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## THE UNIONIST GOVERNMENT WON A SMASHING VICTORY

### The Latest Returns Give Government Majority of 47

#### Liberals Made Almost a Clean Sweep in Quebec But Made a Poor Showing in Ontario and the West---Result in The Maritime Provinces.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—The Mail and Empire, commenting on the result of the election, says: "Whatever else may be remembered against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the country can forgive him for this war time election. It was of his willing. He was in a position to force one on the country and without compunction he did it."

The World says: "There never was any doubt about the issue that was to be decided. The result is the best we hoped for from Canada and the worst we had feared from Quebec."

The Globe says: "With overwhelming decisiveness, English-speaking Canada has given its verdict. The ringing unanimity with which this verdict has been given at home, independent of the ballots of our gallant soldiers, leaves no doubt as to the purpose of the nation. It places a serious and grave responsibility upon the Union Government."

#### LONDON ADVERTISER SAYS THAT LAURIER FOLLOWED IN THE CLEAR MARKED TRAIL OF DUTY

LONDON, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Advertiser, the only English speaking paper in Ontario supporting Laurier, commenting on the election results, says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not achieved victory, but will have a formidable opposition following, larger than in the campaign of 1914, when the next parliament is assembled. Sir Wilfrid Laurier followed the clearly marked trail of national duty, without swerving to the right or to the left. Sir Wilfrid will be found to strengthen the hand of the government in every act calculated to win the war. He is a greater figure today than he has been at any time since he first entered the parliament to serve the whole people."

#### QUEBEC LIBERAL PAPER CHARGES THAT RACE CRIES WERE RAISED AGAINST SIR WILFRID

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—Commenting on the election yesterday, Le Soleil, Liberal, says: "The Liberal party was beaten yesterday at the polls in the West through the defection of its leaders and of the Liberal press. Fanaticism and race cries were both brought to play against Laurier. Still, Laurier certainly gained a real victory through his own and personal prestige, for where under the old government he only had 87 seats against Borden's 134, after yesterday's elections he has about one hundred against Borden's 135. Laurier had arrayed against him so far as material resources are concerned, the press, money, organization. Notwithstanding all this, the noble old man fought, and won a larger following."

#### Montreal Gazette's Comment.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The Gazette says editorially: "The spirit of Canada has won. Whatever the majority may be, it will suffice. The government has now a mandate to prosecute the war to the end. The Military Service Act can be applied with the confidence of the people. No referendum is necessary. It was taken yesterday. It has been a great victory against strong odds, and it will be a message to the enemy that, come what may, Canada stands in defence of her own shores and not less in the defence of the Empire."

Ottawa, Dec. 17. — The Union government has won a decisive victory at the polls. At an early hour this morning practically complete returns from the eastern provinces and results not so complete from the west of the Great Lakes indicate that, apart from the soldiers' vote to be counted in January, the government will have a majority in excess of forty.

The provinces east of the Ottawa river more than verified the predictions of those who believed that the Unionists and Liberals would break about even, but Ontario and the west proved a surprise. The opposition counted on at least twenty seats from Ontario and got only half that number. Liberals thought they could count on not less than fifteen seats in the west, but up to 1 o'clock, Mulloy of Provencher, Manitoba, is the only supporter of Sir Wilfrid Laurier elected. Two or three seats in northern Alberta may still be in the balance. The cause of the larger number of country polls still to be heard from but there is little to indicate the possibility of more than three or four oppositionists being elected in western Canada.

In Ontario seventy-two of the eighty-two constituencies have been won by the Unionist forces and all the ministers have been elected by large majorities. The opposition has been successful in North Waterloo, Russell, South Renfrew, Prescott, South Perth, West Middlesex, Kent, South Essex, North Essex and South Bruce.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his running mate Hal McGivern were defeated by close to one thousand in the capital, but the Liberal leader was returned in Quebec East by six thousand majority.

Quebec did even worse for the Unionists than was expected, sixty-two out of the sixty-five seats going to the Liberal column.

#### Better Than Expected.

Toronto, Dec. 17. — While the Unionist campaign committee expected to make a good showing in Ontario, the returns show a much cleaner sweep than was anticipated. Ontario returns 71 Unionists, 10 Laurier Liberals, and one seat — Nipissing — is (Continued on page 4.)

### LATE RETURNS SHOW BUT VERY LITTLE CHANGE

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Additional returns from the West and other parts of the Dominion do not indicate much change in the result of the general Federal election. It looks as though the Laurier supporters elected in the West may be increased from one to three. In Skena, British Columbia, Stork, the Liberal candidate, has a lead of approximately 500 over his Unionist opponent, Col. Peck, while White, the Liberal candidate in Victoria, Alberta, has a lead of 59, with 61 out of 195 polls heard from.

Should the deferred elections result favorably to the government, the majority will be increased to 49, and the Unionists claim that it is likely to be still further augmented by the soldier vote.

### COLLISION ON GRAND TRUNK

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Shortly after five o'clock this morning the Chicago and New York express on the Grand Trunk, travelling nearly two hours late, crashed into a freight train which was crossing the main line near Stoney Creek.

William Walsh, of Sarnia, engineer of the Express, is dead as the result of the terrible injuries he received, while the life of Percy Rarsay, a trainman, from Sarnia, is despaired of. He is frightfully mangled.

Government Meeting.  
A meeting of the provincial government has been called for tomorrow evening at 8.30 o'clock.

The average height of the women of France is five feet one inch.

#### Statement by Borden.

Sir Robert Borden has issued a statement thanking both Liberals and Conservatives for their hearty support. He says that it is not a partisan victory in any sense and declares it is due to "the splendid elements of the Liberal party who worked so strenuously and with such magnificent results in every province except one."

### SUMMARY BY PROVINCES

	Unionist.	Opposition.
Prince Edward Island . . . . .	0	4
Nova Scotia . . . . .	5	9
New Brunswick . . . . .	7	4
Quebec . . . . .	3	62
Ontario . . . . .	71	11
Manitoba . . . . .	13	1
Saskatchewan . . . . .	16	0
Alberta . . . . .	11	0
British Columbia . . . . .	12	0
Totals . . . . .	138	91

Unionist majority, 47. Returns are incomplete in one Alberta and one British Columbia constituency, and elections are deferred in Halifax (two), Nelson, Man., and the Yukon, until January 28th.

### THE VOTE IN YORK-SUNBURY

YORK DIVISION.			
Poll No.	Name.	Brown.	McLeod.
1	Fredericton—City Hall . . . . .	220	840
2	Fredericton—Court House . . . . .	239	815
3	New Maryland . . . . .	9	70
4	Kingsclear . . . . .	126	166
5	Cork . . . . .	21	4
6	Brockway . . . . .	10	9
7	Harvey Station . . . . .	106	142
8	Magundy . . . . .	30	37
9	Prince William Front . . . . .	60	62
10	Dumfries . . . . .	72	58
11	McAdam . . . . .	71	258
12	Meductic . . . . .	10	70
13	Canterbury Station . . . . .	166	134
14	North Lake . . . . .	76	67
15	Nashwaak Village . . . . .	2	35
16	Taymouth . . . . .	39	121
17	Durham Bridge . . . . .	14	78
18	Gibson . . . . .	117	349
19	Marysville . . . . .	134	247
20	Penniac . . . . .	28	59
21	Nashwaaksis . . . . .	59	176
22	Burt's Corner . . . . .	89	155
23	Mouth Keswick . . . . .	27	52
24	McNutt's Mills . . . . .	25	91
25	Napadogan . . . . .	8	15
26	Bright Back . . . . .	60	56
27	David Burt's . . . . .	46	39
28	McKeen's Corner . . . . .	87	77
29	Upper Queensbury . . . . .	66	56
30	Lower Queensbury . . . . .	14	81
31	Queensbury Back . . . . .	27	33
32	Southampton Front . . . . .	60	92
33	Nortondale . . . . .	15	9
34	Temperance Vale . . . . .	70	82
35	Millville . . . . .	30	98
36	Stanley Village . . . . .	67	128
37	Bloomfield Ridge . . . . .	81	72
38	Cross Creek . . . . .	42	186
39	Woodland . . . . .	9	47

SUNBURY DIVISION			
1	Burton . . . . .	116	98
2	Geary . . . . .	85	65
3	Maugerville . . . . .	55	49
4	Lincoln . . . . .	48	116
5	Sheffield . . . . .	34	137
6	Northfield . . . . .	87	119
7	Blissville . . . . .	43	110
8	Gladstone . . . . .	79	191
Totals . . . . .		2979	6051

### REVIVAL OF CRITICISM OF BRITISH ADMIRALTY LIKELY TO BE RESULT

#### Announcement of Hun Raid on a North Sea Convoy Surprises the British Public---Destroyer and Eight Merchantmen Were Sunk.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—An Associated Press cable from London, dated Monday, Dec. 17, received here this morning, says: "The successful attack by German warships on a convoy in the North Sea, resulting in the sinking of eleven vessels, as announced in the House of Commons today, came as a complete surprise to the British public. It is expected to cause a revival of the serious criticism of the Admiralty, such as that at the time of the successful German attack on a convoy of Scandinavian merchantmen in October. And to this is added the raid off the Tyne last Wednesday by German warships. As a result of these two expeditions one British destroyer has been sunk, another seriously damaged, five trawlers and eight merchantmen have been sent to the bottom, another trawler has been damaged, a number of men have been killed, and a number taken prisoners. According to the testimony of survivors, both here and in Scandinavia, the fighting was of most violent character. The Germans poured thousands of shots into the ill-fated vessels."

#### PIRATES MADE NO ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THE SURVIVORS OF SHIPS WHICH THEY TORPEDOED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Testimony given at the inquest over the victims of the German attack on the British convoy shows that the attack occurred between four and five o'clock Wednesday morning, and that the enemy destroyers fired as hard as possible for a few minutes. A Swedish steamer was torpedoed twice, the second torpedo cutting the vessel completely in two. Of the crew of twenty hands on board, sixteen were either killed or are missing. No assistance was rendered by the enemy boats. British destroyers came upon the scene and rescued the survivors.

Eighty-eight Scandinavians, two of whom are women, and ten British were rescued by four British destroyers, detailed from a cruiser squadron which was hastened to the scene. Other survivors reached Norway in boats. The merchant vessels were being convoyed by the destroyers Partridge and Pelew. The Partridge was sunk and the Pelew damaged.

#### THE FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY ISSUES A STATEMENT IN REGARD TO THE SEA FIGHT

Sir Eric Geddes said that the attack, so far as news was available, was that the Partridge sighted four enemy destroyers shortly before noon, and with the Pelew, engaged them, while the convoy scattered. The Partridge was hit heavily. Shortly afterward an explosion occurred aboard and she sank. The Pelew was pierced at the water line and her engines disabled, but eventually she was brought safely to port. The enemy then attacked the convoy, sinking the six merchantmen and four armed trawlers.

#### Some Survivors Taken Prisoner.

The entire crew of the trawler Lord Alveston was saved in one of its own boats. The casualties on the Pelew were one officer and three men killed and two wounded seriously. Information regarding the crew of the Partridge, Sir Eric said, was incomplete, but a report from Kiel told of the taking there of three officers and twenty-one men from the Partridge and of one officer and twenty-five men from the trawlers.

For some reason as yet unexplained, he added, the force which was for the purpose of protecting the convoy against sea attacks was not on the scene in time to prevent the destruction of the convoy.

#### A TAG DAY FOR HALIFAX.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Boston, Dec. 18.—This was Halifax "tag day" in Boston. Canvassers sold tags in all parts of the city in an effort to raise \$10,000, which the city Public Safety Committee has pledged to the Massachusetts Halifax Relief Fund.

A parade of sailors from one of the training stations here called attention to the fund.

Mr. F. C. Peckham of Lower Gagetown, is in the city. Judge Grimmer is a guest at the Queen.

#### ROCKEFELLER HAS FIRE LOSS.

(Canadian Press direct wire.)  
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—In a spectacular fire which broke out last night at the Forest Hill estate of John D. Rockefeller, in East Cleveland, the summer home of the oil magnate was reduced to ashes. Early this morning it was estimated that the loss would be about \$100,000.

A Bath, Me., woman recently took a suitcase full of coal to a Brunswick relative who could not obtain any.