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WEEK'S EVENTS IN REVIEW

THE FEDERAL ELECTION: The Liberal Government headed by Prime Minister Louis S. St. Laurent was returned to power in the federal election held on August 10.

In the election results announced on August 12, which, due to close votes in some ridings are still subject to revision, the Government had won 171 of the 265 seats in the House of Commons, the Progressive Conservative party led by Mr. George Drew had won 50, the C.C.F. Party under Mr. M.J. Coldwell, 23, the Social Credit Party under Mr. Solon Low, 15, with the balance taken by Independents 3, Independent Labour 2, and Liberal Labour 1.

The Communist, or Labour Progressive Party, with 100 candidates, did not win or come close to victory in a single riding. All 100 lost their election deposits.

Although the 171 seats reported at this date to have been won by the Government were 22 fewer than the 193 won by the Liberals in the 1949 election, the result was held by the press to be a conclusive victory for the Liberals who have been in office for 18 years. This was the fifth successive election won by the Liberal Party, a record number of successive victories by any party in Canada.

Comparatively few seats changed hands in the nation-wide voting. Every member of the St. Laurent Cabinet was re-elected to his seat in the House of Commons. All sitting party leaders were returned by comfortable majorities in their respective ridings, Mr. St. Laurent by the largest margin in all Canada - nearly 20,000 - in Quebec East.

Three women were elected, the largest number ever to have been elected at one time to the House of Commons. They are, Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, PC, re-elected in Hamilton West; Mrs. Ann Shipley, Liberal, Timiskaming, and Miss Sybil Bennett, PC, Halton, Ont. Miss Margaret Aitken, PC, was reported defeated by only 36 votes in York-Humber and a recount was held to be likely in this riding.

Incomplete returns, 36,356 out of 40,575 polls, showed on August 12 that 48 per cent of the vote in the election went to the Liberals, 31 per cent to the Progressive Conservatives, 12 per cent to the C.C.F. and 9 per cent to the others.

On the basis of these incomplete returns the national vote totalled 5,230,469, as compared with 5,848,766 cast in the 1949 election when the Liberals obtained 50 per cent of them.

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