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## "Squibographs"

Many political "plums" have the habit of developing into prunes.

Prisoners in an Ontario jail complain that their food is so lacking in nourishment that they have not seen a vitamin in months.

California says that Florida has no future and Florida declares California is all past. The situation is tense.

It is said to be the custom of certain natives of Labrador to eat seven meals a day. To give them an appetite they fish between meals.

A freak horse equipped with eight legs died in Chicago the other day. It probably never knew which way it was going.

It has been discovered that Swiss watch movements are being smuggled in the capacious caverns of the cheese for which the country is noted. Lunch counter patrons can order either open face or hunting case sandwiches.

The well-thumbed and oft-quoted volumes of Hansard may be returned to the shelves after the campaign is over. They have been used to prove or disprove a countless number of statements, leaving the mind of the average elector in a befuddled state.

The supply of turkeys for Thanksgiving dinners promises to be light, while the cranberry crop is reported to be heavy. The toothsome table birds and the ruddy berries have been side partners for years, and the absence of either mars the feast.

A Washington scientist announces that the age of fish can be determined by counting the circles in its ear bones. It is bad form to look a gift horse in the mouth or a poor fish in the ear.

A Seattle couple were married Friday while mounted on horses. After the ceremony the bride's horse took the bit in his mouth and cantered off, the groom following at a respectful distance.

Agricultural experts have discovered that the downy woodpecker is a potent factor in ridding the country of the corn-borer pest. It does not wait for the worm to turn, but pecks it out of its hiding place.

## THE RURAL TEACHER

(The Walkerton Telescope)

A school teacher at the East Bruce Teachers' Convention held here last week, said that the brooding house problem is still a sticker for country pedagogues and suggested that the teachers write to the local newspapers about it. In spite of the ad in the standard of living in the past few years, this speaker contended that school marmas are still up against boarding conditions that are anything but satisfactory. Teachers cannot mark examination papers in front of junior members of the family who are pupils and must have a private place for study. According to the speaker who appeared to voice the sentiments of the convention, studying in a room where the water is freezing in the pitcher is still far from uncommon. Few rooms are provided with a proper table, while a reading lamp suitable for the study table is unheard of. One teacher solved the problem by carrying his own equipment around with him, but he didn't think it should be necessary to do so when he was paying for board at town prices. In a prosperous district like this, perhaps the boarding fee is small attraction to most farmers who are indifferent about opening their homes to the school teacher. But it is a real problem to the young teachers, who should be entitled to proper accommodation, especially where they are paying a price which calls for such service.

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## WORLD EVENTS IN REVIEW

By G. A. MacBain

## CANADIAN ELECTIONS

The standing of the parties on Tuesday was as follows, with Quebec, P.E.I., and Provencher, Manitoba, still doubtful:

	Lib.	Con.	Prog.	Lab.	Ind.	Doubtful
P. E. I.	2	1	0	0	0	1
New Brunswick	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	3	11	0	0	0	0
Quebec	60	4	0	0	1	0
Ontario	11	69	2	0	0	0
Manitoba	1	7	7	2	0	0
Saskatchewan	15	0	5	0	0	0
Alberta	4	4	8	0	0	0
British Columbia	3	10	1	0	0	0
Yukon	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	100	117	23	2		



Premier Wm. L. McKenzie King

who went down to defeat in his own riding of North York, lost seven of his Cabinet Ministers and whose Party secured 100 seats in the new Parliament. He will probably seek to carry on his Government until it is defeated by a decision in the House.

Rt. Hon. Leader of the Opposition Party who was not sufficient to carry over the reins of Government.

The one thing above all others that Canada needed out of the recent election was a definite charter from the people, and a strong majority over all other parties in the house and this is exactly what Canada did not get. At the dissolution of parliament the Liberal party had 117 members; the Progressives were the second largest group in the house with sixty-one members and the Conservatives third, with forty-nine. There were two Labor members and two independent members and four seats vacant. To date, since the election, the Conservatives have the largest group in the house with 116 members, the Liberals have dropped down to a round hundred, and the Progressive group has been badly decimated and returns with about a third of its strength with just twenty-three members.

The changes in the positions of the Conservative and Progressive parties in the house are the most striking results of the election, for so far as the Conservatives are concerned, although they have not achieved even the majority of one which would enable them to conduct the affairs of administration, yet the jump from 49 to 116 seats has been a sweeping victory. The Progressive party on the other hand has been shot to pieces. Five new seats were added to Saskatchewan's representation in the House. The three Maritime provinces swung from Liberal to Conservative, and the solid Quebec bloc of 65 members which existed in the last house had been penetrated and there are now four Conservative members and one Independent. In Ontario which returned 24 Liberals members to the last house, the party's representation has been reduced to 11 and the Progressive representation reduced from 21 to 2 while the number of Conservative members jumped from 35 to 69.

## Cabinet Cut in Half

There was spectacular slaughter in the cabinet for the Premier himself Hon. W. L. M. King and seven ministers went down to defeat, with the fate of another still in doubt. The defeated Ministers, in addition to the Premier, are Hon. T. A. Low, Hon. W. E. G. Foster, Hon. Herbert Marshall, Hon. Vincent Massey, Hon. Geo. Gordon, Hon. James Murdock, and Hon. George P. Graham. In addition Hon. T. C. Norris, who opposed Hon. Bob Rogers in Winnipeg and was promised a portfolio, was defeated. Hon. J. E. Sinclair of Queen's, P.E.I., is the man whose fate is still undecided.

## Another Election?

The whole of the Dominion was awaiting with unprecedented interest and anxiety for the election results. There was a heavier vote than has been recorded in many years, and everywhere election night was marked by enormous street crowds and every item of news was received with tense concern. Now the interest centers in the decision of the Premier in the matter of future administration. He is not forced to resign in spite of the fact that his group has

stepped into second position. In the last parliament he had a majority of one and depended on Progressive support to make his legislation effective. Under present conditions he simply cannot govern without the support of the Farmer members and that group showed considerable hostility towards Premier King during the election. On the other hand, Hon. Arthur Meighen cannot form a government without the support of at least some members of the other parties and it is a matter of conjecture just where he can secure sufficient help in that quarter. Under the present conditions Premier King would be at least constitutionally justified in retaining office until defeated in the House and the only other solution would be to make another appeal to the country as a whole, in which case it is generally conceded that the party in power has a technical advantage over the opposition. If Premier King has this second appeal to the nation in mind, it may explain his apparent reluctance to hand over the reins of government. In the meantime, the situation is a difficult one for Governor-General Byng, who, like the King, must be absolutely unbiased in his dealings with all parties.

## One Woman Returned

Only one of the four women who sought parliamentary honors survived the battle of the ballots and that was Miss Agnes MacPhail, the Progressive member from Ontario.

Unfortunately the issue will remain clouded for some time to come, nine or ten Liberal seats would have to be found if the Premier hoped to re-assemble his ministers, but this will of course not be done. There should be announcements shortly of new ministers. Two seats have already been offered to the Premier personally.

## Scandal Rocks France

Also out of the East come the report that General Sarraill, the French Commissioner in Syria has resigned, much to the relief of Syria, who blames him entirely for the war. The situation in Paris promises to overthrow the newly constituted government of France. The situation has become a scandal and threatens to overwhelm the French administration. There is also another report that five thousand Turkish troops have been allowed to cross Syria to the borders of Mesopotamia where they constitute a threat to the British, without interference from the French authorities. There is a provision in the Angora treaty for the movement of Turkish troops in Syria but under the circumstances, including the Mosul dispute, permission granted in this case be regarded as a breach of friendship on the part of France. It is also not improbable that it was allowed with the idea in view of forcing some assistance from Britain in view of the complicated situation which France has on her hands in Syria.

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Ontario Election The Toronto Telegram on Sunday says: "While it has been rumored that Premier Ferguson will appeal to the electors for a continuance of support following the next session of the legislature, the first inkling that this rumor had some basis in fact came to The Telegram this morning when it was learned on the authority that by-elections for the vacant seats in the Legislature would not be held prior to the next session of the House. While no official statement has been handed out in this regard, the authority is one inclose touch with the situation. The fact that the by-elections will not be held is construed to mean that a general provincial election will follow the next session of the House, which will probably be held in February. And even in this case, it seems to point to a short session of the legislature, with little or no important legislation being brought forward."

Shah of Persia's Colpe Much news of interest has come out of the East recently to five the comes a dramatic bit of news where by a vote of eight to five the youthful Shah is pronounced the ruler from the throne which his father held for seven generations. The Shah is a very modern young man of thirty who has avoided residence in his own country for several years past. He prefers the bright lights of Paris and the casinos of the French resorts on the south coast. Riza Khan, the Premier, may have in mind the founding of a new dynasty, for he is ambitious to become a dictator, and the Persian people prefer that form of government. He is not bolshevistic in his sympathies but has been fighting that element in the population and is reported to be strongly pro-British.

## Prof. Mavor's Death

Canada has lost one of her most intellectual sons in the person of Professor James Mavor who was for many years head of the Department of Political Economy of the University of Toronto. His death took place during a visit to Glasgow.

Smuts to Retire A great figure in South African political life is about to be withdrawn with the proposed retirement of General Smuts, leader of the Nationalist party.

Gold Flows to Canada Canada has received shipments of twenty-two million dollars in gold during the last month from the United States according to an official statement. During that time thirty-six millions in gold entered the United States, but on account of the premium which Canadian money has long maintained over the United States funds, this transshipment has been considered prudent.

Mexican Priests Must Marry A new church has been formed in Mexico which disclaims association with the Vatican at Rome, and which has for an ardent supporter the governor of the State of Tabasco who has issued a decree which would compel all priests to marry. Five priests have already been arrested for refusing to accept orders from the eccentric governor.



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