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## *Quebec General Elections.*

THE Quebec general elections were held on November 25. Taken with the numerous acclamations the week before the new Legislative Assembly stands as follows:—Liberals 66, Conservatives 5, Independents 1. There are two elections, Gaspé and Magdalen, yet to be held. The Conservatives were asked by their leader not to fight, but they nevertheless put up candidates in thirteen constituencies, and in some other constituencies the government candidate was beaten by another Liberal. In regard to leader Flynn's manifesto of surrender without firing a shot, a writer in the Montreal Sunday Sun who is a strong Conservative has the following:

The seat in Nicolet for the Legislature has fallen into the hands of the Liberals. This constituency was represented in the last Assembly by Hon. E. J. Flynn, the leader of the Opposition. Besides the seat for Nicolet, five others formerly held by Conservatives, have gone to the Liberals as the result of the vote of Friday—Dorchester, Portneuf, Soulanges, Stanstead

and Wolfe. The Conservatives captured Shefford and Lotbinière from the Liberals and held Compton, Laval, Maskinonge and Joliette. This result is a net loss of three seats to the party formerly led by Mr. Flynn. There is little doubt that had Hon. Mr. Pelletier gone into the contest in Dorchester he must have held the seat. In Wolfe Mr. Chocoyne, whose tendencies are strongly Nationalist would beyond doubt have polled a vote sufficiently large to beat any opponent in Stanstead, where Mr. St. Pierre was defeated, special causes may be assigned for the result apart from the merits or demerits of party policy.

Therefore, despite the fact that the Conservatives, as a party, gave up the fight, the only losses to be accounted for on broad measures of policy presumably are those of Soulanges and Portneuf, both of which went Liberal in 1890 and were carried by the Conservatives at the subsequent by-elections, in which M. Flynn, by the way, took no part.

This summary of the situation justifies a question as to the value of the Flynn leadership. And the answer must inevitably suggest itself that it was a negligible quantity.