11 o'clock until well into the afternoon prices moved in an uncertain manner, the reactions being followed by rallies, but with the general tendency toward lower prices. A feature of the day was a reversal of the attack on what are known as Morgan shares, Erie and Southern Railway being the principal sufferers. Erie fell to below 20, and Southern Pacific to below 21. There was no news to account for the losses in these shares. At one time the Harriman properties showed a very strong tone, Union Pacific getting above 108 and Southern Pacific rising to 87.38. These figures were not held, however, and the whole list turned lower again toward the end of the session. The closing tone of the market was very weak with the more active shares showing the following declines from yesterday's last prices: Reading, 5.28; Louisville and Nashville 5; Union Pacific 1.58; St. Paul 1.58; Great Northern 1.58; Chesapeake & Ohio 3.14 and New York Central 1.14. There was some of the usual trading of yesterday during the afternoon. The total sales for the day were 1,907,000 shares against more than 2,000,000 yesterday.

TOOK JEROME BY SURPRISE

Thaw's Lawyers Announce They Will Rest Their Case

WARM COMMENT

District Attorney Declares That "Brain Storm" Delance Prevails Everyone Should Take Out a Pistol Permit and Resort to Frontier Law--Will Let Jury Decide.

New York, March 7--There was another quiet turn of the cards in the trial of Harry K. Thaw late today when the defense announced that it had concluded to rest its case. It was nearly 6 o'clock when Delphin M. Delmas, chief of the Thaw counsel, called District Attorney Jerome on the telephone and made the announcement. The district-attorney was perhaps the most surprised man in New York, for it had been understood that when Justice Fitzgerald resumed the bench Friday morning at 10:30 the Thaw attorneys would call out two alternates. Court will assemble tomorrow as planned, but what will be done is a question much discussed tonight. Mr. Delmas will make the simple announcement: "The defense rests." It will then be up to the district-attorney to take up the rebuttal, but it was generally rumored tonight that after a brief session adjournment would be asked and granted until Monday that Mr. Jerome may mature his plans. It is known that Mr. Delmas is busy at work on a hypothetical question which will be propounded to the experts for the state. Mr. Jerome's move in the morning is awaited with interest. There are numerous witnesses that could be called in rebuttal, including alternates for the state who have been in court every day since the trial opened, studying Thaw. Howard Nesbit, a brother of Mrs. Harry K. Thaw, may McKenzie and others have been at call daily and may be summoned in the morning. The general supposition is, however, that adjournment will be taken. Rebuttal May Be Long. It was understood tonight that the defense will attempt to conclude its cross examination speedily, dealing very briefly with the alternates. How long Mr. Jerome will take in rebuttal is another question of importance. The case may close with this rebuttal, although the defense has a chance for rebuttal. On good authority, it was said that Delmas would sum up for Thaw. This, too, has been a question under discussion. The close of the defense was with the testimony of Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the defendant, and it was said that at today's conference it was decided that no better climax could have been reached by the defense. District Attorney Jerome was asked tonight: "In case the defense does rest to-morrow, how long will the case last?" "It seems to me that the evidence should all be in by Wednesday," he replied. "Then by giving the defense one day for the closing address and allowing me the same amount of time, the case should go to the jury some time on Friday of next week." "Will you go to the jury with the case, or will you ask for a commission in habeas corpus?" "On the evidence as it now stands I will certainly go to the jury," replied the district attorney. "If there is nothing between society and anyone who wishes to attack it but a brain storm we had better go back to the days of the frontier and every man take out a pistol permit."

CAPE BRETON IN GRIP OF WILD BLIZZARD

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KINGS COUNTY WOMAN DIES AT EDMONTON

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Woodstock, N. B., March 7--Word has just been received of the death on March 3, at Edmonton, Alberta, of Julia A. McKiel, formerly Miss Julia A. Jones of Greenwich, Kings county, N. B. She is survived by husband, step-mother, two brothers in the west, one brother and sister at home, one sister in Boston and another the wife of W. W. Hay of this town. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. Hay in Woodstock, upon the arrival of the body, which is now being brought here by Mr. McKiel. PARRY SOUND TO VOTE ON BIG BONUS FOR A \$1,500,000 SMELTER Council Agrees to Give \$100,000 if Ratepayers Are Willing--Would Employ 400 Hands. (Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, March 7--The town council of Parry Sound has made an agreement, subject to a vote of the ratepayers, with Dominion Smelters, Ltd., for erection of a smelter to cost \$1,500,000 with capacity of 1,000 tons a day and to employ 400 men. The town grants aid to the extent of \$100,000. BAY STATE LEGISLATOR INDICTED ON CHARGE OF ACCEPTING BRIBE Boston, March 7--S. John Lamoureux, of North Adams, representative from the second Berkshire district, was arrested today on an indictment returned by the Suffolk county grand jury, charging him with corruptly requesting and accepting a gratuity. The indictment, which was a bulky document, consists of four counts and was returned by the grand jury on March 6. Lamoureux, of this city, on a promise to influence two members of a legislative committee against a certain bill now pending in the legislature. Lamoureux, who at the opening of the session of the house this afternoon, asked the members to suspend judgment, went directly to the court house and was arraigned before Judge Brown in the superior court, where he was pleaded not guilty to the charge. Lamoureux was admitted to \$12,000 bail and was taken to police headquarters where he was through the formality of being booked. The grand jury has been sitting on the case for two days taking up the charges almost immediately after their appearance yesterday in a local paper. WOULD HELP CANADIAN ROADS. "It would give an increased revenue to the railroads of Canada and would increase the business of the Intercolonial railway. Today goods shipped from Great Britain to Vancouver are often carried from Liverpool to New York in American bottoms, transported across the continent in American trains, and not handed over to Canadian until the very end of the journey. Much of the goods brought from the Orient to Montreal and Toronto are brought over to the ports of San Francisco, Seattle and transported over the American railroads almost to their destination. There is a great cry often made that the Intercolonial railway does not earn more money. What railroad could not make proper provision for securing traffic for their own road? "It would remove from the mind of the British exporter the idea that Canadians are dependent on United States steamships, United States ports and United States railways, and would be an object lesson to them of self-reliance and patriotism."

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