

THE CANADIAN PARLIAMENT

When Parliament's assemblies at Ottawa on Thursday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier will meet his friend, Mr. R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, with a confidence inspired by having a majority of forty-three at his back. At the general election in October, 1908, 133 Liberals, 85 Conservatives and 3 Independents were elected, and subsequent by-elections have made but little change, the only losses sustained by the government being one Ontario seat, which was captured by the Conservatives, and another which was lost to an Independent in Quebec a few days ago. Of 221 members of the House of Commons there are only 29 farmers and ranchers, sixteen of these being Liberals, and thirteen Conservatives. Even less than this number are actual tillers of the soil, the twenty-nine including several who are also engaged in lumbering or mercantile pursuits, as well as such men as Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture; Edward Fortier, of L'Orignal, Que., who has devoted much time to the organization of agricultural societies, and Malcolm Smith Schell, of Oxford, Ont., the well known agricultural lecturer. Manitoba has two farmer M.P.'s, Glen Campbell, of Dauphin, and W. D. Staples, of Mardonah; Saskatchewan, three, Thomas MacNutt, of Saltcoats; R. S. Lake, of Qu'Appelle; and A. Champagne, of Battleford; and Alberta, three, John Herron, of Marlea; W. H. White, of Victoria, and Dr. Clark, of Red Deer.

The standing of the parties in the house is as follows:

	Lib.	Con.	Ind.
Ontario	35	49	2
Quebec	52	11	2
New Brunswick	11	2	0
Nova Scotia	12	6	0
Prince Edward Island ..	3	1	0
Manitoba	2	8	0
Saskatchewan	9	1	0
Alberta	4	3	0
British Columbia	2	5	0
Yukon	1	0	0

REBELS HAVE SURRENDERED

Montevideo, Uruguay, November 14.—The rebellion, which has been in progress here, came to an end today with the unconditional surrender of the rebels, who gave up their arms, and who trust to the magnanimity of the government.

FIELDING TO TAKE NEEDED REST

Ottawa, November 14. — Hon. Mr. Fielding will leave in the course of a few days for a holiday rest of six weeks or two months in the southern States or the West Indies. The finance minister has been working at a strenuous pace ever since his return to the capital six weeks ago, after a busy summer across the Atlantic on governmental business. His physicians and his colleagues in the government have strongly urged him to take a much needed rest to properly recover from an attack of facial paralysis, which developed in Nova Scotia last month, due to exposure to the cold. For years Mr. Fielding has had practically no real holiday, and with his habit of incessant activity and almost unremitting attention to the multifarious duties of his office, his health has suffered. He is himself anxious to remain at his post in parliament for at least some days after the opening, and is consenting to take a holiday only after the repeated urging of his colleagues in the cabinet.

Will Attend Trade Conference

Hon. Mr. Fielding will probably remain in the south until early in January, when he will go to Washington to attend the second conference on trade relations between Canada and United States. He will return to the capital about the middle of January, and meanwhile any matters of legislation in his department can stand over without delaying the business of the house. The estimates of the coming year are now practically completed and the budget speech can be conveniently delayed until after the Christmas adjournment. It is thought that after a complete rest Hon. Mr. Fielding will return to Ottawa in good health.

Wireless messages were successfully exchanged between Coltano, near Pisa, in Italy; Clifden, in England, and Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.



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THE GUIDE'S OTTAWA SERVICE

Since the Western farmers have taken such a determined stand for just and progressive federal legislation, it is necessary that they shall know what transpires in the House of Commons from week to week. For this reason The Guide will have a special representative at Ottawa this winter in the person of Mr. J. W. Ward. A weekly letter will be written by Mr. Ward for us from an impartial standpoint, and he will deal with the national questions and with our members of parliament and their public actions without fear or favor. Our representative will have no connection whatever with any partisan political paper, and will be absolutely free to present facts in their true light without coloring them to suit special interests. The Western Canadian people have been handicapped for many years through not being able to secure an independent report of proceedings in the House of Commons. We believed that it was due our readers to give them this, and even if the expense is heavy, we believe the service will be greatly appreciated. Our readers may expect in our weekly Ottawa letter something of vital interest to every man in Western Canada. If Western Canadian farmers are going to secure reform of present abuses, they must know how these abuses creep into our system, and what methods to pursue to prevent them. It will be of interest to our readers to know that our representative is a believer in the principles of free trade as it is practiced in England, and will therefore view tariff questions from a safe vantage point.

DISCUSS BOUNDARY QUESTION

Ottawa, November 14.—Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, who is in the capital, had a conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning in respect to the Manitoba boundary question. The two premiers discussed the matter for some time, but nothing was given out subsequently. Premier Roblin goes to New York and will return to Ottawa in a few days, when the conference will be resumed. It is understood that Mr. Roblin laid before Sir Wilfrid a plan whereby Ontario will be given access to a port on Hudson's Bay.

It is not improbable that an agreement will be reached and the long delayed boundary extension put through this session of parliament.

LOW TARIFF RESOLUTION

At a meeting of the Winnipeg Liberal Association on November 14 the 400 members present passed unanimously the following resolution:

"That this association followed with great interest the recent tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier through the West, and read with deep satisfaction the frequent declarations of the premier in favor of the policy of a lower tariff, which is a traditional policy of the great Liberal party. This association earnestly hopes that in the framing of the proposed tariff due regard will be had to the necessities of the rapidly-growing West, and we recommend a substantial reduction in the present schedule at the earliest possible date, more particularly as these affect the West."

EXPERIMENTING WITH SOCIALISM

Melbourne, Australia, November 14.—The Socialistic tendencies of the Fisher administration are to have full scope in an experimental fashion. An area is to be specially set apart wherein the teachings of Socialists will be put into operation and the results carefully watched. Great interest, naturally, has been aroused by the proposed experiment.

REVENUE GROWS

An Ottawa wire of November 11 said: "An increase of nearly \$10,000,000 in the Dominion's revenue for the first seven months of the fiscal year is shown by the financial statement giving receipts and expenditures entered in the books of the finance department up to October 31. The revenue for the seven months totalled \$5,814,796, an increase of \$9,908,800 as compared with the corresponding seven months of last year. The revenue for October totalled \$9,666,194, an increase of \$1,118,176 over October last year. The expenditure on the consolidated fund account for the seven months totalled \$41,898,103, an increase of about \$4,000,000 as compared with last year. The expenditure on capital account for the seven months totalled \$13,988,415, which is \$1,217,669 less than the capital expenditure for the corresponding period of the last fiscal year.

"The total debt of the Dominion at the end of last month was \$34,690,977, a decrease of \$11,77 during the month.

C. N. R. engineers are reported to be surveying a line into the Peace River and Grand Prairie districts.

A new service for the distribution of news to Canadian newspapers was organized at Toronto.

Advises state that an uprising against President Davilla of Honduras is imminent.

Montreal is in the midst of an epidemic of measles. Sixty-three cases were reported in two days.

English, German and French banks will participate in a loan of fifty million dollars to China.

Secretary of War Dickinson, of the U. S., will ask congress to purchase ten aeroplanes for the army.

Vancouver business men raised a half million dollars in three days for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building.

Thirty-thousand miners are out on a strike near Cardiff, Wales. Much rioting is reported from the colliery districts.