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Dominion Elections In The Early Spring

The Possibility Is Seen Of An Early Dom. Election

An Appeal to the Country May Be Made in the Early Spring—Commotion Is Caused In Political Circles and All Are Preparing.

Ottawa, Dec. 17—The summoning of Parliament and the election talk which is in the air have caused a certain commotion in political circles this week. Whenever the election is held, it will not be without preparation. Both parties in every province are getting down to active organization. Conservatives are getting busy with organization while Liberals are sustaining an activity which has long been apparent.

It is a safe presumption that when Parliament convenes here on January 17 it will stay for some time—at least for the 65 days, essential to qualify for the full sessional indemnity. The opposition parties, however, can protect their interests in this way while carrying on a fusillade against the Government.

Indications of the week, however, suggest that if the taunts are sustained they may be met with only the delay essential to voting supply. The possibility of a spring election, therefore, is not to be excluded.

There are objections to one in the summer, later than June, because of the great number of urban voters who are away. The Government, if it so chooses, has every constitutional right to defer the dissolution of Parliament till September and to fix the date of voting as long after that as it may decide to do.

Majority Essential

The only requirement is that it command a sufficient majority in Parliament, and this, by no means, seems imperilled. There appears, however, to be no inclination of the Government to avail itself of the privilege of staying till the extremity of Parliament's tenure. The tradition attached to such circumstances suggests to some the potentiality of a fate which the Government does not apprehend. Some high in the councils of the Conservative party profess as much readiness—given a few months preparation—to go to the country, as do the Liberals. Conceivably, an early intimation to this effect may dampen the demand for an election, which was intensified by the hitherto prevalent belief that the Government would defer dissolution till the date of ultimate necessity.

The voters' lists will be printed in April. The announcement that, from over 6,000,000 enrolled, there were less than half a dozen appeals to judges from the lists as enumerated and revised, would seem to reflect the fact that both parties are satisfied with the act of last session, so far as its fairness is concerned. It will be recalled that considerable protest followed the appointment of registrars by the Franchise Commissioner on the fifty-fifty basis.

Euler's Plan

Just as Hon. H. H. Stevens is something of a burr under the saddle of the Conservative war horse, so Hon. W. D. Euler's suggestion for the railway unification with a slight predominance of Government ownership was not hailed with cheers by the Liberal gathering here last week. Stress is laid on the fact that the ex-Minister speaks for himself and that, while his proposal is a concrete contribution to the big problem, the party is not going to commit itself. As it is in opposition and not charged with any administrative responsibility, it is free to take this position. While Mr. Euler is commended by many of the thoughtful men of the Liberal party, those whose

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Call For Drastic Action

The public conscience in Canada has been shocked by revelations before the Mass Buying and Price Spreads Commission at Ottawa. It has been disclosed in evidence—

1.—That sweat-shop conditions exist in certain Canadian industries, particularly in congested areas of the greater urban centres. Some sweat-shop conditions are to be found right here in Fredericton.

2.—That pitifully low wages in many cases are being paid to employees, frequently to mere children.

3.—That in some quarters in this Dominion there has been a deliberate policy of short-weighting the buying public.

These intolerable abuses carry their own condemnation—and a stern condemnation it is.

IT IS THE DUTY OF PUBLIC AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THESE CONDITIONS DRASTICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY, TO MAKE A REPETITION OF THEM THE NEXT THING TO IMPOSSIBLE IN CANADA.

BATHURST BOY IN SAN DIEGO WINS NOTICE

Latest Feat Is Building Radio Receiver On Common Pin

Yves Melanson, 14 years of age, who left Bathurst when about six years of age, probably will be remembered by friends of the family in this province as just an ordinary boy. However, in San Diego, California, where he now lives, he is attracting considerable attention as a radio genius.

Of his radio ability, the San Diego Union says:

"You've perhaps heard a lot about tiny radios, but you should have seen the one which Yves Melanson, 14, 4830 Felton Street, demonstrated yesterday to a skeptical reporter.

"Melanson's miniature set, a crystal affair, is built on an ordinary straight pin. Furthermore, it plays. Saturday afternoon Melanson sat in his Felton St. home, tuned his 'pee wee' set to KGB and heard a football game broadcast from the San Diego stadium.

"Last year Melanson made a radio set that was mounted on the valve cap of an auto tire. But his latest creation for radio reception, to which he attaches earphones, is smaller.

"On the pin head is a small crystal set in a tiny wad of solder. The pin is wrapped with five inches of horsehair copper wire to make the coil. From the crystal there are two 'cat's whiskers', one which forms a ground and the other leads to one earphone.

"Halfway down the coil there is a tiny square of cardboard, which Melanson turns and calls his 'tuner'. From the 'tuner' are two tiny lead wires, one for the aerial and the other leading to the earphone.

"And that's all there is to it! 'Melanson is a student at St. Augustine School for Boys'.

The boy was born in Bathurst and has interested relatives there. Mrs. Frank G. Foster, Charlotte Street is an aunt of young Melanson and Harry A. Melanson is an uncle.

RADIO DOCTOR

J. Brown Maxwell, Jr., radio doctor, states that his adv. in the Daily Mail has brought him in scores of orders for Radio Service.

COMMERCIAL MEN OF THE MARITIMES INSTALL OFFICERS

Travelers In Annual Meeting at Halifax, Hear Reports

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 17—The Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association held its annual general meeting in the Nova Scotian Hotel here, at which the newly-elected officers for 1935 were installed. Statements of the secretary, R. K. Kelly, and the treasurer, the Eastern Trust Company, showed the association's financial condition to be good. A strong feature of the 53rd annual report read by the retiring president, B. R. Adams, Saint John, was the information that \$13,492 was paid out in mortuary claims to the beneficiaries of 19 deceased members during the year.

The following officers were installed: President, James Myrden, Halifax; vice-president for Nova Scotia, G. S. Lee, Halifax; vice-president for New Brunswick, H. P. Crousse, Saint John; vice-president for P. E. Island, W. M. Bears; directors for Nova Scotia, W. B. Fay, E. D. Killam, Fred M. Whelpley, F. W. Budd, C. A. Brine and I. W. Cameron; directors for New Brunswick, John W. Dobbins, J. S. Henderson, George D. Ellis, C. P. Masters and W. J. Steele; trustees, Andrew MacKinley and Frank H. Keating. Mr. Adams, retiring president, remains on the board of management for one year.

BOY COUGHS UP RAZOR BLADE

South Shields, England, Dec. 17—John George Hunter, aged 10, was playing with a safety razor blade in school today when he swallowed it.

John George told teacher, who thought the boy was telling a tale, but sent him home with a companion. On the way the boy confided in a policeman who hurried the lad to the infirmary.

Sure enough. The X-ray revealed the blade in John George's tummy. While doctors made careful preparations for a most difficult operation, John George became sick at his stomach. Up came the blade.

Amazed doctors and nurses called it a miracle.

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NANCY CRAIG IS RETURNING HOME TO HER MOTHER

She Longed For the Sights of the Bright City Lights and Was Tired of the Small Town Stuff.

Missing since the night of November 30, from North View, Victoria County, Miss Anna Craig, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman I. Craig, East Florenceville, was found over the week-end by Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Montreal in the employ, as a domestic, of a resident of the west end of Montreal and is now on her way home, a Canadian Press despatch from Montreal early this morning stated. She is being brought home by her sister. The sister is presumably Miss Muriel Craig, who was said to have left East Florenceville Friday for Montreal.

"I was tired of a small town and wanted to see some fun in a big city," the young woman was reported to have told R. C. M. P. Staff-Sergeant Savoie, who found her.

Police stated they were still seeking Sydney Neilsen, 20, and Lewis Wells, 18, both of North View, who, they said, disappeared with the school teacher. There is a warrant out charging Neilsen with the theft of his brother Carl's automobile, which was found some days ago abandoned at a tourist camp in Lavaltrie, Quebec, R. C. M. P. said Miss Craig had advised them Wells and Neilsen had left Montreal, but she did not know their destination. There is no charge against Wells or the girl.

Previous reports that Wells and Miss Craig were married remain unconfirmed.

Miss Olga Hiscock, nurse in training at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, who informed police in that city that Wells had telephoned her early last week, saying he and Anna were "safe and well", and presumably in Montreal, is not expected home until next Monday, it was stated last night by her sister, Miss Dorothy Hiscock, North View. Olga is a daughter of Warden James A. Hiscock, North View, with whom Miss Craig boarded while teaching there, and she and the Craig girl were close friends. The hospital announced at Montreal Friday that Olga had been subjected to heavy nervous strain during the investigation and would be given a week's rest.

WON TOY CONTEST

On Christmas morning two hundred and fifty poor children will be each one toy richer by virtue of the splendid work of the members of the Gibson Lodge No. 37 (Prentice Boys), Devon, in securing a total of 1,123,675 votes, the highest in their class, in a contest conducted recently by a National Tobacco Company. The chairman of the contest, Harold Gibbs, received a telegram Saturday informing him that his organization had placed first out of eleven organizations competing in that class.

The contest opened on September the first, and closed December the eighth and the Gibson lodge and its contest committee composed of Harold Gibbs, Douglas Quartermain and Robison Harvey deserves a great deal of credit for the splendid work which they have done to make Christmas a brighter event for the poor children of the community.

The toys and candy will be on display at the Boy Scouts' shop after which they will be distributed amongst the children of Fredericton, Devon and Marysville.

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Sale Of Official Secrets Is Laid To Arsenal Expert

COLLAPSES, DIES SOON AFTERWARD

**George W. Wiseman, 76,
Fatally Stricken On
Moncton Street**

Moncton, Dec. 16—George W. Wiseman, 76, an employee of the C.N.R., collapsed on Cornhill Street yesterday morning enroute to his work and died a few minutes later, the result of a heart attack.

Mr. Wiseman collapsed near the home of William Hodgson, who saw him fall to the sidewalk, and he rushed to his aid. Mr. Wiseman was carried into the Hodgson home and medical aid was summoned but before a doctor arrived the man had died.

Mr. Wiseman entered the employ of the old Intercolonial Railway in the stores department, in 1908. He left the employ of the railway in 1913 but was re-employed in 1923 and had been intermittently employed in railway service since that time.

Dr. H. H. Coleman, coroner, after conducting an investigation decided that death was due to natural causes and said no inquest was necessary.

Surviving are his wife; four sons, Percy, Montreal, Joseph, Toronto; Edward, Calgary, and William, Wisconsin, and four daughters, Mrs. A. Damon, Lynn, Mass.; Mrs. W. E. Milsap, Toronto; Miss Katherine, New York, and Mrs. W. D. Rogers, Moncton.

WAS SURVIVOR OF REIL REBELLION

**Edward McDonald, 88,
Dies at Chatham; Given
Military Funeral**

Chatham, Dec. 17—One of the few survivors of the Reil Rebellion was today laid to rest, in the person of Edward McDonald. Mr. McDonald died Friday evening at Hotel Dieu Hospital here, where he had been a patient for a few days, at the age of 88 years.

The funeral was held from the residence of his son, Charles McDonald, Hill Street, to St. Michael's Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. J. M. Burns. The coffin was draped with the Union Jack and the obsequies were attended with all military honors. A band preceded the cortege and Great War veterans marched, accompanied by a firing squad. Six veterans after as pallbearers and formed a bodyguard—George Bernard, Joseph Jardine, Herbert Gammon, Albert Flemming, William Nowland and J. F. Richard. The Last Post was sounded by Bugler Walter McEachern and six volleys were fired by the firing squad. Interment was made in St. Michael's Cemetery.

Case Involving Motorist Dismissed

Moncton, Dec. 16—Information charging Ross Kelly with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed by Magistrate W. F. Lane yesterday. Police Officers P. J. Randall and Wilbur, giving evidence for the prosecution said Kelly was behind the wheel of the car but the machine was not in motion when he was arrested. Aurele Fagan, who told the police that he had been run into by a car, stated on the witness stand that he did not know whether Kelly was driving the car.

William Burges Com- mitted To Trial At Old Bailey As New Sensa- tion Breaks in London; Documents Come From War Office File.

LONDON, Dec. 17—Another first-class sensation involving alleged revelation of "official secrets" has broken with the committal for trial at the Old Bailey of William Burges, a second-rate computer at the Woolwich Arsenal.

At Bow Street police court Burges was committed for trial at the Old Bailey after evidence was given to the effect he had approached Imperial Chemical Industries and revealed technical information to which he had access by virtue of his position "as a person holding office under the King," as the charge read.

Good War Record

During the hearing it was stated Burges had an excellent war record. He won the Military Cross and retired from active forces with the rank of major. The Crown stated the prosecution was made after Imperial Chemical Industries had been refused some information for which they applied at the War Office. Burges, who would have been aware of this refusal, it was alleged, approached the company and indicated he was in a position to obtain the information the company desired.

When Burges opened dealings with Imperial Chemical Industries the company, it was declared, immediately communicated with the War Office and thereafter acted under War Office instructions in its dealings with Burges.

Under the name of "Vincent" the prosecution contended, Burgess called at the company's offices and handed over documents which the prosecution contended were all marked "official secrets."

The documents in question obviously came from the official secrets file and their contents might be likely to assist an enemy, it was declared. It was further alleged that Burges later arranged to hand over other secret information at a rendezvous in Parliament Square, and it was at this meeting he was placed under arrest.

The accused was alleged to have suggested a payment of \$500. Burges pleaded not guilty and reserved his defence for the trial in the celebrated Old Bailey Court.

The nature of the technical information Burges was alleged to have communicated or attempted to sell, was not disclosed.

The case recalled the sensational affair of the "Officer in the Tower," Lieut. Norman Baillie-Stewart, now serving a five years' sentence of imprisonment on conviction of revealing military information to a German woman, whose identity was never learned. Baillie-Stewart was held in the Tower of London for weeks before the nature of the case was revealed. He is now in Norwood Scrubbs Prison.

NOTED FRENCH ARCHITECT KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Paris, Dec. 17—Henri Paul Nenot, 81, noted French architect who rebuilt the Sorbonne 50 years ago, was killed in an automobile accident near Bourges today.

Nenot helped design the League of Nations building at Geneva.