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Editorial

THE BY-ELECTIONS

By-elections in Canada usually go in favor of the political party in power. The by-elections of the last two years show a different result. These elections have gone steadily against the Government.

In North Essex, Ontario, the Liberal majority was reduced from 795 as at the general election in 1921 to 1,072 in the by-election early last year. The Liberal vote was reduced by 3,726 while the Conservative vote was increased by 2,403.

In Cape Breton North and Victoria a little later, the Liberal vote was reduced from 7,399 to 4,839 while the opposition vote—there were two opposition candidates in the field—was increased from 4,060 to 5,867.

In Halifax City and County last December the Liberals suffered a smashing defeat. A majority of 5,141 was wiped out and the Conservative elected with a majority of 1,932. The Liberal vote fell off by 4,724 while the Conservative vote was larger by 2,349.

There was a similar result in Kent, where a Liberal majority of 1,523 at the general election was converted into a Conservative majority of 208. The Liberal vote fell off by 1,181 while the Conservative vote was larger by 543. If so many of the young people had not been obliged to leave the country it is believed Mr. Doucet's majority would have been much larger.

The two by-elections in Quebec last month resulted in tremendous reduced majorities for the Liberals, but the exact official figures are not available for comparison. In St. Antoine a Liberal majority of 3,800 was reduced to about 800 while in Kimouski a Liberal majority of over 5000 was reduced to less than 2000.

In Northumberland at the general election in 1921 the late Mr. Morrissey had a majority of 1,421; slightly less than a Liberal majority in Kent which was converted into a Conservative majority. In the by-election here today a similar result will take place and the Liberal majority of 1921 will be converted to a large Conservative majority for C.P. Hickey.

Since the Liberal defeats in Halifax and Kent the Government has been getting anxious, as shown by the presence of so many big guns in Northumberland. The electors of this fine county will be giving service to the Maritimes and to all Canada by doing as Halifax and Kent have done. The sooner the country is rid of the King-Copp incapables the sooner there will be a return of better times.

JUDGE BARRY IS NEW CHIEF JUSTICE KING'S BENCH DIV.

Judge J.H. Barry, of the King's Bench Division, New Brunswick has been appointed Chief Justice of New Brunswick in succession to Judge H.A. McKeown recently appointed Chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Louis Boyer, K.C. of Montreal has been appointed Judge of the Superior Court of Montreal in succession to Judge Thibault Kintret, who has been elevated to the Supreme Court of Canada.

TRICKS OF THE TIDE

As most people know, the tides are produced by two pairs of waves which travel around the earth daily, the greater pair produced by the pull of the moon, the smaller by the attraction of the sun.

So far, simple enough, and if the earth's surface was all water the tides would be perfectly regular. But no tidal wave can travel very far before it bumps against land, and the results are exceedingly complicated.

For instance, there is a strip of coast in the south of England which has double tides. These occur from Southampton to a little beyond Poole, and it is to this phenomenon that Southampton owes its position as one of the greatest seaports, for at nearly all times there is water to allow of the biggest ships coming in.

At Colombo in Ceylon, the same thing may be seen—four tides daily instead of two; but the oddest freak of all is at Papeete, one of the Society Islands in the South Pacific where high tide occurs always between twelve midday and two o'clock.

On our coasts the biggest tides are in Bristol Channel where at the mouth of the Avon the difference between ordinary high and low tide is 40 feet. At Chepstow, a little further up the Severn, it is 52 feet. This huge tide pouring up an ever-narrowing funnel causes the roaring wave called the Severn Bore.

The biggest tide in the world is in the Bay of Fundy where the extreme rise and fall differs by 70 feet. By Stoney Creek at the head of the bay, the tidal wave rushes at 0.61 miles an hour.

The smallest tide so far observed is Lake Superior. It does not rise more than 1½ inches.

AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT

John Paris, who stood several trials in St. John a few years ago for the murder of a little girl named Sadie McAuley near the Riverview Park, off Douglas avenue is in the limelight again. He appeared in the Halifax police court last week having been arrested at an early morning raid on a house in upper Water street, and charged with the violation of the Nova Scotia Temperance Act. Paris spent some time before in Halifax jail under a similar charge.

POPULAR COMPANY HERE THIS WEEK

The Young-Adams Co. with the genial and popular H. Wilnot Young as manager, arrived in town Wednesday afternoon and on Wednesday night played "Thumbs Down" to a crowded house in the Empress Theatre. On Thursday night they had another packed house when they played "The Veiled Woman." Friday night the Company played "Mary's Ank'le" Saturday afternoon "Maggie and Jiggs." Saturday night "S'manthly" Monday night "Nice People" and Tuesday night "St. Elmo" with a matinee Tuesday afternoon.

Here and There

The Earl of Leitrim, Irish peer, who has been touring Canada, was much struck with the resemblance between north-west Ireland and the maritime provinces, with their wooded hills, sandy beaches and plenitude of fish and game, as playgrounds for the tourist.

What is believed to be the largest salmon ever caught by hook and line in waters adjacent to Vancouver, B.C., was landed at Horseshoe Bay, Howe Sound, recently by A. C. Cohen. The fish measured four feet, one inch in length and weighed 64 pounds. It took 35 minutes to land it.

Irwin S. Cobb, the famous American humorist, has been hunting in the St. Maurice valley, served by Canadian Pacific lines. This is by no means his first trip to Canadian hunting and fishing centres, as he is a keen sportsman and has visited the wilds in Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Among the passengers landing at Quebec from the Canadian Pacific liner "Empress of Scotland," recently was Miss Margaret Bondfield, M.P., a member of the Cabinet of the Macdonald Government of Great Britain. Miss Bondfield is in Canada to study conditions as they affect female immigrants.

Some interesting facts were made public by E. J. Belleisle, superintendent of the fish and game department of the Province of Quebec, when in Montreal recently. The province is now teeming with wild life, he says, mainly because of its conservation policy, whereby preserves are rented to fish and game clubs on the understanding that they appoint wardens. There are 500 such clubs employing a total of over 1,000 wardens.

The Trans-Canada Limited, crack transcontinental express of the Canadian Pacific Railway, completed its last run of the season on September 17th, and will not be operated again until next May. The train, which is the fastest long-distance express in North America, covered 758,748 miles in the season, or three times the distance between the earth and the moon, in its 238 runs, and carried the equivalent of 95,000 passengers for varying distances.

The new wing of the Chateau Lake Louise, the Canadian Pacific Railway's hotel at Lake Louise, one of the choicest beauty spots in the Rockies, is now under construction to replace that portion destroyed by fire some months ago. It will be a nine-storey, fire-proof, steel-frame structure of stucco, brick and stone, richly furnished in the best style of a mountain hotel, and will contain 280 bedrooms, bringing the total in the hotel up to 390.

The hunt for fur is extending northward each year, according to officials of the Hudson's Bay Company and Revillon Freres. They have already despatched their steamers on their annual tour of the northern posts which each season are being located farther and farther north as the field of the pelt hunters is extended into the Arctic. The Hudson's Bay Company now has a numerous chain of posts in Baffinland and other areas north of Hudson Strait.

CHURCH BURNED

AT ROSAIVILLE

The Roman Catholic Church at Roserville, about 11 miles from Rogersville was totally destroyed, by fire on Monday last. The fire started in a nearby barn and on account of a favorable wind spread to the church. The movable contents of the church were nearly all saved but the loss on the sacred edifice would be \$25,000 or \$30,000. The church was under the pastorate of Rev. Father Sormany of Rogersville.

HE AIN'T GONNA

REIGN NO MORE

Kaiser Wilhelm is awaiting a call to the German throne and expects it shortly. This fact is made known by John R. Philip a Chicago lawyer who has returned to the U.S. after several months spent abroad. He met the former Emperor at Doorn, and at that time the Kaiser expressed the belief he would be called back to the throne.



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