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SOME ELECTION FIGURES

The recently announced returns of the federal election show that the Liberals polled 1,296,723 votes, the Conservatives 971,502, the Progressives 769,387 and the Independents \$4,232. The observation has also been made that while the Progressives, with a little over 200,000 fewer voters than the Conservatives, elected at least 15 fewer members, the inference being that logically the Conservatives should have more members. But an examination of the returns shows another side to the subject.

In endeavoring to arrive at an accurate conclusion as to the real strength of the parties, it is not the number of candidates elected that should be divided into the vote, but rather the number of candidates who went to the polls. There were 199 Liberal candidates, which means that the average vote polled by such candidates was 6,516. There were 160 Progressives in the field, making the average vote polled by them 4,708. The Conservative candidates numbered 212 which means that their average vote was 4,582.

From this it is clearly evident that the Liberals, insofar as the popular vote is concerned, have a long lead over the other parties. The returns also show that the average Progressive candidate polled stronger than the average Conservative.

This is also demonstrated by the figures showing the number of candidates who lost their deposits. Seventy Conservatives lost theirs, or approximately 33 per cent of the total. Forty-seven Progressives lost theirs, or 23 per cent, while 32 Liberal candidates or 16 per cent, dropped their \$200.

Taking into account the size of the constituencies and the difficulty in getting over them the returns indicate that the best work in getting out the vote was done in Saskatchewan. It is true that the percentage of votes polled to the total on the list in that province was only 69, or just equal to that in Quebec; but it must be taken into account that the latter has a very large urban vote which the Western province has not. In Manitoba 68 per cent of the vote was polled but taking Winnipeg into account, this was not nearly as good a showing as Saskatchewan made. Alberta polled 64 per cent. So in running elections it is quite plain that the West has little to learn from the East.

The returns convey the impression that the Liberals made a serious tactical mistake in not placing more candidates in the field in Ontario. There their 64 candidates polled 351,717 votes or 5,495 per man, or an average of only 140 less than the average Conservative candidate got. It may be that towards the end of the campaign the tide ran stronger in their favor than they had expected.

The strength of the Progressives on the prairies is to be seen in the fact that in Manitoba they polled 8,000 more votes than the Liberals and Conservatives combined; in Saskatchewan they polled 53,000 more and in Alberta 42,000 more. The Conservative polled about 16000 more votes than the Liberals in the prairie provinces. In Nova Scotia though the Progressives polled over 35000 votes, they did not elect a member, whereas the Liberals, with only four times as many votes elected 16.

A MIRAMICHI CASE.

Hon. Robert Murray, former provincial secretary, and the redoubtable Commodore Stewart are carrying on a vigorous and rather illuminating controversy in the Chatham papers. From perusal of letters and editorials which have thus far appeared it would seem that J. Willard Smith of St. John on the advice of the Commodore loaned \$900 to a lady on a property at Douglastown. The mortgage was drawn by Mr. Murray from a deed placed in his hands and it seems there was no search of the records. The upshot of the business was that after the mortgage had been recorded and the money paid over the discovery was made that the lady in question was not the owner of the property which she had pledged as security. Mr. Murray says he was not asked to make a search and did not do so. He says that the investment was made on the recommendation of the Commodore and that the latter collected \$10 from the mortgagor for his services in her behalf. Mr. Smith seems to have abandoned all hope of getting his money back and is apparently satisfied to allow the Commodore and Mr. Murray to fight it out on paper. He is apparently willing to charge his loss up to experience. In the meantime the Miramichi lady who negotiated the loan must be enjoying a quiet laugh over the easy manner in which she put one over on the other parties to the transaction.

Chicago girl has postponed her marriage for the fourth time in a year. Every time she swears by the motto, "She who hesitates is lost," she takes a peep at that other one, "Look before you leap."

It is confidently expected that the Genoa conference will bring about limitation of monetary armament and scrap the continental presses that are printing paper rubles, marks and liras.

In the matter of thrills, it would be hard to beat a newspaper reporter's assignment to the Irish border; and, naturally, every newspaper reporter would like to get the job.

The kidnapping of Unionists in Belfast proves that life is still worth living for Irishmen who love excitement.

Twins have been born to a Lock Haven Pa. couple and the father is out of work and broke. He's in two kinds of luck at one time.

New London, Conn., police carry white sticks. It is claimed for them that they are lighter even though they fall not less heavily.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

The sufferer from hiccoughs always resents the query, How do you get that way?

When the long skirt returns like a prodigal, it will just kill the fatted calf.

Cat whiskers dissolved in hydrochloric acid are said to be a cure for asthma. Pick your own wheeze.

Shortly after marriage a woman discovers that her husband has to have something to growl about so she ceases to pay attention to him.

Nothing startling in Voliva's statement that the earth is flat. It has always been flat to a few scattered minds.

Lima Beane says the druggist who used to put a colored globe in his window now lets the painted girls do his advertising.

What has happened to the old-fashioned man who never had a cross word with his wife in ten years of married life?

One end of a lovemaking telephone conversation is all any innocent bystander can keep on his stomach.

If we accept grandmother's philosophy, "But a fool on a horse and he will go full gallop," the movie people are doing no more than living up to tradition.

"Bootleg whiskey" remarked the Man on the Car, "it is necessary for the fellow who drinks it to have a bootjock with which to pull off his hot."

NOTICE

The Canadian National Railway is making provisions to handle expected rush of travel to Fredericton from Feb. 21st to 23rd, when the United Farmers Cooperative Limited meet. A large number of shareholders are expected from Woodstock and Centreville.

TAX PAYERS ATTENTION

Persons wishing to vote are again reminded that all outstanding taxes must be paid by Monday February 20th inst. in order that their names should be placed on the voters list.

G. R. PERKINS,
City Treasurer.

SHIP'S CLOCK
FOOLED BOSS

(New York Sun.)
The spirit of hiring ex-service men had reached the boss, who selected for an office position a young fellow recently discharged from the navy. Among other things the duties of the newcomer included errands getting information and many details that a busy executive frequently assigns to his assistants.

This day the boss made his own arrangements for a small trip and attempted to crowd three days work in a busy morning.

The newcomer was returning from lunch and met the boss who paused at the entrance of the office just long enough to inquire:

"What time is it?"
"Two bells sir," replied the ex-navy man absently.

"Good heavens, I didn't know it was so late. I have missed that 2 o'clock train."

"No sir, two bells is 1 o'clock. Your car still make it."

Bridge Party.
Mrs. Arthur M. Gibson entertained a number of friends very pleasantly at Bridge at her home in Waterloo Row last evening.

NOTICE OF
LEGISLATION

Public Notice is hereby given that application will be made by the City Council of the City of Fredericton at the next Session of the Legislative Assembly for the passage of an Act to enable to the said City Council to grant to the Chestnut Canoe Company Limited, exemption from all taxation, except school taxes, on its factory, plant, machinery and stock-in-trade, manufactured and unmanufactured for a period of twenty-one years from the first day of May next.
Dated this sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1922.
(Sgd.) G. R. PERKINS,
City Clerk.

PAYMENT OF
TAXES

For the convenience of those unable to come in the day time, the City Treasurer's office will be open for the payment of taxes on both Saturday and Monday evenings Feb. 18th and 20th from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock.
G. R. PERKINS,
City Treasurer.

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