

EVERY INDICATION MINISTRY WILL BE SUSTAINED BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

Most Cautious Prophets Predict at Least 117 Sure Seats for Meighen—Amazingly Encouraging Reports Come Out of the West Where Agrarian Movement Has Collapsed—King Sure of Defeat in North York.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 4.—On the eve of what all here agree to be one of the most vital election pronouncements that the Canadian people have made since confederation, Government forces tonight expressed unqualified confidence that the Ministry would be overwhelmingly sustained. Two weeks ago the most optimistic of ministerial supporters claimed but the largest group. Tonight, as the result of developments during the past week, the most cautious prophets predict at least one hundred and seventeen seats. Mr. Meighen's last ten days in Ontario produced a profound effect. Thousands have flocked to hear him, and both in rural and urban ridings his receptions have been of a remarkable character. This triumphal tour, aided by the collapse of the Farmers' Co-operative Company, and a rally of returned soldiers and labor to the Government, undoubtedly swung a number of ridings of former agrarian leanings into the ministerial column, and Government headquarters here express confidence that farmers and Liberals combined will not capture more than fifteen seats in the entire province.

King All In.

Mr. King himself, it is declared, will be beaten in North York, while F. F. Pardee and Duncan Ross, two Liberal stalwarts who survived the deluge of 1917, are said to be sure of rejection. From the West, too, come amazingly encouraging reports. The final days of the campaign saw even Mr. Crerar himself fighting for his life in the riding of Marquette, and Government leaders claim no fewer than eighteen seats for Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba. British Columbia, of course, is a Government stronghold; not a Liberal or a progressive will come from that province. Finally, there is Quebec. Mr. Meighen's French ministers have waged a brilliant battle, and while the odds against them have been tremendous, they are claiming fifteen safe seats with a fair fighting chance in five others. Ten ridings are considered safe beyond all doubt. Even the Liberal leaders themselves concede eight.

Summed up, the promise of a magnificent triumph for Meighen is splendid. One hundred and five seats is the least that the most cautious observers here concede him. That he may get as many as one hundred and twenty-five is the prediction of many competent judges.

*The Maritime Provinces will give Meighen from twelve to fifteen seats.

FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED BY AN UNKNOWN MAN

Deliberate Murder as Money and Jewels Were Not Touched by Assassin.

Sharbrooke, Que., Dec. 4.—The inquest into the death of Mrs. Joseph Pion, 44, who was shot to death at her home on the Fourteenth Range, a short distance from Tison Station, on Friday night, was held here by Coroner B. C. Beaudin on Saturday afternoon. The evidence showed that robbery did not enter into the crime, as was first supposed, but that it was a case of cold-blooded murder committed by someone at present unknown. The assassin fired five bullets into the body of his victim and left her without taking any of the money or valuables that were within his reach.

Testimony at the inquest established the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Pion had returned to their home as usual and that Mrs. Pion had gone back home before the market closed leaving her husband to drive his team back later. She was in the house with her three children, her sixteen year old son, Leonard, having gone to the barn. The children dozed that a man of medium height, wearing a mfr., entered the house without speaking a word and shot their mother dead. The son, hearing the shot, ran to the house and finding his mother dead, called for Mr. Pion, the husband, at the inquest said that he knew of no person who was likely to have killed his wife.

An incident in connection with the case is the fact that an old revolver which Mr. Pion had at home and which, it is stated, Leonard was seen cleaning some days ago, is missing. It is claimed that bullets extracted from Mrs. Pion's body would fit this weapon.

Bluff of Montreal Star Called By Premier Meighen

Challenges That Paper to Produce Its So-Called "Confidential Authorities."

Toronto, Dec. 4.—(By Canadian Press)—Mr. Arthur Meighen this evening handed out the following telegram which he had addressed to the Montreal Star:

"Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4, 1921.
The Star, Montreal, P. Q.
You have for some days endeavored to lead your readers to believe that plans were underway by a board of Railway Removals to remove from Montreal a large number of officials and employees. In your issue of Friday last, front page, under heading, 'That Railway Removal Board,' the following paragraph appears: 'Mr. Meighen is in any doubt as to the authenticity of the report to which we have given publicity, we pledge ourselves to put him in communication with positive proof of its truth as soon as he can spare time to visit the city and receive it. The proofs being highly confidential, cannot be published, but they can be submitted in confidence to the Prime Minister.'

As I have previously stated to the press I have no knowledge whatever of any such plans and having now read the denial of the president of the system mentioned I do not believe any such proof exist. It is impossible indeed to reach any other conclusion than that your circulation of these alleged reports arises from a desire on the part of certain interested parties to injure the government candidates in Montreal and vicinity. You are and have been well aware that my engagements prevent my reaching Montreal until after election day. I deny your right to withhold as confidential any information upon which you base a public allegation of facts designed to affect the government candidates in Montreal and vicinity. I hereby request you to publish your proofs forthwith. Your failure to do so will not be misunderstood by the public. This telegram I am giving to the press tonight.

(Signed) "ARTHUR MEIGHEN."

Fear Trouble If Joint Debate Is Held At Sydney

Mayor Asked to Prevent Meeting Scheduled for Tonight—Labor and Liberals Clash.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 4.—Mayor Fitzgerald will be asked to use his influence to prevent a joint political meeting between J. B. McLachlan, Farmer-Labor and W. F. Carroll, Liberal, which is to be held at the Lyceum Theatre here tomorrow night. Mr. Carroll some days ago charged that Mr. McLachlan, the district secretary of the United Mine Workers, had made a secret pact with the coal operators for a thirty three per cent cut in miners' wages, when the extended Montreal election was held on December 20. Mr. McLachlan denied this and Mr. Carroll named David Ryan, of Stellarton former vice-president of the United Mine Workers as the source of his information. Carroll says he has further conclusive proof of the secret agreement. Meanwhile, as a result of mutual challenges, a joint meeting at the Lyceum has been arranged for Monday night, but feeling is running so high on both sides that a free fight is feared and an appeal will be made to the Mayor to call the meeting off.

Famous Guide Dies At Chatham

Had Charge of New Brunswick's Live Fish Exhibit at N. Y. Sportsman's Show.

Special to The Standard.
Chatham, Dec. 4.—All New Brunswick will be sorry to learn of the death of John Connell, one of the most noted guides and sportsmen of the province, who passed away tonight after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Connell is the man whom the Newfoundland Government hired to provide twenty-five live moose to stock the forest of that country. The moose were delivered by him with the loss of only two in transportation.

He also built the greatest exhibit of live fish and sporting trophies even at Madison Square Garden, New York, for the great Sportsman's Show during 1905. At the New York show he was assisted by F. G. Smith, who was Chief Fish Commissioner of New Brunswick.

Among the sportsmen guided by Mr. Connell was Frederick D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States at the last election. Mr. Connell was not only a premier guide, but he was also a great entertainer. He was a worthy citizen, highly respected as a citizen and his death is a distinct loss to the community.

East Charlotte Enthusiastic Over Policies of Meighen

Noted Speakers Covered Parishes Friday and Saturday in Gov't's Interests.

Special to The Standard.
St. George, Dec. 4.—The closing days of the campaign find the people of East Charlotte highly enthusiastic over the constructive policy of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen. Meetings were held in Back Bay and Letete on Friday evening, the former in the School House and the latter in the Public Hall. At both places the buildings were filled to capacity.

The speakers at Back Bay were Dr. H. I. Taylor of St. George, James S. Lord, St. Stephen and Sgt. W. V. Grimmer, ex-president of the G.W.V.A., Charlotte county. At Letete the gathering was addressed by James S. Lord, St. Stephen and Sgt. W. V. Grimmer.

The record of the Meighen Government and the able, definite and positive platform of the Prime Minister, which were ably dealt with by the speakers, convinced the electors that the present Government will satisfactorily look after the interests of Charlotte county and the people of Canada. The speakers received a splendid hearing and were vigorously applauded throughout their remarks.

On Saturday evening the issues were discussed in the Orange Hall, Penfield. I. J. Justason acted as chairman and the speakers were Dr. H. I. Taylor, M. E. Baldwin and James S. Lord. McLoughlin acted as chairman.

At Cabocac, in St. Patrick's Parish, a meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, which was packed to the doors, a stirring address. The speakers were P. T. A. Hart, ex-M.P., A. D. Genou, president of the Charlotte county electorate, who were greeted with loud applause. This, McLoughlin acted as chairman.

On Saturday evening at Elmville, M. F. Cockburn, K.C., of St. Stephen, delivered a stirring address. The chairman for the occasion was James Monahan.

The large attendance, the interest manifested at these meetings and all indications point to a strong spirit of confidence in the policy of the Meighen Government and the election of R. W. Grimmer.

RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN ISSUES AN APPEAL TO QUEBEC ELECTORS

Regrets That Adversaries of the Gov't Have Eluded Discussion of the Principal Questions—They Have Preached Different Doctrines in Different Provinces, Protection in Quebec and Free Trade in the West—Appeals for Unity of Peoples and Provinces.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—In an appeal to the people of the Province of Quebec on the eve of the elections, Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen has issued the following message through the columns of La Presse, a French language newspaper of this city:

"In the course of the campaign that is now terminating, the Government has informed the nation as to its policies and the acts of its administration. We have invited everyone to make a serious examination of our work and we have endeavored to explain our policies in such a way that the country could be in no doubt as to our intentions. We have simply made an appeal to reason. Our policy is, I believe, clear; we desire that Canada may remain a self-governing country, within the Empire; we desire equality and justice for all classes, all provinces, all races, all beliefs; we desire the unity of Canada, the development of strong and virile Canadianism which shall reckon on itself to oppose the tendency to separation in groups, to disunion, to domination by a single class; in short, we desire the maintenance of our traditional fiscal policy, the continuation of the economic doctrine which has made the prosperity of Quebec and of the rest of Canada, the maintenance of the policy defended by Macdonald and Cartier, as well as by Blake and Laurier, of the policy which has been the foundation of our greatness as a people and, falling which, we shall fall under economic dependence of our neighbor to the South."

Liquor Smugglers Keep Officers On Move At Sydney

Capture Nine Barrels of Joy Water and Chasing After More.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 4.—Nine barrels of liquor valued at over \$4,000 were seized by Inspector William Lamond in the premises of Edward Guthrie, New Waterford, today. It is alleged the stuff had been landed on Ligan Beach by a smuggling schooner from St. Pierre, shortly after midnight, and hauled in motor trucks to the town.

Lamond was tipped off by telephone that a schooner had landed a big shipment which was being hauled to various caches. He motored at once to the beach, but the liquor had already been carried inland, and he had to wait for daylight to raid several suspected places in Waterford. The nine barrels seized are declared to be a small portion of the contraband.

Mr. Lamond at first suspected the schooner Yvette, which yesterday cleared from North Sydney for Nassau, Bahamas, with \$60,000 worth of liquor on board, but this suspicion was dispelled when the revenue cutters returned to port. The schooner after escorting the Yvette far out to sea.

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Special precautions have been taken to see that she does not double on her trail, as was the case of a vessel, which a few days ago, cleared from St. John, N. B., also ostensibly for Nassau but turned back and landed her cargo on the New Brunswick coast.

Answers To Correspondents

MARTHA—Housework and washing is only an excuse for red and ugly hands. I know a great many women who do all their own housework and yet have beautiful white hands. They use what I use, CAMPANA'S ITALIAN BALM. It is the most wonderful thing in the world for preventing chapping and redness of the hands. I wouldn't be without it. Keep a bottle of CAMPANA'S ITALIAN BALM on your hands every time you have had them in water to do cleaning. It will soften and whiten them and will protect them from the wear and tear of housework. You can buy CAMPANA'S ITALIAN BALM at any Druggist. 40c. a large bottle.

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BILL OF LADING MUST ALWAYS BE RESPECTED, SAYS PRES. D. B. HANNA

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS Office of the President Toronto, Ont., November 18, 1921.

Dear Mr. Baxter:—
I duly received your letter of 14th. November referring to the movement of grain to St. John.

This question was very fully considered by a Committee of the House of the Senate last session, and I would suggest that you secure a copy of the evidence submitted by the traffic representatives of the railway companies and by your shippers. It is my recollection that Senator L'Esperance was the Chairman of the Committee.

The point we have been endeavoring to stress from time to time is that the railway company cannot divert grain from one port to another—we must in every case respect the bill of lading.

As perhaps you may know, the Management of the Canadian National Railways has no jurisdiction over the Grand Trunk Railway and I am, therefore, not in a position to give you any information respecting the movement of traffic on that line."

Yours very truly,
D. B. HANNA, President.

Honorable J. B. M. Baxter,
Minister of Customs and Inland Revenue.
St. John, N. B.

Ouch! Lame Back

Rub backache, Lumbago, Soreness and stiffness away - Try this!

Back hurt you? Can't straighten up without feeling sudden pains, sharp aches and twinges? Now listen! That's lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism. Both are caused by a strain, and you'll get blessed relief the moment you rub your back with soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil." Nothing else takes out soreness, lameness and stiffness so quickly. You simply rub it on and out comes the pain. It is perfectly harmless and doesn't burn or discolor the skin.

Linger up! Don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle from any drug store, and after using it just once, you'll forget that you ever had backache, lumbago or sciatica, because your back will never hurt or cause you any more misery. It never disappears and has been recommended for 60 years.

Hold-Up Men Took Fright When Woman Shouted "Help"

Hold Up Party at Door of Residence and Demanded Their Money.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—R. A. Darwin, of 29 Glenock avenue, Centrepoint, this city, his wife and their chauffeur, were held up Saturday night at the door of their residence by two men who, covering the chauffeur and Mr. Darwin with revolvers, demanded their money. The hold-up men, however, took to their heels when Mrs. Darwin cried for help. Later they were arrested and identified by Mr. Darwin. They gave their names as John A. Sydney, twenty years of age, who said he was a kitchen hand at a downtown hotel, and Antonio Beauchamp, 20, of Laval avenue.

John Lipsett.
Frederickson, Dec. 4.—John Lipsett, a well known resident of Lower St. Mary's, died Saturday night, suddenly, after a brief illness with diphtheria. The deceased was single and aged thirty-six years. The mother, a sister and a half brother, in British Columbia, survive. The funeral took place this afternoon with interment in Lincoln.

FIFTEEN BOILS ON NECK AT ONE TIME

Any one who has suffered from boils can sympathize with poor old Job.

There was no Burdock Blood Bitters in those days, so Job had to suffer in silence. Now-a-days no one need endure the misery of boils. The bad blood within coming to the surface and just when you get rid of one, another seems ready to take its place and prolong your misery.

All the poisoning and stinging you may do will not stop them coming.

What you have to do is take Burdock Blood Bitters and the blood will be cleansed of all its impurities, and then every boil will disappear.

Mr. Roy McSwain, High Bank, P. E. I., writes:—"I was troubled with boils for some time, and had as many as fifteen on my neck at once. After taking one bottle of Burdock Blood Bitters they commenced to get better, and after I had taken two bottles I was relieved of them and felt much better. I think E. B. B. is a grand blood medicine, and can recommend it highly."

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General Impression of Peace Negotiators A Gloomy One

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The crux of partition was almost equally serious. The Sinn Fein regards Irish unity as fundamental and was firm that no proposal aimed at securing Ulster's assent should prove a possible permanent bar.

The seven British representatives of the original Irish Conference are expected to meet tomorrow. It is presumed this meeting may be preliminary to declaring the conference of altogether.

As things stand, the net result, in the opinion of the commentators, will

Gas Buggies—You can't satisfy some people.

be to throw the onus of the collapse on the Sinn Fein, and this will bring back Premier Lloyd George to the position he assumed before the negotiations started, that British law must be maintained and authority sought for drastic action. Meanwhile, dominance in the Irish administration would rest with the military. Thus far no agreement has been reached for any prolonged extension of the truce.

PILES

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Died

TITUS—Suddenly, at Bloomfield Station, N. B., Dec. 2nd, Grace Kathleen youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Warren Titus, age 14 months.



LAST FEDERAL PROGRESSIVE OF ANY

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which overpowered the Lyceum and necessitated an extra meeting in the Town Hall, welcomed Mr. Meighen when he arrived here yesterday afternoon to speak in aid of George A. Miller, Government candidate in West Middlesex. The minister referred to the fact that Arthur Currie had been elected Strathroy. The town must be proud, he said, to have given Canada a great man, and he also was proud of the famous general.

Keep Out of Politics.

In this campaign there was a tempt to exploit the term "farmer" in the interest of a political party. There had been other candidates of this kind, for instance, the Farmer Bank.

"You know how that ended," remarked the speaker. "The farmer of co-operative organizations. He was not in favor of such organizations into politics.

The proportion of farmers to the whole people of Canada was larger as it used to be, said the minister. It had certainly decreased in the last twenty years and now at about forty per cent. of the population. But those who blame the tendency from the farm to the city on the fiscal policy of the Government were short sighted.

IN THE EDITOR'S MAIL

To the Editor of The Standard.
Really, the Grit press as represented by the Telegraph and the Chronicle, reflect seriously on the intelligence of their readers. They raised much puffing talk over Grand Trunk division from Montreal to Portland and disclose a lamentable ignorance of facts open to the eyes of all who care to know the truth. The Grand Trunk division in no way menace St. John or its interests; on the contrary, it aids in the development of the city. It is a single track line that can be doubled because of physical obstacles as well as financial. Such a large map of Portland, Me., is available at your Chamber of Commerce office. The road, narrow gauge city built on a long, narrow peninsula at its eastern extremity, skirts a high cliff known as the Eastern end, a massive ledge of 50,000,000 acres, and, on the west side, comes to a restricted area ocean terminal. This dockage is enlarged for the simple reason premises preclude such a plan. The fact that Portland has scattered city built on a state dock, simply is another municipal development scheme that is without precedent. The State of Massachusetts spent several millions on a state dock, fine buildings; it is a dead loss, patronized, and merely was a political Rhode Island has another Providence, and, on the other hand, a man to political and contracting city, and public credit. The Grand Trunk has a main terminal at Desiring, and another at Portland, and under the direction and control of the United States Government. In order for "Canadian Government to do vast dockage—end, on the Grit chorus sings, it first was necessary to invest a few million dollars supervision of the United States Department, in erecting a bridge from the Desiring side of Portland proper.

Folks at home should understand that the Grand Trunk is a very real road, and Montreal people, with their homes near Portland, say they had them until recently) the line from Montreal, to give a water winter outlet long before Canadian Pacific or its predecessors and connecting these were planned.

The Grand Trunk Maine division served a most useful purpose in the great war, before the line was entered. Train after train went munitions came over the trunk, and I, during more than a year and a half at that place, saw the war canisters, the great va the line during the conflict. land's harbor is no better than that of St. John; but it was in neutral territory, and well guarded.

There is no possibility of Portland Grand Trunk terminal being closed and injuring St. John.

Surely the Grits wouldn't want road destroyed, and yet they appear to hold the view that it menace.

Perhaps some of the wiseacre scribble mendaciously and at will inform New Brunswick that Grand Trunk traffic would be to reach St. John for winter shipping. Further, if they would compare available figures, showing the tonnage passing over the Grand Trunk since 1880, they will see a steady waning of Portland winter port for Canada.

The Meighen candidates should be elected in New Brunswick for other reason than to keep ignorances or worse from things at Ottawa. It's bad policy change shippers in a blow as the regular master is sober, content, and doing his utmost deed of truck cluttering the deck.

J. M. MELBOURNE
Care Boston Tyvav
Boston, Dec. 2, 1921.

When a man sings his own he invariably gets an octave higher. No matter how proud a girl is of her family name, she's averse to changing it.