

# PARLIAMENT HAS DISSOLVED

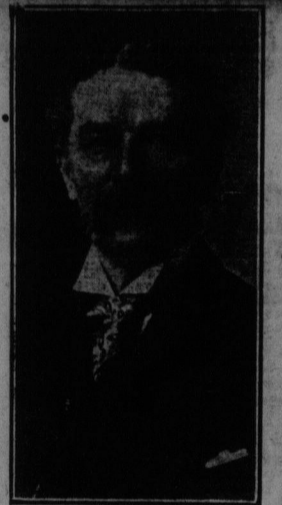
## ON SEPTEMBER 21st.

### CONSERVATIVES ARE PREPARED

Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P.,  
Pleased at Prospect of  
Election on Reciprocity.

Member for St. John  
City, Just Home from  
England, Speaks of The  
Issue.

Opinion in Mother Land  
is That Reciprocity  
Will Seriously Affect  
Political as Well as  
Trade Relations.



"An election on the reciprocity  
issue is what the Conservative party  
has been fighting for, and the  
announcement that the government  
has decided to abandon its efforts to  
parliament to ratify the reciprocity  
convention without consulting the  
people will cause general satisfaction  
in the Conservative ranks and among  
the people generally," said Dr. J. W.  
Daniel, M. P., who arrived in the city  
on Saturday on his return from Eng-  
land.

"The announcement of Saturday is  
only what we have been expecting  
and waiting for," Dr. Daniel contin-  
ued, "and the only cause for wonder  
is that the government did not aban-  
don its arbitrary attitude before, and  
consent to submit the question to the  
people. Months ago the opposition  
took the stand that the reciprocity  
question involved such tremendous  
issues that the government was not  
justified in confining the Taft-Field-  
ing agreement without consulting the  
people. If parliament had passed the  
agreement it would have gone into  
effect at once, and the people would  
have been compelled to put up with  
it whether they approved of it or not.  
But through the efforts of the oppo-  
sition the government was forced to  
abandon its intention of adopting a  
policy which it had no mandate to  
adopt. Now the matter is in the  
hands of the people, and they will be  
able to say what they want.

Issue Clearly Defined.  
"There can be little doubt," contin-  
ued Dr. Daniel, "that the people will  
approve the course of the Conserva-  
tives in forcing the government to  
submit the reciprocity question to the  
country. The issue between the par-  
ties will be clearly defined.  
"The reciprocity question will be  
the main issue, though the naval  
policy of the government and its re-  
cord generally will enable the Conserva-  
tives to score heavily against the  
Liberals.

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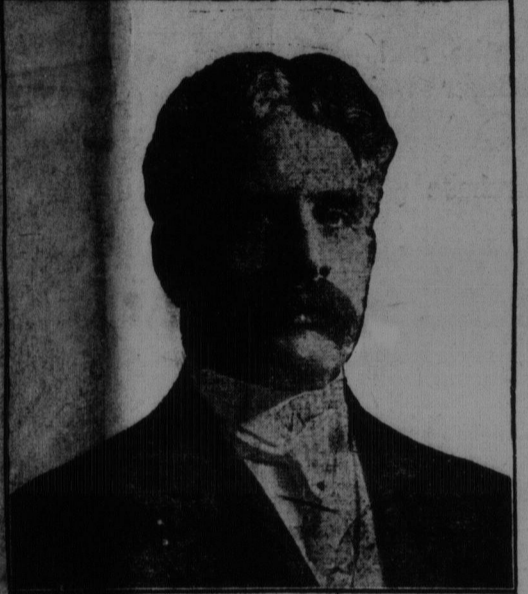
### GOVERNMENT VIOLATED A SOLEMN PLEDGE OF HONOR BY SUCCEEDING IN DISSOLUTION

Mr. Borden Issues State-  
ment to the Canadian  
People.

After Promising to In-  
vestigate Charges  
the Government Burked  
Oliver Enquiry.

Would Have Required  
but One More Week of  
Session, but Laurier  
and His Aides Feared  
to Face It.

Ottawa, July 30.—Mr. R. L. Borden,  
leader of the opposition, gave out the  
following statement tonight:  
"The dissolution came partly as a  
surprise to the supporters of the ad-  
ministration. They evidently knew  
no more of the intention of the gov-  
ernment than they knew of the recip-  
rocity agreement up to the 26th of  
January last. Apparently THE GOV-  
ERNMENT DECIDED UPON DISSOLU-  
TION IN A HURRY OR EVEN IN A  
PANIC, as they gave no intimation  
to the many members on both sides  
of the House who are accustomed to  
spend the week-end with their fam-  
ilies and, who left for their homes  
on Friday night without receiving the  
courtesy of notice."  
"THE LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVE  
PARTY WELCOMES AN APPEAL TO  
THE PEOPLE upon the great issue  
which has been under discussion in  
parliament. The president of the  
United States has more than once  
emphasized the fact that Canada is  
today at the parting of the ways.  
Those two ways lead in very diver-  
gent directions. The choice of the  
people will be fraught with momentous  
consequences to the future destiny of  
this country. It is right and just that  
they should speak, because with them  
rests the ultimate decision.  
"The government has dissolved par-  
liament without consulting the people,  
supply and without redistribution,  
I urged upon the government upon the  
8th day of March last their plain  
duty to hasten the taking of the cen-  
sus to bring in a redistribution bill  
and thus give to every part of the  
country its proper representation  
and to submit the question to the  
people. In reply they MAIN-  
TAIN THE PARLIAMENT, ELECTED  
WITHOUT ANY MANDATE ON THE  
QUESTION OF THE TAFT-FIELDING  
AGREEMENT. THE GOVERNMENT RE-  
VERSE THE POLICY OF THE PAS-  
T FORTY YEARS WITHOUT GIVING  
THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO  
SPEAK. They declined to hasten the  
census, they declined to grant re-  
distribution, and finally they have  
dissolved parliament at a moment's no-  
tice, without even asking the oppo-  
sition for the supplies necessary to  
carry on the public service until the  
new parliament shall be enabled to  
grant the same.  
"Constitutional authorities abound  
to prove that dissolution ought not to  
be granted without provision of the  
necessary supplies for the public ser-  
vice. We have been ready to grant  
such supplies, but the Prime Minister  
during the present week announced  
in the House of Commons that under  
present conditions the government  
would not even ask for them.  
"Whenever supplies have been asked  
for during the present session, we  
have granted it without hesitation.  
In May last we granted without dis-  
cussion near \$40,000,000 of supply be-  
ing one-fourth of the total estimates.  
This amount was sufficient to carry on  
the public service up to the first of  
September next. In all, we have granted  
during the present session five-  
twelfth of the total estimates with-  
out discussion in order that public  
business might not be interfered with  
or brought into confusion.  
"CANADA HAS MADE UNEXAM-  
PLED PROGRESS IN THE GREAT  
WORK OF NATION BUILDING  
SINCE THE FIRST DAY OF JULY,  
1867, THAT WORK HAS BEEN CAR-  
RIED ON WITHOUT ANY SUCH  
TREATY OR AGREEMENT AS IS  
NOW PROPOSED. One would suppose  
that the government might have been  
content to wait six months longer,



### The Fight Is On

The news of the dissolution of Par-  
liament and the decision to appeal to  
the people was nowhere received  
with greater satisfaction than in the  
City of St. John, and the Province of  
New Brunswick. The report called  
considerable currency on Saturday  
night and yesterday it was the sole  
topic of conversation on the streets  
and in other places where men do  
congregate.  
It was also good news that the  
elections are to take place in a few  
weeks. THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN  
AWAITING A CHANGE TO PRO-  
NOUNCE UPON THE MISDEEDS OF  
THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION  
AND THE CROWNING FOLLY OF  
THE RECIPROcity ACT, and there  
were many expressions of pleasure  
yesterday that the opportunity is at  
hand.  
Despatches from Ottawa indicated  
that the ministers were departing for  
their homes, and a special edition of  
the Montreal Herald contained the  
pleasing information that Mr. Pugs-  
ley would leave at once for New  
Brunswick. He cannot come too soon,  
for there is a warm welcome awaiting  
him. Just how warm he will receive  
until the ballots are counted, but  
FROM A CONSERVATIVE STAND-  
POINT THE OUTLOOK WAS NEV-  
ER BRIGHT AND AT THE PRE-  
SENT TIME.  
It will be a short sharp fight, with  
the Conservative party all over the  
province presenting a solid front to  
the enemy. The party is in splendid  
fighting trim and look forward con-  
fidently to the issue on the 21st day  
of September.  
Reliable reports indicate that the  
people are determined to teach the  
lesson of honesty in an uncertain  
way, and the principle kept well  
in mind, there can be but one answer  
SAWDUST WHARVES, GASPER-  
EAUX DREGGING DEALS, AND SIM-  
ILAR TRANSACTIONS HAVE NEV-  
ER BEEN RECOGNIZED IN THIS  
COUNTRY AS MILE POSTS ON THE  
ROAD OF HONEST DEALINGS.  
The election will put an end to the  
regime of profligate promises. A prom-  
ise after the election, made by a  
Conservative minister, will mean a  
performance, and will not be merely  
a sop to catch the thoughtless voter.  
Undoubtedly, during the campaign,  
the people will hear many promises  
from Mr. Pugsley and his supporters,  
but voters have heard them before  
and credibility has already been taxed  
to the limit. IF ONE-HALF THE PRO-  
MISES ALREADY MADE BY THE  
MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS HAD  
BEEN CARRIED OUT, THERE  
WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER  
AND A MORE PROSPEROUS ST-  
RONGER than that. THE GOV-  
ERNMENT HAS PLACED THIS  
OWN HONOR. In May last the prime  
minister took cognizance in parlia-

### DISSOLUTION UNEXPECTED

HIGH SHERIFF  
R. R. RITCHIE  
BADLY HURT

Fell Down Stairs in His Resi-  
dence Last Evening and  
Fractured His Skull—His  
Condition is Serious.

Sheriff Ritchie met with a serious  
accident last evening and it is feared  
the result will prove fatal. It is under-  
stood he slipped and fell down the  
stairs of his residence, sustaining a  
bad fracture of the skull. He was  
taken to the hospital in an uncon-  
scious condition and was given every  
possible attention, but at an early  
hour this morning it was said he was  
not expected to recover.

### SIR EDWARD WARD COMING TO CANADA

His Mission is in Connection  
With the Coming of the  
Duke of Connaught as Gov-  
ernor General.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, July 30.—Sir Edward Ward,  
permanent under-secretary of state for  
war and the man who provisioned Lad-  
ysmith, is expected to arrive in Can-  
ada tomorrow and will proceed to Ot-  
tawa on his way through Canada. Sir  
Edward's mission is understood to be  
in connection with the coming of the  
Duke of Connaught as governor gen-  
eral, while he will incidentally pick up  
such information as may be useful to  
the War Office generally. He goes  
through to the coast.

A CONSCIENCE STRICKEN THIEF.  
Sharon, Pa., July 29.—Five years  
ago when Walter Redmond attended a  
labor celebration in Newcastle, Pa.,  
his pocket was picked, \$24.74 being  
taken. Yesterday Redmond received a  
notice order for the exact amount  
from Niles, Ohio.

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, July 30.—It was a close  
call that H. M. C. S. Niobe had last  
night when she touched the Southwest  
Shoal off Cape Sable and came within  
in a face of a frightful disaster. She  
got off the ledge with her starboard  
engine room pierced, water rising  
in that compartment and about aft,  
but able to keep it down in the en-  
gine room and aft by her pumps.  
She spent most of the day, held by  
two anchors near the ledges in 36  
fathoms, and by evening had been  
conveyed safely into the anchorage of  
Shag Harbor, where she moored in  
nine fathoms of water. The cruiser's  
message for assistance was picked up  
at half a dozen wireless stations by  
several ocean liners and was being  
flashed around the globe while eastern  
Canadian had just got soundly  
asleep on their Sunday morning rest.  
The first news of the stranding of  
the cruiser came to Halifax shortly  
before one o'clock yesterday morning  
by wireless from Cape Sable, address-  
ed to C. H. Harvey, agent of the  
marine department.  
Captain MacDonald reported that  
the Niobe was in grave peril and re-  
quired assistance. Five hours later  
he sent a wireless that the cruiser  
was afloat, asking for a convoy, and  
stating that the ship's pumps were  
keeping the water down.  
The Niobe had been at Yarmouth  
as one of the chief attractions at the  
big Old Home Week celebration at  
that place, and she was to have sailed  
tomorrow for Liverpool, N. S.

Parliament Suddenly Dis-  
solved on Saturday,  
After Cabinet Council.

Opposition Greeted An-  
nouncement with  
Cheers, and are Ready  
for Fight.

No Request for Supply,  
Except What Has Al-  
ready Been Granted--  
Much Unfinished Busi-  
ness Left.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, July 30.—The eleventh Par-  
liament is dissolved. On Monday morn-  
ing a proclamation signed by the gov-  
ernor general will issue in the form  
of an extra Canada Gazette, to that  
effect. Nominations are fixed for Sept.  
14, and the elections Sept. 21.  
The end came with dramatic sud-  
denness, although since the com-  
mencement of the extra session, on  
July 18, it was obvious that the only  
thing the government could do under  
the circumstances in which it found  
itself was to go to the people. When  
Friday passed without any sign being  
made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it was  
thought that the inevitable day of  
reckoning had been postponed.  
The House rose at midnight on Fri-  
day with the debate on the reciprocity  
resolution still running full blast, and  
the usual adjournment was taken un-  
til Monday. Yesterday after a pro-  
tracted cabinet meeting, at which all  
his ministers were present, Sir Wilfrid  
Laurier decided to bring the  
youthful eleventh Parliament to an  
end and the proclamation was pre-  
pared for the signature of His Excel-  
lency.

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### MONTREAL'S MORTALITY FROM HEAT

Montreal, July 29.—Revealing the  
most terrible mortality that has visit-  
ed Montreal since the days of epidem-  
ics, figures laid before the board of  
control today showed that during the  
terrible heat wave which recently  
swept the city, 989 infants had died,  
800 of them under two years of age,  
the total death list during the torrid  
regin being 1,458.  
During the most deadly week, July  
8 to 15, there was a person dying ev-  
ery twenty minutes in the city, night  
and day. Had the church bells tolled  
at every demise at the time of its oc-  
currence, a tocsin would have been  
heard such as call nations to war or  
proclaim a great national calamity.

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