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CABINET CHANGES WILL BE THE NEXT MOVE AT OTTAWA

MEIGHEN FORCES HERE ARE READY FOR BIG POLITICAL CONFLICT

With Bluff of Opposition Called, Government's Lieutenants Plan Keen Campaign.

WESTERN ONTARIO WILL STAND BY FISCAL POLICY.

Members and Leaders Optimistic As To the Issue At First Conference.

The first incident of the federal campaign, which was virtually launched by Premier Meighen's election announcement of last evening, was an enthusiastic conference of Western Ontario members and leaders, held at the Tecumseh House following the Grand Opera House meeting. There were nearly 100 present, and the gathering was marked by a feeling of keenest optimism.

The premier himself gave a short talk in connection with the general situation, and others who took part in the discussion included Senator John Fisher, of Paris; Dr. Michael Steele, M.P., South Perth; J. E. Armstrong, M.P., ast Lambton; H. B. Morphy, K.C., M.P., North Perth; Sam Charters, ex-M.P., of Feel, and E. R. Dennis, London.

Lieut.-Col. Wigle, of Windsor, remarked that he had thought his day of political activity past, but after hearing Premier Meighen he had decided to go home and take off his coat and fight as he had never done before.

OUTLOOK EXCELLENT

F. Stewart Scott, M.P., South Waterloo, who is in charge of party organization in the Western Ontario section, remained in the city on business, and in an interview given The Free Press this morning expressed a decidedly optimistic feeling as to the outlook for the National Liberal and Conservative party in the forthcoming contest.

"We are well satisfied with the premier's decision to go to the country at this time," he said. "It will clear the air, and we will get a pronouncement on the tariff issue. There is no doubt that Western Ontario will stand by the fiscal policy of the Government. Our real opposition will come from those members of the Farmers party who are calling for free trade. The last provincial election cannot be taken as a criterion, however; there was on that occasion a combination of forces to defeat Sir William Hearst. In the coming contest the tariff is the real issue, and I believe Western Ontario will stand solidly for our policy."

THE BLUFF CALLED

J. E. Armstrong, M.P., left at noon for his home in Petrolea, with the intention of bringing his family from their summer home and throwing himself into the East Lambton campaign as soon as a convention is held.

"The premier has called the bluff of the Opposition," he said, in conversation with The Free Press. "Mackenzie King has been going about demanding an election, and all the time afraid of it. We have every reason to be confident of our position as regards the tariff, and that is the question, and the only one of any importance, especially in Old Ontario. The western part, at least, of this province, should stand solidly to a man behind Mr. Meighen.

"Western Ontario has more industries, I should say, than all the remainder of Canada put together, and a population of 1,600,000. Its manufacturing industry provides a home market for the farmers of this district. Both the Farmers' platform and the Liberal platform call for free food and farm products. That would close the 200 canning factories in Western Ontario and drive the sugar beet industry out of the country. It would close a number of industries in your city, such as the breakfast food factories, and would put out of business the Quaker Oats plant at Peterboro, which is a branch of an American firm."

A number of riding executive meetings have been called throughout Western Ontario, preliminary to the holding of nominating conventions. It is understood that an office will be opened in London to assist in the campaign in Western Ontario.

What Canadian Papers Think Of Election

Varyng Opinions Brought Forth By Premier's Announcement Here.

Quebec Chronicle: "We have no hesitation in saying that the destinies of this Dominion for the next few years will be safer in the hands of Mr. Meighen and that its permanent interests will be better served by him than by either of his rivals. That is the issue into which the election resolved itself: whether the affairs of Canada are to be administered by Mr. Meighen in accordance with a safe and stable program, or by a Crerar-Mackenzie King combination, which can only result in class warfare, economic stagnation and general political chaos."

Montreal Le Canada: "There is a conclusion that is unavoidable that arises from Premier Meighen's announcement. It is that the constant, energetic, respiteless struggle of the Liberal party to obtain elections has achieved its aim. If following his declaration Premier Meighen dissolves Parliament, it will be because he has been forced to this decision by public opinion."

Halifax Acadian Recorder: "Premier Meighen should have taken this step two years ago. The Dominion has only had an apology for a Government since that time."

St. John Daily Telegraph: "The premier seeks to deceive in an evident attempt to create the impression that the Canadian electorate must decide whether it is in favor of a tariff for revenue or for free trade. There is no question of free trade."

Victoria Colonist: "A Dominion election will show the people of Canada how great is the confusion existing in the public mind. Mr. Meighen had this advantage in an election campaign he has been tried and proved as a leader who can ably sustain the prestige of the country at home and overseas."

Vancouver Sun: "The greatest criticism that attaches to Premier Meighen is that he did not reorganize his Cabinet and go to the country immediately upon taking office. The effect of this on the coming election will be apparent only on election day. Choice will depend more on the individual standing of the candidate in his community than upon the party he represents."

Kingston Standard: "The Standard predicts that the reorganization will see the retirement from active political life of some six or eight of the present ministers. The Canadian dollar is cheap enough in the United States as it is. Let us not further cheapen it by playing into the hands of our neighbors to

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NO AGREEMENT ON FREIGHT CUT

Conference Terminates Without Reduction Granted.

BIG CUTS ALREADY MADE.

Railways Deny Their Rates Cause Depression.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—After two hours' session this morning the conference on freight rates terminated. An agreement, it is announced, was not reached. Any further action in the matter now lies with the board of railway commissioners.

The railway men during the conference submitted figures which went to show that 347 voluntary rate reductions had been made by the roads since the last general reduction was made in January last. It was claimed further that the present export rate on grain, for example, from the head of the lakes is lower to-day than it was prior to the authorized increase in September. Also that lumber and live stock, as well as numerous other important primary materials and commodities had been made the subject of voluntary reduction, some of them as much as 50 per cent. less than the authorized rates.

Causes of present depression, the railways claimed, are often far removed from the question of railway rates. The possibility that the present tentative cut of 12½ per cent. in railway wages may be upset by boards of conciliation recently applied for by the men was also discussed. The railway representatives indicated that the same cut ordered in the United States railway wages had not yet been finally settled there and that the Canadian roads—whose employees consisted only eight per cent. of the international union membership—still faced the responsibility of an adverse decision.

Believes Dance Reform Is Job For Methodists

CHICAGO, Sept. 2.—Dancing masters having failed in their efforts to design a dance which would meet with the approval of the Methodist church and cause it to lift its ban on dancing, Dr. C. H. McCrae, assistant editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, a church publication, suggested to-day that Methodists now undertake to reform the dance. He suggested, in an editorial, some form of mutual athletics that will save all that is harmless and provide all that is lacking in social life of young people of both sexes."

THUNDERSHOWERS

"Zimmie"

PROBABILITIES

Fresh southwest winds, mostly fair and warm; local thundershowers tonight and on Saturday. Sunday—Cooler.

NOTES

A shallow trough of low pressure extends from Lake Superior to the Southwest States, while pressure is relatively higher both east and west. The weather has been fine over the greater part of the Dominion.

TEMPERATURES

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures registered between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.:

Station	High.	Low.	
LONDON	79	68	Clear
Victoria	58	48	Cloudy
Winnipeg	..	52	Clear
Port Arthur	88	62	Clear
Parry Sound	82	76	Fair
Toronto	86	68	Fair
Kingston	78	70	Clear
Ottawa	86	62	Fair
Montreal	78	62	Fair
Quebec	76	60	Clear
Father Point	68	52	Fair
St. John	68	56	Clear
Halifax	79	54	Fair

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.		Min.	Max.
Dawson	42	56	W. River	48	86
Vancouver	52	60	LONDON	65	90
Kamloops	54	66	Toronto	59	86
Calgary	40	68	Ottawa	84	36
M. Hat	60	74	Montreal	54	78
Saskatoon	49	76	Quebec	46	76
Regina	49	80	St. John	46	68
P. Arthur	60	88	Halifax	40	72

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Steamer.	Arrived at.	From.
King Alexander	New York	Piraeus
Acropolis	New York	Patras

10-Year-Old To Attend Western University

Rose Reeve Believed To Be the Youngest Student Accepted By Canadian University.

Western University will have a 10-year-old student this fall in the person of Rose Reeve, whose application has been accepted by the executive secretary, Lieut.-Col. Walter J. Brown. She will be the youngest university student in Canada, possibly in the world. Little Miss Reeve will take modern languages, including French, Spanish and German, also the full course in literature, and the regular first year course in physics and chemistry.

Col. Brown, in accepting the student, pointed out that she must first be given a complete health certificate and stated that if the youngster at any time shows any ill-effects of her precocious advance in learning, she will be sent home.

She has already made a wonderful advance in knowledge and probably knows more English words anod their meaning to-day than any other person in London. It is expected that the "U" students, this fall, will call her the dictionary. And when they wish to find the meaning of some such word as "Idiochromosome,' they will consult the petit human encyclopedia rather than the less interesting tomes which bear the name of "Webster."

DE VALERA REPLY REACHES CABINET

Lloyd George Sends Copies To London.

DUBLIN— IS ANXIOUS.

Desire In Ireland Is To Continue Parleys.

LONDON, Sept. 2. — (Canadian Press Cable.) — Premier Lloyd George has sent the reply of Eamon de Valera, the Irish republican leader, to his latest communication on the Irish peace proposals to London for circulation among the members of the Cabinet. Having regard for the serious issues involved, Mr. Lloyd George has summoned a Cabinet meeting to be held on Wednesday next at Inverness, Scotland.

King George will be at Moy Hall, near Inverness, and Mr. Lloyd George will visit him there.

DUBLIN ANXIOUS

DUBLIN, Sept. 2.—Sinn Fein Ireland to-day awaited publication of the text of the note sent to Premier Lloyd George yesterday by Eamonn De Valera and his colleagues in the Irish Republican Government. Mr. Lloyd George is spending a brief vacation at Gairloch, Scotland, and it was announced that nothing relative to the Sinn Fein reply to the prime minister's note on the settlement of the Irish question would be given out here until it was known it was in Lloyd George's hands. It was believed, however, that the Sinn Fein leader did not discuss with the prime minister any of the points of his latest note with the exception of the final clause, in which further negotiations were suggested. There is evidently a desire on the part of men high in the councils of the Republican movement to develop further the conditions upon which dominion status would be granted Ireland and there appears to be a disposition to consider favorably some features of the prime minister's terms.

A statement which, in view of the status of the peace negotiations may be significant, appears in the Irish Bulletin, official organ of the Dail Eireann.

"Ireland makes but one condition," says the paper, "that it be a free nation. The long antagonism between Ireland and England arose solely from England's attempts to make the subjection of Ireland the first condition of the alliance which should naturally exist between them. Whatever qualifications of 'complete political and economical separation' are made necessary by physical and historical facts will be acceptable to Ireland, provided they are consonant with the principle of government by the consent of the governed.'"

LETTER CARRIERS TO ASK AN INCREASE WITHOUT A BONUS

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—This morning's session of the convention of the Affiliated Associations of Letter Carriers was mainly occupied with a discussion of wages and while no decision was finally reached it was understood that an increase of 30 per cent., with no bonus, will be asked of the Government. Final decision on the question was, however, reserved until this evening's session.

It was also resolved that the superannuation paid retired carriers was "entirely insufficient" and the executive was requested to urge on the proper officials that an increase be granted in this direction.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES SEE GREAT NEED FOR ADVISORY COUNCILS

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—A resolution urging on the Provincial Governments the necessity of immediately forming provincial advisory councils to the employment service of Canada was passed by the Employment Service of Canada at its session this morning. The proceedings of the council this morning again brought out sharp differences of opinion between the superintendents of the British Columbia and Ontario employment services, and Mr. MacNeil, of the G. W. V. A. This afternoon the council will deal with the unemployment situation.

ANOTHER DISPUTE FOR LEAGUE ASSEMBLY

GENEVA, Sept. 2.—The council of the League of Nations to-day decided to refer the entire dispute among Albania, Greece and Jugo-Slovakia to the assembly of the league for settlement.

FIELD MARSHAL VON BUELOW, commander of the second German army during the war, who is dead in Berlin.

HEAVY FIRING IN THE STRIKE ZONE

Battle Line Now About 20 Miles In Length.

"ONE CONTINUAL ROAR."

"Invasion" of Logan County, Virginia, Is Resented.

LOGAN, W. Va., Sept. 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—After a morning of uncertainty, in which reports from Spruce Fork Ridge had told of sporadic fighting since daybreak, it was officially announced at noon that "heavy firing" was taking place at Blair Mountain, Mill's Creek and Crooked Creek.

Airplanes reconnoitering over Boone County, east of the ridge, reported increased activity among the armed bands which have assembled there, while a courier from "the front" said it was "one continual roar along the entire line." These reports, which had the official sanction of the civil and military commanders here, indicated the heaviest fighting since the line was established along the Spruce Fork Ridge and efforts were made by the Logan County authorities to stop what they termed an "invasion" of their county.

They said that new men had been sent into the line, which now was about 20 miles in length, and that these men were fresh and amply provided with ammunition and provisions.

Reinforcements continued to reach Logan from the southern part of the state.

In addition to their rifles and pistols they brought with them automatic rifles and machine guns. The country town of Logan, while stirred by the intense military activity, went about the business of carrying on the campaign on the ridge with calm assurance. Few comments were heard when it was known that federal troops were on their way.

TROOPS SET OUT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2.—Orders for the immediate entrainment of troops for the West Virginia strike zone were issued early to-day by Major-General Harbord, assistant chief of staff.

Action was postponed, however, on the question of declaring martial law, pending conferences between Secretary Weeks and other Government officials

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APPOINT THREE "Y" OFFICIALS

Murdo McLean Will Succeed R. E. Crouch As Secretary.

ALL EXPERIENCED MEN.

W. Spearman, Boys' Secretary; F. S. Houson, Laundry Supervisor.

Three appointments to the staff of the local Y. M. C. A. were announced today by Secretary Robert Liddle. Murdo McLean will succeed Richard E. Crouch as assistant to Mr. Liddle; W. Spearman will take the place of A. Horwood as deputy boys' work secretary, and F. S. Howson will be in charge of the new locker and laundry system which has been installed.

With the recent alterations at the "Y" the work of the association will be increased by a great deal and the directors have decided that in the interests of efficiency the staff should be augumented. The work will be under different supervision from last year, as Mr. Liddle has been placed in control of the membership, young men's and industrial departments, while Mr. Horwood has been transferred to the physical department in order that Mr. Allen may be aided in caring for the double classes which will be on the two gymnasiums.

Mr. Spearman and Mr. McLean have been active in "Y" work before and will give the local association the benefit of their experience. In addition, the activities of the Red Triangle will be extended considerably.

EXPECT FREIGHT CUT TO MEET U. S. ACTION

Reduction In Rates From the West May Come In a Few Days.

MONTREAL, Sept. 2.—It is expected that in a day or two announcement will be made by the Canadian railways of a reduction in freight rates from the West to the ocean seaboard, to meet the reductions authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission, recently put into force in an effort to prevent the deflection of so much American grain to the Canadian route to the ocean.

HOLD BOND THEFT SUSPECT.

CHICO, Cal., Sept. 2.—A man believed to be Antonio Santini, alias Vanelli, wanted in New York in connection with the theft of bonds and securities aggregating $466,000 from a bank messenger on November 20, [illegible], is under arrest here to-day. Police say he resembles photographs of the New York fugitive.

No Fees For High School Students In The Future

Automatic Abolition of All Charges Announced By Inspector C. B. Edwards.

"Under the law as it stands amended with regard to high school attendance," Inspector C. B. Edwards stated to-day, "no fees may be charged for any pupil." He then cited the section substituted for section 42 of the High School Attendance Act, which reads: "No fees shall be charged any pupil for attending a high school who has a right to do so under this (the Adolescent School Attendance Act) measure."

Final ruling in the matter has been asked from the department of education in Toronto, but Mr. Edwards, speaking with absolute conviction, believes that all fees have been automatically abolished as regards high schools. Not only for those of an age when they are supposed to attend high school, but all persons of whatever ago.

"From 18 to 80," said Mr. Edwards, "it makes no difference. As the law stands, no fees can be charged for attending a high school."

Confirmation of Mr. Edwards' opinion will doubtless be received before the opening of the Collegiate and Technical School on September 6. As it is, the heads of those schools are proceeding on the presumption that all high school fees have been abolished.

At the same time the Board of Education is preparing to charge $4.41 for each rural pupil attending the city public schools.

The question of fees to be charged high school pupils coming from the country is yet to be settled. Mr. Edwards holds that, under the amended act, the city will not be able to charge such pupils any fees. Inspector Greer holds the contrary opinion, but final settlement of the matter will have to come from Toronto.

USE CHEMISTRY IN DIAGNOSIS

Western Medical Requires High Standing In Science.

LIMITED FIRST YEAR.

Over 35 Applications Received For Entrance.

Graduates of Western University Medical School will not be the hit or miss diagnosticians with which people have been familiar with heretofore. For medical science has found that the telltale marks of disease are not found on tongues or reflexes of the leg muscles, but that absolute certainty as to the causative agents in disease may be obtained through the test tubes of chemical laboratories, under the revealing lenses of the microscope, or in the revealing evidence of apparatus which works under the laws of the science of physics.

In this respect Western University, by requiring two years' preliminary work in chemistry and physics before beginning the regular medical course, and requiring even higher standing in those sciences, is following the lead of Johns Hopkins School of Medicine at Baltimore.

Chemical and physical diagnosis leaves nothing to guesswork, medical men state. For while the older diagnostican might, if skilled, give a correct interpretation of surface symptoms, even the youngest practicing physician in his laboratory may determine the nature of diseases with a sureness that none of the old school could.

Medical chemistry deals largely with the secretions and excretions of the body. Blood tests are particularly plain indices of subtle diseases. The counting of cells, both red and white, the varieties of these white cells, the appearance of them under the microscope, all carry in plain letters the condition of the person from which the test is taken.

NO GUESSWORK.

Analytic chemistry also tells the story of pathological conditions in the human body, and the microscope reveals the presence of disease germs which might swarm the glands of the body while their host, apparently, was enjoying the best of health.

Physics is also valuable in determining disease. Blood pressure tests are as well known to the hydraulic engineer as to the doctor of medicine.

Only 50 pupils will be admitted to the Western Medical School first year this fall. Over 35 applications have already been received. Indications point to the greatest year in the history of that institution.

SPIRIT OF KULTUR LIVES IN GERMANY

Many In That Country Predict Franco-British Struggle.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—There are many in Germany who think a "trial of military strength" between Great Britain and France is not far distant if they should cease to co-operate, it is declared by John Elof Boodin, professor of philosophy at Carleton College, Minn., in a lengthy interview published in The London Times.

Professor Boodin has been visiting Germany. In his opinion the old spirit of German "kultur" still lives in the educated circles of Germany.

FUNERAL OF MR. DEVLIN.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—The funeral of the late E. B. Devlin, K. C., member of Parliament for Wright County, who died at Montreal on Tuesday, took place this morning. The Government and Parliament were represented by Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of militia, and Hon. Dr. Tolmie, minister of agriculture; Sir Robert Borden and Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. Among others present were noted Lady Laurier, Messrs. D'Arcy Scott, C. A. Magrath and representatives of public and private bodies.

TROUBLE CAUSED BY LONDON'S IDLE MEN

Unrest Culminates In Big Demonstrations—Poplar Councillors Arrested.

REFUSED TO RAISE MUNICIPAL TAX RATE.

Communists Undoubtedly To Blame For Some of Recent Outbreaks.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—Demonstrations in which many thousands of London's unemployed participated occurred last night and marked the culminating point of unrest among the idle which has prevailed here during the past fortnight. Several members of the Borough Council of Poplar, a section of London, were arrested and lodged in Brixton for refusing to raise the tax rates in accordance with an order from the London Council which had taken action to raise funds to care for the destitute. The arrest of the remainder of the Council members, some of them women, was expected to-day.

The Woolwich board of guardians was asked by a deputation of a monster demonstration to pay 25 shillings a week to each unemployed man and wife with an additional dole of eight shillings for each child. Demand was also made that rents should not be collected from men out of work. These demands were rejected by the board. Several men who had spent Wednesday night in a workhouse in Hackney refused to leave in the morning. They were arrested and later sentenced to a week's imprisonment. Belief was expressed today that a royal commission would be created for the purpose of conducting an inquiry into the question of taxes and the equalization of rates for the relief of the poor.

ORGANIZED BY COMMUNISTS.

Without doubt the unemployed in some of the London districts are thoroughly organized by the Communists' leaders, and there has been little attempt at suppression of the latter by the authorities. However, while many of the leaders and of the rank and file begin the day very truculently, they generally calm off towards nightfall. For example, one meeting of unemployed resolved to enter a workhouse forthwith in a body, the idea being that it would cause the authorities more expense than if outdoor relief was demanded. Their ardor, however, was suddenly dampened when the chairman

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MILLION WOMEN TO CAST BALLOTS

All Entitled To Vote In Federal Election.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—Women of Canada will be out in full voting strength on Dominion election day, when, according to an unofficial estimate, more than 1,250,000 will be entitled to cast their ballots. The same estimate gives the total voting strength of both sexes at some 3,000,000.

At the last Dominion election approximately 2,000,000 votes were cast and of these some 232,000 were soldier votes. The deficiency between the voting strengths of 1917 and 1921 is accounted for by the fact that in 1917 some 30 constituencies were carried by acclamation and also by the fact that more women will be voting this year.

BURGLARS ENTER SWIFT HOME, RIDOUT STREET

Burglars some time during last night entered the residence of Sidney D. Swift, vice-president of Greene-Swift, Limited, at 153 Ridout street south. The family are out of the city and consequently it is not known what articles were stolen from the house. Entrance was obtained by way of a cellar window.

DETERMINE STATUS OF NONRESIDENT PUPILS

Inspector Edwards Searching School Laws to Get Information.

Senior Inspector C. B. Edwards is conning the school laws to-day in an effort to determine what the regulations state in reference to the attendance of non-resident pupils in the city schools. One clause of the act states that any non-resident who owns property in the city on which the assessment is equal to the average assessment in the city may send his children to the city schools on equal terms with resident pupils. But the trouble is to determine just what the average assessment is.

Information received at the assessment office is to the effect that the average assessment in this instance would probably refer to residential property. According to some, the average residential assessment is approximately $1,200. If this is the correct interpretation no non-resident who does not own property assessed at $1,200 or more will be entitled to send children to the city schools free.

GEN. WOOD ACCEPTS POST IN PHILIPPINES

MANILLA, Sept. 2.—Major-General Leonard Wood to-day announced his acceptance of the post of governor-general of the Philippines, tendered to him by President Harding.

RIDOUT GIRLS WIN.

Ridout Street Methodist Church Girls' baseball team defeated the Robinson Memorial nine by 11 to 7 on Thursday. Hyde Park will play the Robinson Memorial team to-morrow at Broughdale.

CAPT. E. LLOYD JANNEY, Toronto aviator, who has been on a hunger strike in Lethbridge jail for 25 days. He went overseas with the 1st Contingent and is a native of Galt.

TAKE VOTE ON MOTOR BUSSES

By-Law Will Probably Be Submitted In December.

TRACK CARS DOOMED?

City Entitled To Seven Miles More Car Tracks.

A small fleet of motor busses may be operating on the streets of London within a few months as the first step in the solution of the transportation problem of the city. The busses will be under municipal control and operation and will be placed in those districts which are not now adequately served by the London Street Railway Company. It is expected that a by-law authorizing the City Council to purchase the busses will be placed before the ratepayers in the December municipal elections.

In connection with the question it is pointed out that the city is now entitled to nearly seven miles of street railway, in addition to the lines already used. According to the street railway by-law the city can demand one mile for each thousand of population over 35,000. As the official announcement gives the city a population of more than 60,000, the mileage of tracks is now 6.914 miles short of the total which this population could demand. The Council on a two-thirds vote could demand the company to extend its tracks to this amount.

USELESS TO MAKE EFFORT.

While the aldermen realize that they have this power under the by-law, they point out that it is useless to try to do anything when the franchise is so nearly expired. Thus it is probable nothing will be done to secure the additional tracks for the city.

"We could go ahead and cancel the franchise of the company," said Ald. Drake to-day. "But what good would that do us. We would be compelled to take over the road and equipment, and that is what we do not wish to do. The day of the electric street car is just about closed. The motor bus is the vehicle that will be used for urban transportation of the future. Within five years or so the ordinary street car as we know it, will be unknown, especially in the larger centers.

"Under these conditions the only wise step for this city to take is to inaugurate a few motor bus lines at once," continued Ald. Drake. "You will find this is what will be done. There are several well paved streets on which bus lines could be run to advantage now. One line could be operated on Waterloo street from the northerly city limits to Ottaway avenue. Another could be placed on Piccadilly street, thus making a belt line down Adelaide and north on Talbot street, and others could be operated on the Hamilton road to the easterly city limits. Then we could also put one on Egerton street now.

SOLVE PROBLEM.

"This would solve the transportation problem for the meantime," said Ald. Drake, further. "These bus routes with additional ones when necessary would serve the sections of the city that are not properly served by the street railway. Then at the expiration of the franchise the city would be in a good position to complete the bus system by installing a sufficient number of busses to do away with the street railway entirely."

Ald. Harley is in Toronto to-day trying to arrange for the motor bus which is showing at the Canadian National exhibition, to be brought to the Western Fair. It is expected that he will be successful in this.

THIEVES AT HYDE PARK.

Car Parts Stolen From Barn At Smith's General Store.

HYDE PARK, Sept. 2.—Thieves last evening broke into the barn of Mrs. E. Smith, proprietress of the general store, and removed the rims and tires from an automobile there. Tools were also stolen and a purse, containing $10, which had been left in the car, was also taken. There is no trace of the thieves. Constable William Bowman is making an investigation. Mrs. Smith suffered a similar loss by thefts a year ago.

Prophets Agree On December 15th As Election Date

TORONTO, Sept. 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—While the date of the general election for the Federal House will probably not be announced until after Premier Meighen has had ample opportunity to consult the other members of the Cabinet the general opinion here is that it will be about the middle of December. The prophets are nearly unanimous on Thursday, December 15, as the correct date.

MINISTRY TO LOSE AT LEAST FOUR MEMBERS

Reid, Doherty, Calder and Foster To Step Out For Younger Men.

NEW BLOOD SOUGHT BEFORE THE ELECTION

Multiplication of Parties In the Coming Contest Is Predicted.

OTTAWA, Sept. 2.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—With the return of the prime minister to Ottawa to-morrow the more serious preparations for elections will be begun. Much work has to be done. Primarily, stands Cabinet reorganization. Expected some months ago that the prime minister will now take advantage of the opportunity and go to the country on a finally reorganized ministry.

The changes will probably mean the resignations of Sir George Foster, Hon. J. D. Reid, Hon. C. J. Doherty and Hon. J. A. Calder, with possibly one or two others. Younger men will no doubt be brought in. And it is possible that the prime minister will seek new blood for his Cabinet outside the present members of Parliament. The announcement of an election has let loose a flood of rumors. The prime minister's emphasis in his London speech on the issue of protection and free trade is taken, in some quarters, to indicate that a new alignment of the older parties will be sought. Nor would some such outcome excite great surprise.

THE FISCAL ISSUE.

The strength of the Government's artillery obviously will be directed against the fiscal doctrines of the National Progressives. Such a campaign, it is expected among Government supporters, would secure a large proportion of the protection vote in the East. But the campaign is only at its initial stage and none profess to guess where its development may lead.

From present indications candidates will be representatives not only of the four parties officially in the field, but of almost every conceivable points of view. There are Independents innumerable, and women candidates, as well as the women's vote, may play a not inconsiderable part.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, will campaign in the Maritime Provinces during the last week of September and the first week of October.

PREMIER IS AT TORONTO TO-DAY

Guest of Honor At Luncheon of Exhibition Directors.

SUPPORTERS TO MEET.

Leaders To Gather At Toronto For Conference.

TORONTO, Sept. 2.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, prime minister of Canada, reached this city this morning, with his party, following his momentous announcement last night in London regarding dissolution of Parliament and a general election in Canada before the new year. Premier Meighen was the guest of honor at the directors' luncheon of the Canadian National Exhibition this afternoon.

It is "Press Day," but in addition to representative newspaper men of the daily, weekly and trade papers of the province, Mr. Meighen's auditors, on the occasion of his first address since the election announcement, included prominent manufacturers, farmers, labor men and professional men.

It is understood that there will be a conference of the leaders of the forces supporting the National Liberal and Conservative Government in Toronto to-night.

In the afternoon Mr. Meighen gave an extended address from the main bandstand, using as the subject of his speech "The Imperial Conference." He described the work that the premiers of the dominions did at the conference in London recently.

SNIPERS MAKE TARGETS OF BOYS

Two Meet Death At Hands of Belfast Rioters.

DEATH ROLL NOW 18.

Lads Who Climb Fence To Look Are Victims.

BELFAST, Sept. 2.—James Johnson, aged 14, died at a hospital here this morning from wounds received during street fighting here. His death, with that of Walter Campbell, who died last night, brings the death roll of the disorders in the City of Belfast since Monday up to 18.

Johnson and Campbell were members of a group of five boys who climbed a wall to watch the shooting. They became targets for snipers, one of their companions being killed instantly. It was a curious case of mistaken identity in connection with young Johnson. While he was lying unconscious in a hospital three different families claimed him as a member. One man was sure the patient was his son until he took Johnson's clothes home with him only to find his boy seated by the fire side.