

# SPECULATION AS TO CAUSES

## Eastern People Busily Reviewing Circumstances and Results of Thursday's Contest at the Polls

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—That popular post-election puzzle, "How did it happen?" has fascinated all Canada today.

"Reciprocity was repudiated," states an evening paper, in three inch type, with a cartoon below showing an archangel chiding the "destroyer" reciprocity with a cherub of victory.

Yesterday's victory was not a triumph for any political party, an editorial declares. "It was won by a patriotic coalition of Conservatives and Liberals, determined that the dream of a great imperialistic Canada should not be dispelled."

Another paper, displaying the severed heads of the eight deceased Laurier ministers, insists that the time had come for a change in government, lest the controlling party become entrenched in graft.

Fear of annexation and disagreement with the government's naval and transportation policies and anxiety lest the principle of independent national development be abandoned, were other causes assigned for the surprising changes which give the Borden Conservatives a majority of at least 48 in the new house of commons.

The Borden regime will be inaugurated with an even more completeness of power than is indicated by the mere statement of majority. Of the 122 Conservative seats, but one is held by a Nationalist. Henri Bourassa's appeal to the young French vote of Quebec failed to secure more than typically enthusiastic applause from the people who dearly love political campaigning. The elected Nationalist had no Conservative opponent in his district.

The names of the victorious leader and the defeated one have not been more on the popular tongue today than has been that of President Taft. What, if any effect the result will have on his political career, was much discussed. That his oft-quoted words, to which were assigned meanings he has said were unintended, have been some of the most potent weapons against reciprocity, is generally accepted. The "parting of the ways," as synonymous with the "severance of British ties," wrought much destruction to the Laurier forces.

**Stocks Stronger**  
Canadian milling and industrial stocks were generally stronger, with considerable price gains in several instances.

The tables showing the vote by province afforded an interesting study for the politicians. It was noticed that the Conservative gains in the maritime provinces were seven to the government's three. In the grain-growing and western provinces the government increased its representation but by one, while the opposition secured four seats.

The two most populous provinces showed the most serious government disaffection. The opposition won 23 to the government's two in Ontario and 14 to 4 in Quebec.

The deferred elections in four districts are expected to result in four Conservative gains, experience showing that under such conditions a majority of the electorate prefer to have their representative seated on the side of the party in power.

The Borden party will soon take up the reigns of government. That Sir Wilfrid Laurier will allow no technicalities to delay the opening of the twelfth parliament is certain. It is expected that he will retire at the earliest moment, consistent with the proper arrangement of the large affairs which have so long been under his control.

The Liberal organs describe the Premier's defeat as the "short of a national calamity." The Montreal Herald tonight says:

"Even in defeat Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes a splendid figure. His prestige will be forever associated in the minds of Canadians with Canada's golden age; he leaves office with his great reputation unimpaired. He could not have lost power in circumstances more honorable."

**Cabinet Speculation**  
OTTAWA, Sept. 22.—R. L. Borden, the victorious Conservative leader, is expected here on Sunday to receive the governor general's summons and to begin cabinet making. The Ottawa Journal, which is regarded as close to Mr. Borden, makes the following forecast of a new cabinet:

Prime minister—R. L. Borden.  
Trade and commerce—H. E. Ames or Sir M. Bowell.  
Secretary of state—Hon. L. P. Pelletier or H. B. Ames.  
Minister of Justice—T. W. Crothers or Judge Doherty.

Marine—Dr. Reid or A. S. Godevee.  
Postmaster-general—J. D. Hazen or Dr. Schaffner.  
Agriculture—A. Broder or R. S. Lake.  
Public works—Hon. R. McBride or John Stanford.

Finance—G. M. Perley or E. B. Osler.  
Railways and canals—E. B. Osler or H. B. Ames.  
Interior—C. A. McGrath or Hon. McBride.  
Military—Lieut. Col. Hughes or Major Sharpe.  
Customs—Hon. G. E. Foster.  
Lainad revenue—R. Forget or Dr. Reid.  
Labor—Judge Doherty or J. Stanford.  
Solicitor general—O. S. Crockett or N. Rhodes.

## DIVERS RECOVER THE RAMONA TREASURE

Million Taken From Wrecked Steamer Being Brought South on the Humboldt

Bringing the treasure cargo of the wrecked steamer Ramona, 1160,000 in gold and part of the 1300,000 value salmon cargo, the steamer Humboldt is on the way from Ketchikan to Seattle. Also aboard the Humboldt are Capt. E. L. McNoble, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, and E. J. Gagnereux, of the San Francisco board of marine underwriters, and three divers who went into the hold of the wrecked vessel and recovered the treasure cargo and part of her salmon shipments.

Of the steamer's 8,000 cases of canned salmon, only 750 were saved. Soon after the Ramona went ashore she listed suddenly in heavy seas and a large part of her salmon cargo crashed through her deck and was lost. A part of the vessel's mails was recovered, but none of the baggage of the passengers.

The Ramona is lying in an exposed position and is breaking up rapidly. Her house has been swept away and the vessel broken in two amidships. The steamer will be a total loss.

## NEW VESSEL FOR UNION STEAMSHIP LINE

Chaloin Will Leave Belfast in a Few Days to Enter Northern B. C. Coasting Trade

Mr. J. H. Welford, head of the big shipping firm of J. H. Welford & Co., Limited, of Liverpool, is at Vancouver. His firm operates the Gulf Transport line, running to Colveston and New Orleans, and a number of steamers which ply between New York and the Argentine. They are also interested in the Union Steamship company of Vancouver.

Mr. Welford is making his usual last visit to Vancouver in connection with the general business of his company. He states that a fine twin screw steamer, named the Chaloin, has just been completed at Belfast. This boat is leaving England in a day or two for Vancouver and will be a well appreciated addition to the Union Steamship company's popular line of steamers running from this port. The new boat is something on the lines of the Camoun, now in service.

## ALASKA EARTHQUAKE

Shock Felt in Prince William Sound Country Severs Cable Connections—Registered on Seismographs

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—A strong earthquake shock was felt in the Prince William sound country of Alaska tonight, but its extent cannot be learned because the earthquake severed the cable connection between Sitka and the locality. The operator at Valdez was sending a message to Seattle when the cable developed a fault and he was obliged to leave the office as the earthquake was responsible. Communication was lost a few minutes later.

The seismograph at the University of Washington showed a record of an Alaska earthquake beginning at 9:07 last night and continuing 83 minutes. The quake was strongest at 9:02. The shock came from the north and extended in northerly and southerly direction. The earthquake severed the cable between Sitka and the locality. The operator at Valdez was sending a message to Seattle when the cable developed a fault and he was obliged to leave the office as the earthquake was responsible. Communication was lost a few minutes later.

The seismograph at the University of California here registered a slight earthquake shock last night. The center of disturbance was about 2,000 miles distant but the direction was not indicated by the record.

## DRINK IN LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The year's record of drunkenness in London makes an unenviable exception of the general decrease which has occurred all over the country, the metropolitan police district is a notable exception with a total of 48,477 convictions, which represent an increase of 7.31 per cent.

The downward movement in convictions for drunkenness, which has been in progress for some time," says the report, "continued during last year, but at a slower pace than was observed in 1909. There were 169,992 convictions, as compared with 169,518 in the previous year.

The convictions of females for drunkenness did not decrease at the rapid rate of 1909. The decrease in the actual number of convictions in 1910 was 2,451, as against 4,264 in 1909. As regards the convictions for drunkenness in proportion to the population, the report states that in the year 1910 there were 49 persons convicted for every 10,000 persons in England and Wales.

## NEW ZEALAND CENSUS

Increase of Dominion's Population Not So Large as Was Expected—North Island Gains

The complete returns of the census for New Zealand do not reveal as large an increase in the population as was looked for. They show the total population of the Dominion to be 1,007,811, an increase of 119,232 over the total shown in the census of 1906, the percentage of increase during the five years being 13.4, as compared with 14.99 during the previous quinquennium. The north island has shown greater progress, its gain being 87,100, as against 32,132 for the south island. For many years the south island had a large preponderance over the north, but latterly the scale has been turned

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## PRINCESS ALICE LEAVES ENGLAND

New C. P. R. Liner Sailed from Newcastle-on-Tyne Yesterday en Route to Victoria via the Horn

The steamer Princess Alice built by Swan Hunter & Wigham Richardson at Newcastle-on-Tyne for the C. P. R. left Newcastle en route to Victoria yesterday by the C. P. R. office at Victoria. The Princess Alice is being brought out by Capt. A. Lindgren, who is married to the sister of her sister Princess Adelaide on the voyage to this city. It is expected that the new steamer will reach this port about the end of November and after being renovated and her furnishings gone over she will be placed in service on the Victoria-Vancouver route on a schedule alternating with that of her sister liner, leaving Vancouver at midnight and Victoria at 10 p. m. with the Princess Adelaide in service together with the Princess Adelaide on the direct route between Victoria and Vancouver and the steamers Princess Victoria and Princess Charlotte on the Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle route via the service from Victoria to mainland will be a good one, there being three sailings each way between Victoria and Vancouver.

The Princess Alice on her trials held a few days ago maintained a speed of 17 1/2 knots, which was made by the Princess Adelaide both with oil and with coal. The steamer is equipped with oil burners, but will make the voyage out burning coal. The new steamer is practically a duplicate of the Princess Adelaide, although a few minor changes have been made, several improvements being provided in her accommodation and equipment.

## VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE SHOOK AT YAKUTAT

Admiral Sampson Brings News From Alaska of Southern Disturbances in Northern Territory

SEATTLE, Sept. 22.—The story of a violent earthquake at Yakutat, Alaska, was brought here yesterday by the Hner Admiral Sampson, which arrived from Valdez. The shock which was powerful and lasted for several minutes, was felt the day before the Admiral Sampson reached port. As the few buildings at Yakutat are all lightly constructed, no serious damage was done, although the natives were rather shaken up and badly frightened.

Poll statistics shows that at the same time when the tremor was felt at Yakutat an earthquake was shaking the corners off buildings in Iquique, Chile, and Mount Etna broke forth into violent activity.

Alaskan volcanoes have been so quiet this year that the residents of Northern cities and towns are alarmed for fear they will break forth into one of those periods of violent activity which generally follow a long nap. With the exception of a slight eruption of Mount Pelee and a rumored upheaval of the Boqueron group, the Alaskan volcanoes have been ominously silent this year.

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In the other direction, and the north island has, roughly speaking, 120,000 more inhabitants than the south. The representation of the north island in the Dominion will continue to incline in favor of the former. As a redistribution of representation takes place after each census, it follows that the north will grow in political power. The representation commissioners are about to enter upon their work, and it is anticipated that on the present occasion there will be a gain of two members to the north island, while two electorates will be taken away from the south island.

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