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THE MEIGHENITES MUST GO.

It is pretty hard to find a sensible man these days who will predict the return of the Meighen Government to power on December 6th. The ubiquitous commercial men say that it has no chance and the Tory barnstormers big and little carefully omit in their speeches any predictions as to the result of the contest. In a recent number of MacLean's Magazine Mr. J. K. Munro, the parliamentary correspondent of the Tory Toronto Telegram, indulged in some prognostications on the political outlook. After pointing out that dyed-in-the-wool Tories throughout the country were not throwing their hats in the air over the personnel of the Meighen cabinet, he went on to say:

"Truth to tell, even among the closest friends and greatest admirers of the little lawyer from the Portage (Premier Meighen), there has been little of what might be called optimism. . . . Sitting down in cold blood and with a nicely-sharpened lead pencil you can't figure Hon. Arthur as anything except an also-ran. . . . Ontario sends only 82 members to the Federal House. To cut a real figure in the next Parliament the Government would have to carry practically them all; it can't be done. . . . How many seats will Meighen get in all this broad Dominion? That question was asked of a political reporter by a former Unionist Cabinet minister who keeps pretty closely in touch with the political situation. 'Whisper,' answered the reported, 'about forty.' 'That's what I've been figuring,' the minister whispered back, 'But I've been afraid to say it to anyone but myself.'"

Mr. Munro, who is a good Tory and a keen observer of things political, thinks that the government may carry from fifty to fifty-five seats and his estimate will not be generally looked upon as an extravagant one.

Along with Mr. Munro's opinion we have that of another eminent Tory in the person of Sir John Willison, former editor of the Toronto News and Canadian correspondent of the London Times. In a review of the political situation from his pen recently published in the Times he said:

"No one believes that the Government can carry the majority of the constituencies. . . . It is impossible to foretell what effect two months' active campaigning by the Government may have on public opinion but at the moment Mr. King seems likely to have a plurality over the other two groups, and if this is the result he will be called upon by the Governor-General to form an Administration."

In the province of Quebec four years ago the Tories elected three members out of sixty-five and they are not likely to do as well this time. Ontario sends eighty-two members to the Federal House and Premier Duffry says that the Progressives contingent from that province, all of whom are opponents of the government, will number at least forty-five. It is safe to assume that at the very outside the Meighenites will not get more than forty seats in Ontario. Then where are they going to get the remaining one hundred to make up a good working majority in the House. The consensus of opinion is that if they carry five seats in the maritime provinces they will be very lucky. The three western provinces elect forty-three members, and all that the government stands a chance of a chance of carrying can be counted on the fingers of one hand. There are thirteen members returned for British Columbia and the government may take a few of them, but if it does it will still

be a long ways out of the running. Elections are usually attended with some surprises, and it will probably be a mighty big surprise to even the members of the Meighen government if they should succeed in carrying more than fifty-five or sixty seats in this election in the whole Dominion.

With a new government coming into power the thoughtful and intelligent electors of York-Sunbury must see the folly of sending a man to Ottawa to sit in the cool shades of opposition. If they are wise in their day and generation they will get belted on to the power which is destined to rule Canada for the next five years by electing as their representative a man who will work in harmony with the incoming administration and strive earnestly to advance the interests of a great constituency which has been so sadly neglected in recent years. The issue is squarely up to the men and women of York-Sunbury.

It is said that Mr. Thomas A. Hartt, former member for Charlotte, attended the Tory convention at St. Stephen a few days ago with the understanding that he would be renominated for a third term. The convention turned him down cold and selected Mr. Watson Grimmer. Mr. Hartt pledged the candidate his support, and it is said immediately afterwards packed his grip and boarded the train for a two month's trip to Western Canada. Members of parliament, it may be explained have free transportation over the railways, and are able to hold on to this privilege for a time even though they are not seeking re-election.

It is almost time for Minister Baxter to get busy and fill that vacant New Brunswick senatorship. There are quite a number of anxious ones in this and other constituencies who are waiting to see which way the wind blows.

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THROUGH OUR SIFVE

October was beautiful enough to put away in a scrapbook of pleasant memories.

The trouble with bootleg whiskey, remarked the Thirsty one is that most of it appears to have been made out of bootlegs.

Articles are generally valued much less at second hand except affections that have been alienated a time or two.

Considering the rate of exchange, one wonders why Charles should make such a fuss over a crown.

Having learned that Foch smokes a pipe, what the country wants to know is what brand of tobacco he smokes.

October gone leaving only two more months of 1921. And before we know it the early robin will again be whistling on the tree tops.

The St. Joseph News Press says the season of the year has come when mother has about completed the annual revising amending and editing the family flannels.

Chinese soldiers having been ordered to cut off their queues, China seems to have taken the first step toward disarmament. For the queue makes a good hand hold when the fighters come to close quarters.

"Did you ever notice," asks the Maryville Democrat-Forum, "that the average man likes to have is said that his baby looks like him but gets most awfully mad if you tell him he looks like the baby."

The Dodge City Globe believes that those who feel the need of some word of optimism to brace them up may get the desired results quickest by listening to the selling arguments of some chap who has used a car he needs to sell at once.

A. H. Chipman of St. John is in the city.

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A Good Candidate.

Carleton Sentinel: In Col. Osborne, the candidate of the Liberal party in York-Sunbury, are combined all the elements entering into the domain of public life. He is able, affable, has a splendid war record and is a man whom all the people should delight to honor. He will receive votes from all political parties, and in the opinion of close observers will be the next representative of York-Sunbury.

Interscholastic Football Today.

Rothsay Collegiate School and Fredericton High School are playing this afternoon at the College Field in the last match of the Interscholastic Rugby League. The game is being played under most disagreeable weather conditions the same as the inter-collegiate game on Friday. There is snow on the field with a steady fall all day. Fortunately the snow has melted quite rapidly.

Big Game Hunters.

Messrs. Robert Jackson and V. Green of New York arrived in the city at noon yesterday and left this morning for Cain's River where they will hunt big game for ten days under the guidance of Mr. Robert Craig of Zionville. It is their first hunting trip to New Brunswick but Mr. Jackson has hunted big game in Alaska, Wyoming and South America. Mr. J. C. Pope, a Boston sportsman passed through the city yesterday en route to Cain's River on a hunting trip. Mr. Pope has been coming to New Brunswick for twenty years and regards himself as an old timer.

N. B. Birds Won

Mr. W. E. B. Tait of Dorchester who won the New Brunswick egg laying contest at the experimental station here also won honors for his birds at Ottawa. His pen was first among the thirty pens of the heavy breeds with 1834 eggs to their credit. A Nova Scotia pen which was among his competitors was beaten by more than 500. There were also in the competition pens from Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and the United States. A pen of White Leghorns from the Ontario Agricultural College won the contest with 2225 eggs to their credit. The best individual record by a Leghorn was 281, and one of Mr. Tait's birds was third with 259.

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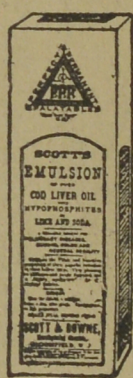
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