

## 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.

## 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.

## General Impression of Peace Negotiators A Gloomy One

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The crux of partition was almost equally serious. The Sinn Féin 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

## PILES

Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or painful piles. No surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once. Send for a box of ointment, or Dr. Chase's Ointment, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

### Died

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

## FARMER'S WIFE MURDERED BY AN UNKNOWN MAN

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

Sherbrooke, 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 Titus Station, on Friday night, was held here by Coroner D. C. Beaudouin 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 a hoodlum, wearing a mask, who 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 attended Sherbrooke market 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 deposed that a man of medium height, wearing a mask, 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, went to Windy Mills and notified the police. 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 his home and which, it is stated, Leonard was even cleaning some days ago, is missing. It is claimed that bullets extracted from Mrs. Pion's body would fit this weapon.

## 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 Phipps was asked to use his influence to prevent a joint political meeting between J. B. Macdonald, 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. Macdonald, the district secretary of the United Labor Party, had made a secret pact with the coal operators for a thirty three per cent cut in miners' wages, when the extended Montreal agreement was reached on December 20. Mr. Macdonald denied this and Mr. Carroll named David Ryan, of Stellarton former vice-president of the United Mine Workers as the source of his information. An edition of the Maritime Labor Herald, Saturday night, carries a telegram from Ryan denying that he gave Carroll such 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.

Hampton, Dec. 4.—At Sholl's Dam, Kings County, Friday night, a most successful political meeting was held in the interests of the Government candidate, George B. Jones, when J. B. Macdonald and W. F. Carroll, the two main campaign issues. There were over a hundred lumbermen present and were greatly impressed by the facts revealed. Both speakers demonstrated the questions of the day supporting their arguments with facts and figures.

## 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 maybe from 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.

Lumber 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 disappoints and has been recommended for 60 years.

## Gas Buggies—You can't satisfy some people.



## 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 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.

At Cabocage, in St. Patrick's Parish, a meeting was held in the Temperance Hall, which was packed to the doors. The speakers were P. T. A. Hartt, ex-M.P., A. D. Genon, president of the Charlotte county executive, who were greeted with loud applause. Chas. McLaughlin 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.

## 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 you have ever heard of. It prevents 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 your hands from the cold. You can buy CAMPANA'S ITALIAN BALM at any Druggist. 40c. a large bottle.

MARGARET.

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

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

Montreal, Dec. 4.—R. A. Darwin, 29 Glenora Avenue, Outremont, 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.

## Obituary

John Lipsett.  
Fredericton, 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.

## 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 the 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, failing which, we shall fall under economic dependence of our neighbor to the South."

"If the government is defeated, who will succeed it? No one of the parties which now fight against it can govern alone. A combination of groups, hostile to one another, united only by the thirst for power and preparing an era of uncertainty and difficulty, will be the sole result of a ministerial defeat. Quebec, I believe, does not desire such a result. I am convinced that this province, like the rest of Canada, desires a government which aims at equality and justice for all classes and the reign of reason.

"That is why, firmly convinced of the good will and moderation of the province of Quebec, I await with confidence the result."

(Signed) ARTHUR MEIGHEN.

## 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 Lingan 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 from St. John, N. B., also ostensibly for Nassau but turned back and landed her cargo on the New Brunswick coast.

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 cutter Restless returned to port this afternoon after escorting the Yvette far out to sea.

The Yvette is bound from England for the Bahamas but came in here several days ago to repair damage sustained in a gale.

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.

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