

DEADLOCK IN THE MANITOBA HOUSE LIKELY TO RESULT FROM THE NEXT ELECTION

Winnipeg—Manitoba is due to have a general provincial election either this year or in 1932. If another session of the legislature is held, a matter which is still in doubt, a redistribution of seats is to be affected, and a committee of the legislature, sitting between sessions, is to present recommendations to that end. The outcome of the elections, decidedly uncertain before, will be still more uncertain if redistribution proposals recently made by Attorney-General Major are put into effect. These are that the membership of the house should be cut down from 55 to 35, that there should be only four single member constituencies; that the City of Winnipeg should elect 7 members instead of 9 as at present, or one-fifth of the Legislature instead of about one sixth as at present (its population being about one-half of that of the province, and that there should be eight rural constituencies only, each electing three members under the proportional representation plan by means of the single transferable vote.

Is Personal Government

Premier Bracken's Government is at the present time very much a personal government, for while originally formed as the result of forming a farmers' party, partly based on the United Farmers of Manitoba and partly on the Federal Progressive Party, there now exists no formal organization behind it outside of the legislature. The Conservative party is in direct opposition, and the Liberal party has varied from a position of informal alliance to that of more or less active criticism. But all efforts to bring about a formal alliance failed, and the Liberal party had decided to go into the next election with the intent of capturing the province on its own account. The Government's chances of surviving an election has been considered rather doubtful, because of the lack of organization, because of general conditions likely to be adverse to a Government at this time, and because of some definite sources of dissatisfaction. Chances would rather have favored the Conservative party as successors, unless a certain amount of resentment against the Federal Government could be turned against the provincial Conservatives. That party is better organized provincially than is the Liberal party, but the latter also saw a chance of success based upon combined dissatisfaction with the Provincial and with the Federal Government.

See No Majority

But the proposals for redistribution change matters entirely, and would seem to make it equally impossible for either a Conservative or a Liberal Government to replace the present administration, and also for

the present administration as such to succeed, although it might be followed by a reorganized government, headed either by Premier Bracken or by some one else who might succeed in forming a provincial administration with general support. The eight rural constituencies proposed, under proportional representation would be likely to return each a government supporter, a Liberal and a Conservative, with chances against any one of the parties obtaining more than eight supporters from the country. Winnipeg would give two Labor, two Conservatives and two Liberals, with the seventh seat to be determined. Out of the four single member constituencies the Conservatives might well secure two, from Brandon and Portage la Prairie, with chances rather favoring the Government in the two northern unorganized districts.

The redistribution proposals may have a hard time getting through the House. Both Conservatives and Liberals will see in them a proposal by which their hopes of obtaining control of the administration are effectually destroyed. For more of the government supporters, and probably too for some of the Cabinet adopting the proposals means political suicide. In fact there is no one in the legislature, except the premier himself and possibly one or two of his cabinet whose political fortunes can be advanced by adopting them. If they are adopted the Premier might be expected to reconstruct his cabinet before dissolution, to correspond with what he would expect it to be after the election. On the other hand if they seem likely to be rejected the premier might still reform the cabinet, and use at the base of his appeal securing a new and more economical administrative structure for the province, from which Dominion political parties would be definitely excluded. A third possibility is that the premier, considering it impossible to effect the planned redistribution before an election will not call the legislature together again, but will call an election, after first making some considerable reconstruction of his cabinet.

Whenever the election comes some considerable changes in the cabinet, are very likely, enough to indicate that it is not the old government appealing for a new lease of life, but a reconstructed government under Premier Bracken's leadership, attempting to meet new problems in a new way.

A Kirksville, Mo., dealer advertises "Fruit and Watermelons." Many will subscribe to this subtle distinction, having always felt that the watermelon is in reality a plumbing fixture.

AIRPLANES BEING USED TO ASSIST SWALLOWS IN FLIGHT

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

Precedent has to be taken into account even in the performance of acts of kindness. This should be remembered by the Viennese bird-lovers who have chartered airplanes to assist flocks of swallows in their annual southward migration. Storms, rains and early winter weather, it appears, have interfered with the travel plans of these birds by catching them unaware. They have descended upon Vienna in overwhelming numbers, begging for food and shelter. They are being caught, boxed and shipped to Venice by thousands in planes.

This is big-hearted. But has any one stopped to think what the reaction of the swallows is likely to be?

They may be temporarily grateful. It's a long hard fly from Vienna to Venice and points south. Any swallow would be a fool not to appreciate the advantages of nestling with folded wings in a nice warm box while engines and propellers do the work for which wings were designed. The birds should arrive at destination full of pep and ready to start right in with the daily task of rustling grub. But when spring comes, what then?

One can imagine that the bosses among the swallows will go around saying: "Well, boys, it's time to be thinking about packing your craws for the trip north. We've got a long, hard flight ahead of us." And grumblers among the underlings will retort: "Say, how do you get that way? We came down here on the Luft-hansa line, didn't we? Well, let the planes take us back. No more hard plugging for us. We hitch-hiked here, and we'll hitch-hike back."

That, at least, would be human nature, no matter what the birds may actually think and do. And suppose other migrants, observing the good fortune that has befallen the swallows, should insist upon transportation likewise? Suppose the American ducks and geese should decide that they wanted to migrate by airplane—where would the sportsmen get their innings? It would be unethical, not to say illegal to shoot down planes for the sake of getting the bag the migration season brings to the hunters. And there might not be planes enough for the service.

Aviation is a very good thing for those who need it. But one balks at the idea of a lion being carried around the country in a plane for advertising purposes, and doubts the wisdom of lending airplane wings to birds, and most particularly objects to the latest stunt records on this side of the ocean—the transportation of fish by air. That's unnatural. We have magnificent waterways by which any self-respecting fish can travel from Hudson Bay to the Straits of Magellan and from Atlantic City to the Golden Gate. We have also flying fish capable of taking all the air a member of the finny tribe is entitled to. But still we observe that fish are being transported through the clouds in Canada, and we hope it is only a temporary aberration.

Fish, birds and even lions should be taught to be self-reliant. If they can't travel in their respective natural style let 'em stay at home. They shouldn't be encouraged to resort to panhandling.

"LITTLE POKER FACE" ONLY THAT ON TENNIS COURTS

Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 3—Helen Wills Moody only wears her poker face when she is on the tennis court.

The mask of austerity she wears on the courts as she lams the tennis ball across the net may have warranted for Helen Wills Moody the title of "Little Poker Face." But with the end of the game the soubriquet by which she is hailed the world over becomes a misnomer.

For the young matron who wears so easily the crown of women's tennis champion of the world, saves her severe self-restraint for court use only.

This was revealed here when Mrs. Moody played in exhibition matches at the Detroit Tennis Club. She is a vital young person, altogether charming, easy to look at and modernly frank. She smiles a lot and talks a lot.

Playing All The Time

Of her game she talked at length. Some people thought she was now staging a comeback, she said, but it was only because she hadn't played in America.

"I've been playing all the time. I couldn't give it up and then make what they call a come-back. That's absurd."

She told of her early tennis days, when her dad, Dr. C. A. Wills, Berkeley surgeon, was her only teacher. She told of her first tournament at 14 and her first title, the women's junior national, at 15. (She said she thought the reason she had been so successful in tennis was because she loved it, or in order to be a success at anything one must first love it sincerely.)

"Mr. Moody, and I are going to the Orient in October," she added with "imperturbable," used hundreds of times to describe the tennis champion seemed entirely foreign to her.

Art Her Profession

In the newspaper when she is being referred to in connection with tennis, she prefers to be called Helen Wills Moody, she said. But in her art, it must be simply Helen Wills.

"Because Mrs. Moody takes away any implication of professionalism, and that's what I want to avoid. I want Helen Wills used about my art because that is my profession."

"I enjoy drawing so much and Monday morning I'm going to spend every

minute of my tie at the Detroit Institute of Arts. It is beautiful there and the pictures are hung so well. I want to go back especially to see that Titian in the Venetian gallery. Man with the Fluet, and a little Fragonard in the French room that I like so well.

Has No Fads

"I'm not really much of an artist. I don't make a point of sketching life-like faces, but I do endeavor to interpret motion."

Later, she came in from the courts just as pretty as when she entered the game. Not a hair out of place and no trace of fatigue.

She is wholesome and lovely. She doesn't smoke or drink. She has no fads and she doesn't diet, but frankly admits that she weighs 137 pounds.

CALL MARRIED WOMEN ABLER

New York, October 1—Married women are more capable than those not married and should be retained as teachers in public schools, says an editorial in the summer students' newspaper at Teachers' College, Columbia University.

Moreover, it was admitted that public sentiment was against employing married women, but according to the students, the traditional idea that a married woman's interests are in the home caused this attitude.

SWEDEN BUYING MORE CARS

Stockholm, October 3—Sweden had more than 145,000 automobiles at the beginning of 1931, according to the government statistical bureau. In addition there are nearly 57,000 motorcycles. Especially in Stockholm the number of motor cars has grown rapidly. The capital now has more than 20,000 automobiles.

Just so they can commence to get their arguments in shape before the rush comes, we beg to remind debaters that the annual squabble about the date of Indian summer is about due.

TRAINS WILD ANIMALS JUST FOR AMUSEMENT

Houston, Oct. 3—"Just for the fun of it," F. J. Walter, Jr., of Houston, trains lions, monkeys, elk, timber wolves and other animals in his backyard. He never has been a professional animal trainer, but all of his life he has kept animals and taught them tricks.

Right now he is spending most of his time teaching a young Nubian lion to do tricks and an elk to pull a wagon.

Here's to the popover—the ultimate in airy promises.

M'CORMACK'S DAUGHTER IS A GOOD FISHER

Redondo Beach, Cal., Oct. 3—John McCormack may be recognized as one of the world's greatest tenors, but his own daughter, Gwendolyn, can beat him at fishing. Miss McCormack today displayed a 165-pound swordfish she landed along after a 55-minute battle. Her father failed to get a nibble.

A woman is someone with many bundles who waits uncomplainingly in the vestibule until another tenant, who didn't forget his key, comes along to let her in.

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