

WILCOX'S POLICY ADVOCATED

Conservation of National Resources Commission Declares For Studied and United Action.

Mr. Sifton Promises To Drop Party Politics in Work, and Earl Grey Applauds Idea.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 18.—The first annual meeting of the Canadian Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources opened this morning in the Carnegie Library, the events being addressed by Earl Grey and by the Chairman, M. Clifford Sifton.

After some preliminary observations Mr. Sifton said that a serious difficulty in the framing of the legislation was the fact that the provinces would look with jealousy upon a federal commission. To avoid this every care was taken to give the provinces the preponderating representation.

Referring to mining Mr. Sifton said that in 1905 the mineral production of Canada was valued at a half million dollars and in 1908 \$87,000,000. He drew attention to the wasteful methods practiced and to the urgent and immediate need of every effort being made to protect the health of the miners; the fatality record in mining accidents in Canada was one of the worst in the world.

He dealt at length with the questions of water, urging: 1—Methods of cultivation which tend to prevent rapid run off. 2—Preserving forest growth and forest cover which furnished the best possible reservoir.

Some remarks upon the importance of water powers Mr. Sifton said that the Dominion government is to pay toll to monopolies upon a continually growing unearned increment.

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UNIONISTS AGAIN SHOW HEELS TO OPPONENTS IN GREAT RACE FOR POWER

Conservatives in England's Big Political Fight Have Much the Better of Third Day's Voting, Making a Net Gain of Twelve Seats in the Forty-four Contested.

Col. J. E. B. Seely Under Secretary for the Colonies, and R. K. Couston Postmaster General, Among the Fallen—T. P. O'Connor Wins Out With Increased Majority.

London, Jan. 18.—The elections today resulted in the return of the following: Unionists 21; Liberals 19; Laborites 3; Nationalists 1.

Several of the Liberal losses, as on preceding days, were caused by three-cornered contests, the intervention of a Labor or Socialist candidate precluding the success of the government supporters.

Fourteen of the London boroughs returned eight Liberals and six Unionists, as compared with eleven Liberals and three Unionists in the last parliament. The Unionist gains include South-west, west; Mile End, a division of Tower Hamlets, where H. L. W. Lawson, manager of the Daily Telegraph, was elected.

Three members of the cabinet, Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, Sydney Charles Buxton, postmaster-general, and Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Education, retained their seats.

With the exception of North England, Scotland and the big manufacturing towns, the result of the polls shows a steady trend towards the Liberal policy of the Unionists, but, calculating returns thus far announced, the political oracles maintain that this will be insufficient to overcome the big Liberal majority obtained in 1905.

There will have to be a big turn-over however, before the government is put out. A Conservative estimate now places the Liberal-Labor majority over the Unionists at between eighty and ninety. This with a compact party would be a working majority, but with the unreliable Laborites, backed up by the Irish when it suited them, the government would have to go warily to avoid pit-falls.

VALLEY RAILWAY SCHEME ENDORSED

Col. McLean Authority for Statement That Ottawa Is Willing To Take Up With Scheme.

Approves Hazen Government's Proposition—Strong Resolution Passed at Gagetown.

Gagetown, Jan. 18.—Braving a storm of rain and sleet, unpleasant in the extreme, a large number of the electors of Queens and Sunbury counties, gathered in force in the Temperance Hall here tonight and unanimously endorsed the resolution pressing for the early construction of the St. John Valley Railway.

Mr. King declared that this bill differs in some respects from other countries, in that it is aimed at combines or mergers as such, but against the unfair exercise of combines, mergers or monopolies of the powers derived from that form of organization.

Two considerations governed him, the minister went on: 1—Let there be a minimum of interference with private business which is conducted fairly and properly.

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Portland, Me., Jan. 18.—Schooner Margie Turner reports that Jack Burke, a member of the crew, was hit by the main boom on Monday and knocked into the sea. A full effort to reach the man was made by men in a dory. Burke's home was at Cross Island, N. S. His age was 27 years.

REMARKABLE FLIGHT MADE BY PAULHAN

Famous French Aviator In Daring Cross Country Flight Covers 47 1-2 Miles—Will Receive \$10,000 Prize.

Aviation Field, Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 18.—Louis Paulhan, in his Farman biplane today, made what aviation experts regard as the most remarkable cross country flight in history.

After the flight he covered an estimated distance of 47 1/2 miles in one hour, two minutes, 42 4/5 seconds. He flew to Baldwin's with the wind in thirty minutes and came back against it in 33 minutes.

RECORD YET TO BE DECIDED UPON

CHAMPION OF STRIKERS ARRAIGNED IN COURT

Miss Millholland Assumes Charge Of Inciting Riot In Shirtwaist Strike—Magistrate Releases Prisoner.

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