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Cut Important Figure**

Farmers Party in the Next House will Consist of Sixty Five Members—Will Not Likely Become an Official Opposition Group—Some Favor an Alliance With the Government.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Progressive members of parliament will find themselves of great importance in the next parliament. Conservatives are too dazed from their overwhelming defeat of last Tuesday, to have formed plans as yet, but before the results of the polling chastened their spirits, it had been intended to invite the Progressives to a tariff truce while uniting on a plank of national ownership of railways to defeat the Liberals who would have been represented as under the domination of Montreal interests. Hon. Mr. King defeated this plan in part by declaring in favor of government ownership having a fair trial, and Sir Lomer Gouin while not believing in private ownership as the best solution to the problem bows to the accepted fact. That fact will be made apparent. Your correspondent is in-

formed that Sir Lomer has been aware all along that no political combination could have carried a proposal to turn the government roads over to private ownership and that a coalition for that purpose would have very few adherents outside of Montreal island. Hon. Mr. King was never ignorant of the plans hatched in wealthy Conservative circles in Montreal to defeat the people's will in this particular. Sir Lomer Gouin also knew the views of his leader, and acceded to them. The only thing yet in doubt is whether Sir Lomer will agree to the early inclusion of the Grand Trunk Railway in the national system.

Some Progressives Oppose Meighen

Progressive members in the city today differed as to the wisdom of becoming the official opposition group. Some old members want former Premier Meighen, as he will be then, and

**DECLARATION PROCEEDINGS IN
ROYAL HAVE BEEN POSTPONED**

Hampton, Dec. 12.—No official pronouncement regarding the returns from the constituency of Royal in the recent federal election was made at the declaration day proceedings held today in the court house here, at which Sheriff S. A. McLeod, of Sussex, presided.

The failure of two deputy returning officers to enclose a statement of the vote polled in the ballot boxes which they returned made the results incomplete, and consequently the court was adjourned until Thursday afternoon at five o'clock when the two deputies will be asked to submit affidavits regarding the votes cast in their polling booths.

The official count of all but two of the polls gave George B. Jones, Conservative, 5,372; Dr. D. H. McAlister, Liberal, 5,266 and G. Harold Perkins, Progressive, 2,595. This gives Mr. Jones a majority of 106 over Dr. McAlister and if the unofficial returns for the two polls be accepted, Mr. Jones' majority is increased to 117. The official number of spoiled ballots so far is forty-eight, and that of rejected ballots, 54.

There is a possibility that a recount may be asked for, it was said here today. During the reading of the returns by Sheriff McLeod it developed that there had been several irregularities in the procedure adopted by some of the returning officers.

William Upton, deputy returning officer for No. 1 poll in Canning No. 10, Queens County, and F. Roach, deputy returning officers in No. 1 poll Studholm No. 14, Kings county, did not enclose the statements of the poll with their returns. William Dohaney, a deputy returning officer at Chipman mailed the poll book instead of enclosing it in the ballot box, as required by law. John Jamieson, a deputy returning officer at one of the Norton booths, reported sending twenty-five blank ballots to another booth for use there.

Official returns from all but one of the Canning polls in Queens County gave Dr. McAlister a majority of 243 over Mr. Jones, the figures being: Jones 1625, McAlister 1868, and Perkins 870. Unofficial returns from the Canning poll gave Mr. Jones 112, Dr. McAlister 118, and Mr. Perkins 8. If these figures prove correct, as it is felt they are, Dr. McAlister's majority in Queens would be 249.

The official returns from all but the Studholm poll in Kings county gave Mr. Jones 3,747; Dr. McAlister, 3,398, and Mr. Perkins, 1,725. This gives Mr. Jones a majority of 349 over Dr. McAlister and if the unofficial figures for the Studholm poll be taken, namely: Jones 67; McAlister, 50, and Perkins, 60, then Mr. Jones' majority over Dr. McAlister becomes 366 in Kings. This would make Mr. Jones' majority in the constituency 117.

The interest which has centred for several days around the result of the election in Royal was amply evidenced by the presence of large crowds at both the morning and afternoon sessions of the court. About 100 attended in the morning and fully twice that number were in the court room in the afternoon.

R. St. J. Freeze, of Sussex, acted as agent for Mr. Jones; A. E. Pearson and J. H. McFadden of Sussex, were present in the interests of Dr. McAlister, and W. Heber Huggard, of Norton, and P. J. Hughes of Fredericton, acted for Mr. Perkins. M. H. Parlee acted as official clerk to the returning officer.

his followers, exiled to the obscure Bureau, Ernest Lapointe and others. corner of the house where they were All are maintaining their own count- last session when he referred to the sel, and it becomes daily more evi- farmers as, "the party angularly op- dent that while many suggestions posite." They say that being the of- have been made everyone is cordial ficial opposition should not prevent in his willingness to abide by the them acting with the government choice of the leader. He has a free when the legislation suits them. Oth- hand, and there seems to be a general ers would prefer an independent po- confidence that the result will be in sition from which they could help or the highest degree acceptable to the oppose from principle rather than country.

from habit. Some Progressives favor an out and out alliance as soon as the new administration demonstrates its character and quality. They are not many in number, the majority preferring to retain a friendly yet critical watchfulness.

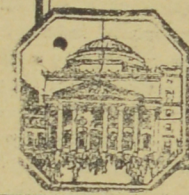
The premier had his first cabinet meeting today, and a few more meetings are expected before resignation.

Hon. Mr. King also had his first full day of interviews regarding cabinet positions. He saw Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, W. C. Kennedy, Hon. Jacques

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