

BALDWIN IS LIKELY TO RESIGN GOVERNMENT IN A MINORITY OF 84

ASKS BALDWIN TO RESIGN THE PREMIERSHIP

HIS PARTY IN A MINORITY

Electors of Old Country Stand by the Policy of Free Trade.

London, Dec. 7.—With the exception of a few seats in the Orkney and Shetland Islands and some of the universities, returns from which have not yet been received, the new House of Commons is now complete. At midnight the returns from yesterday's general elections showed the standing of the parties as follows:

Conservatives	259
Labor Party	185
Liberals	148
Other parties	10

Thus in the new House the government will be in the minority by 90 votes as against the combined opposition parties. These figures, however, may vary somewhat, according as different compilers regard members as belonging to one or another of the big parties.

It is understood that Premier Baldwin has summoned a meeting of the cabinet for Monday to consider the situation and that a meeting of the Conservative party to debate its next step, and possibly to elect a new leader to replace Mr. Baldwin, will be held in the course of the coming week as it is generally held that Mr. Baldwin, whose policy the country has rejected, will resign as Premier, in any case, owing to the unseating of several of the ministers (Ministers of Labor and Agriculture) reconstruction of the government is unavoidable unless, as seems extremely likely, the whole cabinet should resign with Mr. Baldwin.

Calls For Resignation.

The Evening Standard insists that Premier Baldwin "having appealed to Caesar and been rejected" has no alternative but to submit the resignation of his government.

Former Premier Asquith, leader of the reunited Liberal party, was greeted by a crowd upon his return to London tonight with shouts of "good old Asquith" and the singing of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Speaking from his motor car, Mr. Asquith said: "This election is one of the most discreditable—and what is the result? We have killed protection. Free trade is safe. Protection is dead, and buried."

In an interview on the election result, for Premier Lloyd George said: "The result had made it clear that trickery has ignominiously failed. The most gratifying, feature of the election is the rejection by the agricultural districts of the huge bribes offered them by the incorruptibles."

IMPORTED XMAS TREES GLUT MARKET

London, Dec. 8.—On the eve of the British general election, which has pivoted largely on protection against foreign goods, the Covent Garden "Christmas tree king" has issued a wall of protest at the approaching arrival of 60,000 German firs for England's Yuletide market.

The monarch of London's chief Christmas tree market, has been doing a flourishing business for twenty years, but this winter he cannot book a single order on account of the cheap German importations. Hundreds of laborers have grown 40,000 trees for Britain's Christmas, but these cannot be disposed of because the dealers expect to buy the same kind at half price. The appeal calls on the dock workers to refuse to unload the trees when the German ships arrive.

BIG SHIPMENT OF FIRE WATER FROM ST. PIERRE

Great Excitement Follows Arrival of a Mystery Ship at Jacquet River.

Jacquet River, Dec. 7.—The arrival of a smuggler craft in this vicinity with thousands of quarts of prime liquor for the Christmas trade the purloining of part of it, the firing of shots and the mysterious disappearance of a freight car, constitute an episode in real life here. Incidentally the schooner in all probability broke the record for late running in these latitudes and a dozen or more persons started in on a holiday celebration aforetime. Tonight revenue officers of the federal government were busy tracing what contraband was landed—about 11,000 quarts, valued at more than \$50,000—and the Canadian National Railway people were sending out enquiries, so it was reported for the missing car containing the 11,000 quarts except a few hundred that were stolen and a camouflage of pulp wood.

A mystery ship prorably from St. Pierre appeared off the coast in the night time and early in the morning is said to have unloaded part of her cargo, which later was hauled to a freight car that had been ordered for a pulp wood shipper. While the owner of the liquor, alleged to be one of the bootlegging kings of the upper St. John river having an enormous trade in the Aroostook and Madawaska regions, was temporarily absent from the car on the side track, thieves broke in and stole.

Owner Pulls a Gun.

Before the robbers could unload the car of all the spirits the owner arrived back. With a drawn revolver he ordered the gang to drop what liquor they carried. He fired on one or two who refused to comply but missed them either accidentally or intentionally. When the bootleg king took an inventory of his stock he found several hundred bottles missing. The sudden inebriation of several persons living near the village aroused the suspicions of an official who sent word to the Chatham headquarters of the internal revenue department. When the federal officers reached the side track several hours later they found that the car had been taken away presumably by some freight train.

Then it developed that the destination of the car with its liquor and pulpwood was in doubt, one C. N. R. employe saying that he thought it had been billed to Mont Joli, a divisional point over the Quebec border. A further investigation is said to have adduced evidence that the number of the car had been painted out on both sides. This made tracing it difficult, it is said and there was a report late tonight that the car of contraband did not go to Mont Joli at all but was rebilled somewhere to a point on or near the St. John river in the county of Madawaska. There the trail is being followed.

DR. STRAMBURG HELD FOR TRIAL

New Glasgow, N. S., Dec. 7.—Dr. Charles W. Stramburg of New Glasgow, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of four-year old Marian MacDonald who was killed a week ago when struck by a car driven by Dr. Stramburg was committed for trial today.

The only witness was Mrs. Lillian Fraser, an eye-witness of the tragedy who gave evidence concerning the path taken by the child in crossing the street. L. Doull counsel for the defence, maintained that the driver was unable to see the child owing to a fence obstructing his view of that section of the road where the child was crossing.

Premier Baldwin to Consult Colleagues During the Week End

Is Likely to Resign the Premiership as the Result of the Adverse Verdict at the Polls—To Pay Official Visit to His Majesty—Laborites Have Returned 193 Members to the New House.

(By Lloyd Allen, British United Press Staff Correspondent)

LONDON, December 8.—Prime Minister Baldwin will consult his colleagues of the Conservative party during this week end to determine when he shall present his resignation as chief of the Government. Resignation of the Baldwin cabinet was considered practically certain. The exact time the Conservative Government will step out however has not been determined.

TO VISIT HIS MAJESTY

Lord Stamfordham secretary to the King visited Downing street at 11.50 a. m. presumably to arrange for a visit by Premier Baldwin to His Majesty. The Conservative chieftains headed by the younger Lord Cave conferred with Baldwin earlier in the day. Ten minutes before noon the Laborite political headquarters issued a statement declaring that the party had elected 193 members of the new parliament. Labor chieftains will meet Monday to discuss the situation. It was contended that the standing of the new parliament would be approximately as follows: Conservatives, 259; Labor, 193; Liberals, 148; Others 2. Total, 602. The Government is in a minority of 84.

SPLIT SERVICE FOR VALLEY SUGGESTED TO OFFICIALS OF C. N. R.: CONFERENCE FRIDAY

A split service on the Valley Railway which would make the Fredericton-Centreville service independent of the Fredericton-St. John service, was suggested to the C. N. R. officials who attended the joint conference of the City Council and Board of Trade office Friday night. L. S. Brown, General Manager of the Atlantic Region of that railway and A. T. Weldon, Traffic Manager of the same portion of the system, with other officials were present. No definite assurance could be given by the railway representing but the suggestions received will be considered. The statement of the C. N. R. officials relative to the St. John-Quebec service which is to be discontinued is that it has been disappointing the business anticipated not being worked up. After it is discontinued there will be connection for Fredericton traffic at McGivney and the hours of departure will be made more convenient for Edmundston where there is prospect of working up a business.

Premier Veniot Interested.

Hon. P. J. Veniot premier of New Brunswick prior to leaving for his home in Bathurst last night interviewed Mr. Brown and other officials in their private car and pressed strongly for an adequate service on the Valley Railway.

The Proceedings.

After the party gathered at the Board of Trade Office last night the first speaker was Ald. R. L. Phillips who as chairman of the Transportation Committee of the Board of Trade had arranged the gathering. He said that the difficulties of C. N. R. operation were realized and no complaint had been made of such minor matters as the Stanley Branch service. But the St. John Valley was

a serious matter particularly that section east of Fredericton. The traffic over it should be compared with that between Hawshaw and Fredericton. He claimed that an adequate service east of Fredericton in time would work up a paying business.

J. T. Jennings dealt with the matter in a more general way touching particularly upon freight rates.

R. B. Hanson, M. P., was heard. He urged an adequate service and pointed out that curtailment in train service could be made with greater economy in other sections of Canada. He also touched upon other reasons of over-expenditures in railroad operation.

G. W. Hodge pointed out that the time of departure of the train for Centreville was too late the people patronizing the train reaching their homes late at night. He also suggested a split service the two sections of the Valley Railway east and west of Fredericton being operated independently and not as a through Centreville-St. John line.

Mayer Reid said that a delegation to back the matter up at headquarters in Montreal could be organized.

Col. W. J. Osborne also was heard urging that a better service than the proposed tri-weekly service east of Fredericton be provided.

The C. N. R. men entered into general discussion. Mr. Weldon quoted statistics of earnings showing that the Valley Railway service between Fredericton and St. John did not nearly meet expenses.

The conference ended with the C. N. R. officials promising consideration.

Mr. J. G. Douglass, merchant of Stanley is among the visitors to the city today.

DISAPPOINTMENT IN FRANCE OVER ELECTION RESULTS

Solving of Big Problems of the Day May be Delayed as a Result of New Standing.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

Paris, Dec. 8.—There is bitter disappointment in France over the results of the British elections with the exception of one section only of the population. The manufacturers who rejoice, in protection, otherwise the majority of Frenchmen and especially the government had hoped for the re-election of the Baldwin ministry with whom they believed they were more likely to negotiate a resumption of the entente, than with the Liberals. The present situation is that none of the big problems, including the Ruhr occupation, the appointment of a committee to study German capacity for payment and other matters can progress further until the re-assuming of parliament when it will be seen what is likely Labors' stand thereon.

Political authorities here are confident that there will be no difficulty in reaching an amicable understanding with British Labor. French manufacturers are looking for British cooperation on a plan to prevent dumping of goods by Germany.

AMHERST MAN LOST IN WOODS

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 8.—Searchers spent last night in the woods and about nine o'clock this morning the fire whistle sounded and extra searchers set out in an attempt to locate J. H. V. Moore of Amherst, who went out shooting yesterday afternoon in company with C. H. Watt, of this town. The two became separated and Watt started for the road. Watt raised the alarm when Moore failed to appear. About noon the searchers were relieved to learn that Mr. Moore had broken out of the woods at Little Forks a few miles the other side of Oxford none the worse for his enforced stay in the woods. (Mr. Moore travels for the Robb Engineering Company and is well known to millmen in this section.)

THE QUEBEC LIQUOR LAW

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The Quebec Liquor Act is unconstitutional, a person cannot be jailed in this province for selling liquor without a license, and hundreds prosecuted by the Quebec Liquor Commission are being imprisoned illegally, Lucine Gendron today told Judge Monet, arguing that the License Act of 1774, a British Imperial statute, passed in the reign of George III., still governs liquor-selling penalties in Quebec and exacts merely a fine of ten pounds sterling upon conviction.

Defence of A. Schacter and E. Greenberg, charged with selling liquor, furnished the occasion for the attacks on Quebec's liquor law.

More Water Than Needed.

St. John Globe: The heaviest rain fall since May 1 last was today reported concerning the precipitation on the Musquash during the storm which ended this morning. The total precipitation was 2.22 inches. The countryside is aflood and the water in both branches of Musquash were this morning reported to be rising very rapidly. All the storage dams are closed and the water problem has ceased to exist so much so that a new problem has to be faced—that of preventing a waste by the running of water over the dams at the headponds. This latest problem will be met by alternate operation of the East and West supplies with the storage areas kept closed.

BALDWIN ALONE TO BLAME FOR ELECTION RESULTS

NEWSPAPER COMMENT

Lord Rothmore and Lord Beaverbrook lay the Blame Upon the Premier's Shoulders.

(Special to the Daily Mail)

London, Dec. 8.—According to Lords Rothmore and Beaverbrook, Mr. Baldwin has himself to blame for the result of the election. Commenting on the returns the two leading journals of these publishers which it is claimed in some quarters has been so much to aid the Conservative disaster openly condemn the Premier.

Says the Express, "All the forces which through the rush of many years were accumulated by Bonar Law have been dissipated by his successor in six months. This overthrow is due to the stupidity and miscalculations of Mr. Baldwin and the little ring that surrounds and advises him." Says the Mail, "The entire responsibility for the disaster rests with Mr. Baldwin, beyond question the fatal policy of hostility to France with which he allowed Lord Curzon to identify the Government, was one of the principal causes of disaster."

INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT IN IMMIGRATION

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Immigration to Canada for the first seven months of the fiscal year shows an increase of 102 per cent. when compared with total figures for the corresponding period of 1922-23.

The statement shows that during the seven months 106,508 immigrants entered Canada as compared with 52,651 in the same time last year. British immigration increased 125 per cent., United States Immigration decreased 11 per cent., and immigration from other countries increased 230 per cent. British immigration during the seven months totalled 57,612 and immigration from the United States 14,900.

The month showing the heaviest increase in immigration from Great Britain was August—harvest labor from Great Britain being largely responsible.

MR. FIELDING MUST TAKE REST

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—It is reported on good authority that Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, who has been in ill health for some time, has been warned by his doctors that he must have a complete rest from Parliamentary duties for a year. It is thought that the preparation and bringing down in the House of another budget would be more than the veteran statesman would be able to stand in his present condition.

MAY TRY FOR IRISH DERBY

London, Dec. 8.—The Prince of Wales may visit Dublin in April and run a horse in the Punchestown races according to a dispatch to the Westminster Gazette from the Irish city. If the report proves true it will be the first visit of British royalty to Dublin in several years. The Prince has bought an Irish steeplechaser.

COLLEGE IN LUCK.

Edmonton, Dec. 7.—The University of Alberta announces today that it has received a grant of \$500,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the upkeep of the medicinal school.