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BALDWIN TO BE PREMIER BY RECORD MAJORITY

King Appeals For Canadian Progressive-Liberal Party

BRITISH VOTERS PUT CONSERVATIVES IN POWER BY STRONGEST MAJORITY GIVEN ANY PARTY IN LAST CENTURY

Sweeping Political Change Puts Liberal Forces at Bottom of List.

MANY SURPRISES

Premier MacDonald, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, Others Among Winners.

LABOR AS OPPOSITION

Many Former Canadians, Including Col. Hamilton Gault, Win Conservative Seats.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—The people of Great Britain have put a crushing end to their first experiment with a Labor government by returning the Conservative party to power in parliament with one of the strongest majorities recorded during the last century.

In this sweeping political change, the Liberal party has sunk to the weakest position it has experienced since the realignment of British political parties more than 90 years ago at the time of the reform bill.

With 585 out of the 615 seats in the House of Commons accounted for at 5 o'clock this afternoon, the Liberals had won only 40 and the Conservatives had already captured 384 and were increasing their lead constantly as the returns came in from the country districts. Labor had won 140 seats and was thus assured of being the official opposition party in the new parliament.

Within the next half hour, the returns showed that the Conservatives had gained more seats. Even if the Conservatives should lose all of these remaining seats they would have the largest majority in history.

In fact the ultimate majority bids fair to be the greatest the Conservative party has ever enjoyed in all its long life. Unlike the Labor government which has just fallen, the Conservatives will be able to rule as well as govern, and perhaps thus stay fixed in the governmental saddle for the full legal parliamentary lifetime of five years if they want to, so strong was the tide that has carried them to triumph.

BRITAIN'S PRIME MINISTER-ELECT.

Stanley Baldwin, former British premier, who goes back as head of the new Conservative government elected yesterday. Baldwin was returned by acclamation in the Bewdley riding of Worcestershire. He will assume his old position, intent on carrying out policies he had formulated and put into effect at the time of his government's defeat.

LLOYD GEORGE RETURNED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Carnarvon, Wales, Oct. 30.—Former Premier David Lloyd George, Liberal, was re-elected to the House of Commons, polling 16,058 votes to 3,401 for his Labor opponent, Professor Zimmern.

CHURCHILL BACK AGAIN.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—Winston Churchill, contesting as a Constitutionalist candidate in the Epping division of Essex, was elected to the House of Commons.

Frank Hodges, civil lord of the admiralty in the MacDonald government, was defeated in the Litchfield division of Staffordshire by his Conservative opponent, R. R. Wilson, who polled 14,588 to 12,512 for the Labor member.

Lady Terrington, Liberal candidate for the Wycombe division of Buckinghamshire, was defeated by General Sir A. C. Knox, Conservative. She polled 12,526 and General Knox 20,820.

Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer in the MacDonald cabinet, retained his seat as member for the Colne Valley division of the west riding of Yorkshire.

The Duchess of Atholl was re-elected for the Kinross and western division of Perth and Kinross.

"WINDERMERE" WINS.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—Percy A. Hurd, Conservative, well known in Canada as a newspaper correspondent under the pseudonym of "Windermere," a former member of the British house of commons, won in the Devizes division of Wiltshire from E. Macfadyn, the Liberal member in the last parliament. Mr. Hurd's victory, which was a noted gain for Conservatism, was won by a majority of 4,359.

COL. GAULT A WINNER.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—A notable victory in the election yesterday was that of Lieut.-Col. A. Hamilton Gault, Conservative, formerly of Montreal, who won the Taunton division of Somersetshire from the Liberal party. It was a three-cornered fight, in which the Liberal member in the last parliament, J. H. Simpson, sought re-election, and Rev. G. S. Woods did battle as a Labor candidate. The vote was as follows: Col. Hamilton Gault, Cons., 13,930; J. H. Simpson, Liberal, 10,381; Rev. G. S. Woods, Labor, 2,441.

This was Col. Gault's second attempt to win Taunton for Conservatism.

Col. Gault is noted as the organizer and commander of the famous "Princess Pats," which regiment was among the very earliest participants in the war and suffered severely in battle.

GEN. SEELY DEFEATED.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—Major-General J. E. B. Seely, commander of the Can-

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Latest Election Summary

Total Number of Seats	615
Seats Heard From	585

Standing of Parties

Conservatives	384
Labor Party	148
Liberals	40
Other Parties	14

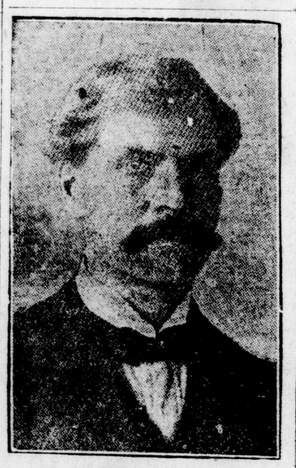
Gains and Losses

Conservatives Gain	143 Seats
Laborites Lose	40 Seats
Liberals Lose	104 Seats

At Dissolution

Conservatives	246
Laborites	187
Liberals	156
Others	25
Vacant Seats	1

PREMIER NOT AT ALL SORRY TO GET REST FROM TOUGH JOB



RAMSAY MACDONALD.

Labor premier of Great Britain, whose government has been badly defeated in the general election of yesterday. Premier MacDonald returned his own seat in parliament, defeating his Liberal opponent, Captain Williams in Aberavon division.

Ramsay MacDonald Declares He Doesn't Envy Problems That Conservatives Face.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cardiff, Wales, Oct. 30. — Prime Minister MacDonald, stopping here on his way to London, declared, in reply to calls for a speech, that defeat sometimes was the finest thing that could happen to any party. He asserted that with the present state of trade and general outlook, he did not envy the Conservatives their job.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Oct. 30.—Some observers see in yesterday's polling returns a strong indication to preference for the two-party system, which stood the test of centuries in this country.

With nearly 7,000,000 votes counted, the Laborites had polled only about 625,000 less ballots than the Conservatives, while the Liberals, who last year received almost as many votes as the Laborites, were far behind.

The decline of the Liberals thus far is believed, in some quarters, to foreshadow ultimate verification of the many recent predictions that this election would sound their death knell as a distinct party.

The severest blow for the Liberals was the defeat of Mr. Asquith, whose loss to the Laborite Mitchell in Paisley, broke the Liberal record of 92 years in that constituency.

POWER SEEN IN MERGER OF 2 BANKS

London Financial Head Believes Further Steps Will Be Taken.

CUT OVERHEAD

Small Banks Suffering From Costs—Find Step Is Profitable.

There is no doubt that the merger of the Bank of Montreal and the Molsons Bank will have a strengthening effect insofar as the shareholders of the affected banks are concerned, in the opinion of a leading financier of London today.

"The idea of joining forces is a good one if not carried too far. It might mean in the long run that one or two banks will be the outcome in Canada. The smaller banks are suffering from large overheads and smaller deposits. There is a tendency on the part of depositors to do business with the larger banks," he stated.

"The amalgamation of one of the largest banks and one of the strongest of the small ones makes a strong combination. This might cause another pair to decide on merging to meet the competition, lower their overhead and increase their resources."

Officials of the local branches of the banks said today that they had no communication from headquarters other than that the proposition would be placed before the shareholders for ratification. This would occupy some months, Manager W. J. Ambrose of the Bank of Montreal is in Toronto today.

When the deal is completed there will be a closing of some branches, where there are now branches of both banks operating as in the case of Alvinston, Ontario, where there is a branch of each bank. The staffs will be absorbed as a matter of course for the business will tend to increase if anything.

May Close.

In London it is probable that some of the branch buildings will be closed, one official pointing out that it would hardly be reasonable to think of two branches operating as near each other as the Malsons at market square and the Bank of Montreal on market square. One of these would likely be closed.

There are four branches of the Bank of Montreal, and one of the Molson in London. The former has 94 branches in Ontario, the latter 67. There are branches of both banks at the following 17 points in Ontario: London, Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Windsor, St. Thomas, Port Arthur, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Trenton, Meaford, Kingsville, Woodstock, Brockville, Belleville, Aylmer and Alvinston.

The Bank of Montreal has 409 branches in Canada, as follows: Alberta, 61; British Columbia, 45; Manitoba, 34; New Brunswick, 15; Nova Scotia, 15; Ontario, 94; Charlottetown, 1; Quebec, 80; Saskatchewan, 63; Yukon, 1.

Molsons Family.

The shares of the Molsons Bank are chiefly in the hands of the Molson family and relatives. There are but seven or eight shareholders in London. Approximately 200 shares of the Bank of Montreal are owned by Londoners. Most of the shareholders are women. The shares are divided among about 35 people, and are chiefly small blocks of seven to ten shares.

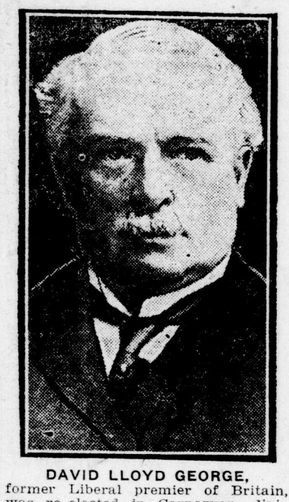
The following branches of the Bank of Montreal are located in Western Ontario: Ailsa Craig, Alvinston, Aylmer, Beachville, Bothwell, Brampton, Brantford, reslau, Chatham, Chatsworth, Chesley, Clarkson, Collingwood, Elora, Flesherton, Ford, Galt, Glencoe, Goderich, Granton, Guelph, Hamilton, Hanover, Hespeler, Holland Center, Holstein, Ingersoll, Kincardine, Kingsville, Kitchener, Komoka, Lawrence Station, Leamington, Lindsay, Listowel, London, Lucan, Markdale, Meaford, Midland, Mildmay, Mimico, Mitchell, Mount Forest, Muirkirk, Newbury, Orillia, Owen Sound, Paisley, Paris, Pelee Island, Port Lambton, Preston, St. George, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Sarnia, Stratford, Tara, Tavistock, Thamesville, Thorndale, Thoroid, Tilbury, Toronto, Tupperville, Walkerville, Walkerton, Wallaceburg, Waterford, Watford, West Lorne, Wheatley, Windsor, Woodstock.

Following are the points in Western Ontario where the Molsons Bank has branches: Alvinston, Amherstburg, Aylmer, Brucefield, Clinton, Coatsworth, Courtland, Delhi, Drumbo, Dutton, Exeter, Forest, Formosa, Glanworth, Harrow, Hensall, Highgate, Kingsville, Kitchener, Londesborough, London, Lucknow, Meaford, Merlin, New Germany, Norwich, Ottawa, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Ridgetown, Simcoe, St. Agatha, St. Marys, St. Thomas, Teeswater, Thedford, Waterloo, Windsor, Woodstock, Zurich.

PREMIER MONROE RE-ELECTED.

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Johns, Nfld., Oct. 30.—Premier Walter Monroe and Minister of Fisheries William Winsor were elected in the by-election in Bonavista division by twice the margin they obtained in the general election last June.



DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,

former Liberal premier of Britain, was re-elected in Carnarvon division, Wales, defeating the Labor candidate by a vote of 16,058 against 3,401.

LETHBRIDGE HAILS MACKENZIE KING

Premier Defends Liberal Administration Before a Packed Theatre.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lethbridge, Alta., Oct. 30.—Before an audience that packed the Majestic theatre to overflowing, Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King last night defended his administration, enunciated the principles of Liberalism and sounded a call for unity on the part of the Liberals and Progressives in combining to protect from Toryism and the forces of reaction, the policies of progress to which both groups are pledged.

An outstanding point in the premier's address was his reference to a union of the Liberals and the Progressives in the next general election, predicting a return to power of the Conservatives unless the split in the ranks of those holding to progressive thought in Canada is not bridged.

1924 BUILDING BELOW LAST YEAR'S RECORD

Dwelling House Permits Number 344 in Ten Months Compared to 512 in 1923.

During the first ten months of 1924 permits for erection of dwelling houses in London have totalled 344, with a total value of $1,117,285. Inspection of records at the city hall today showed that the same ten months last year brought in applications for 512 houses, with a total valuation of $1,755,830.

House building in the city has not fallen away this year in the same manner that buildings of the general office and industrial type have. Last year, with permits totalling over $3,000,000, was the greatest building year in the history of the city.

This year's figures show that the average value of houses erected is $3,250. Last year the average was $3,429. October this year is ahead of October of 1923, and with 46 permits for dwelling houses already issued and much other building going on October will be one of the best months of the year.

HOWARD PAYS RESPECTS TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Sir Esme Howard, the British ambassador, called at the White House yesterday to pay his respects to President Coolidge upon his return here from a summer's vacation. He presented J. A. M. Elder, the new commissioner for Australia to this country, and General Sir John Hambury-Williams, marshal of the diplomatic corps in London.

Commander Walter M. Marks, a member of parliament of Australia, also called on the president.

I.O.D.E. URGES MORE RIGID INSPECTION OF IMMIGRANTS

Danger Is Seen in Not Having Proper Mental Examination Made.

FAVOR BRITISH

Word "Foreign" Is Removed From Resolution on Immigration Stand.

A resolution asking for better selection and more rigid inspection of immigrants was the chief center of discussion at this morning's session of the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E., meeting in Wesley hall.

The resolution brought in originally by Mrs. C. E. Burden of Toronto contained the word, "foreign," to which exception was taken by a large number of the assembled delegates. As a result a heated discussion followed. It was pointed out that there was a large percentage of the foreign population of the country which was made up of good citizens. And that for this reason the word "foreign" should not be embodied in the resolution.

An amendment to the resolution as suggested by Mrs. A. F. Rutter of Toronto, finally carried, and reads as follows:

"That the Provincial Chapter, I. O. D. E., place itself on record as being in favor of better selection and more rigid inspection of immigrants at the port of entry."

This amendment was seconded by Mrs. Laing of Galt.

Follows Report.

The resolution followed Mrs. A. H. Malcolmson's report on child welfare work. In this report, Mrs. Malcolmson pointed out that there should be a better inspection of immigrants. She made the statement that a large percentage of Canada's feeble-minded was being imported into the country every year. The reason was that, although these incoming people were being inspected by medical officers they were not being subjected to the necessary mental examination.

The feeble-minded class was becoming a danger to the country, she said. And the only remedy was the establishment of proper institutions for their segregation, psychiatric examination in early childhood and better inspection of immigrants at the ports of entry.

"Can we as women of Canada put up with this state of affairs?" she asked.

In her report she mentioned the recent establishment of a home school near Bowmanville for the care of delinquents from the juvenile court, and pointed to the fact that the only woman member of that board was a member of the Provincial Chapter of the I. O. D. E., Mrs. Malcolmson, herself.

More British.

Miss Margaret Edwards of Hamilton, in speaking to the resolution, declared that the foreign-born population was a big problem. Should we not urge upon the government a preponderance of immigrants from the British Isles, she asked.

Reports given this morning included the report on immigration, written by Mrs. S. T. Creet, and given to the convention by Mrs. A. F. Rutter of Toronto, and a report on the Haileybury hospital by Mrs. W. R. Jackson of Toronto. The meeting passed a resolution brought in by Mrs. F. J. Greenaway of this city, that any surplus from the Haileybury appeal fund be kept in trust by the provincial chapter, to be used in further appeals from that hospital.

Mrs. Harry Burkholder of Hamilton was in the chair for the morning session, which was preceded by several conferences of the different departments.

LONDONER BAGS 70 DUCK NEAR WALPOLE ISLAND

H. S. Blackburn, local master, with offices in the county building, has just returned from a duck shooting trip to the island of St. Anne, near Walpole island.

Mr. Blackburn reports that the weather was anything but favorable for duck shooting, but managed to bag 70 ducks in his eight-day trip.

"Windy weather, with a dark sky, is what we wanted," said Mr. Blackburn, "but we had nothing but sunshine and still, warm days. We only had one day's good shooting in the marsh."

Mr. Blackburn was accompanied by Col. Morgan of London, and the Messrs. Clarkson of Toronto.

Swiss Law Claims a Life Breaking 22-Year Record

Associated Press Despatch.

Berne, Switzerland, Oct. 30.—The death penalty was inflicted yesterday in Switzerland for the first time in 22 years at Altdorf, capital of the canton of Uri, when Clement Bernet was guillotined for the murder of a young girl, who surprised him while in the act of burglary.

There is no official executioner in Uri, and the authorities had considerable difficulty in finding anyone to carry out the sentence. A train hand, who offered to do the job for 500 francs, was forbidden by the federal railroad management, when other employees threatened to strike if he were allowed to cast "discredit" upon them. At the last moment a mechanic was induced to pull the trigger, releasing the knife.

Bernet was the least concerned person at the execution. Becoming converted while in prison, he refused to appeal for commutation, and as he approached the scaffold he tore the black hood from his head, exclaiming: "My victim stared death in the face; it is but just that I do likewise."

W. G. RAYMOND, M.P.,

who addressed the I. O. D. E. provincial convention last night and spent today in London renewing acquaintances with many friends.

BUSINESS SLUMP CAUSES MERGER

Molsons Bank Shareholders Will Hear Actual Facts Tuesday Next.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Oct. 30.—The actual facts with respect to the condition of the Molsons Bank and the underlying reasons for its merger with the Bank of Montreal as announced last night, will be placed before the shareholders of the former institution at a meeting in the head office here next Monday afternoon, when, it was stated this morning, the whole situation would be clearly outlined.

It is understood that the general consequences of business depression and a considerable amount of non-liquid loans are believed to have played an important part in making the amalgamation advisable in order to afford the greatest degree of protection to the shareholders of the Molsons Bank.

WELLINGTON STREET WILL OPEN TONIGHT

Paving Plans Are Completed by Workmen This Morning.

Wellington street south will be opened up tonight from Horton street to the Thames river, permitting through traffic either way. The street has been closed or partially closed for negrly two months, while extensive paving operations were engaged in.

Four blocks of asphalt pavement, with islands in the center of each block, have been completed. The last few yards of paving were laid this morning, and the job completed at 11 o'clock. The asphalt will be sufficiently cooled to permit traffic tonight.

BELOVED PHILOSOPHER LAID TO REST IN APPIN

Friends From Far and Wide Attend Funeral of Peter McArthur.

A great Canadian poet, philosopher and novelist, Peter McArthur, who died at Victoria hospital Tuesday, was laid to rest this afternoon in a quaint village cemetery at Appin.

Funeral services, short but impressive, commenced at 2 o'clock at Mr. McArthur's home. In a plot at Eddie's cemetery, in which lie Mr. McArthur's father and mother, pioneer settlers of Ontario, the "Sage of Ekfrid," a maker of Canadian literature, was interred.

Many of his friends, some farm companions of his early childhood, came from all parts of the country to pay their last respects to a loved character and one who had made his mark in the literary world.

Rev. William Willans of St. John's Anglican church, of which Mr. McArthur was a member, conducted the services.

RUSSIA SUSPENDS PAPER MONEY.

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, Oct. 30.—The central executive council has decided to suspend the issuance of paper money.

MATTHEWS BAPTISTS' PRESIDENT

Shields Is Elected to Board of Governors of McMaster University.

LONDONER CHOSEN

Dr. Bowley Green Is Elected Vice-President of the Convention.

George Matthews of Toronto was elected to serve his second term as president of the Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec at this morning's session.

The five men elected to the board of governors of McMaster university, which included Dr. T. T. Shields of Toronto, were George Matthews, J. N. Shenstone, H. L. Stark and Gordon Edwards.

Dr. Shields, in nominating Mr. Matthews as president, stated that in view of the settlement reached at last night's meeting he proposed a change in the customary use of the convention of having a layman succeed a pastor in the presidency, and would strongly recommend Mr. Matthews for his second term.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I nominate him for the office," said Dr. Shields. "It may be a change from our customary procedure, but I am sure that it is justified and will meet the wishes of the convention."

Fifth Man.

In the election of the board of governors, the result given out officially today substantiates the list given in the Advertiser this morning, as being the probable new members. Gordon Edwards was elected as the fifth man to fill in a vacancy, and his election was secured on the motion of Dr. G. T. Webb, by the secretary casting a ballot. Mr. Edwards had not the sufficient number of votes to qualify in the usual way.

President Matthews, though he at first declined office, was at length persuadde to accept, and in doing so, expressed the fervent wish that every member of the convention would start afresh with a larger vision of life.

"I am prepared to do my part in the office of president, if I can be of any service to the convention," he said.

Dr. Bowley Green of Talbot street Baptist church, London, was elected first vice-president of the convention, and Gordon Edwards of Ottawa the second vice-president.

Annual reports of the Christian stewardship committee and the church edifice board were considered at the morning session.

Dr. C. C. McLaurin of the western missions and Principal Sweet of Brandon college made an appeal for an increase in the annual contributions to the work of the church in the west. Dr. McLaurin stated the annual need of the western missions as $24,000, and hoped that the churches in the east would see their way clear in the future to meet this requirement.

Rev. W. W. McMaster, Rev. C. H. Schutt and Rev. W. E. Hodgson were

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today — Fresh east to southeast winds; fair.

Friday—Strong southeast to south winds; partly cloudy and quite mild.

Pressure has increased over the St. Lawrence valley and Atlantic coast, while a deep depression is moving northeastward across South Dakota.

The weather has been mostly fair from Manitoba to the maritime provinces, and unsettled with showers in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Snow is falling in the vicinity of Edmonton.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	52	42	Fair
Calgary	44	30	Cloudy
Winnipeg	54	46	Cloudy
Port Arthur	52	48	Cloudy
Parry Sound	60	36	Clear
Toronto	54	38	Fair
Kingston	56	34	Fair
Ottawa	56	28	Fair
Montreal	50	30	Clear
Quebec	40	30	Clear
Father Point	38	14	Clear
St. John	44	28	Clear
Halifax	48	32	Cl

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 60; lowest, [illegible]

The official temperature for 12 hours previous to 6 [illegible] were: Highest, 50; [illegible]

Barometer

Wednesday—[illegible]

Today—8 p.[illegible]