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## PREMIER FERGUSON WILL TAKE A SHORT HOLIDAY; WILL HAVE 37 MAJORITY IN LEGISLATURE

Toronto, Dec. 2—Premier Howard Ferguson, exhausted from his efforts in the election campaign, remained at home today to sleep and rest and to contemplate quietly the results of the balloting yesterday in which his party was returned with a majority of 37 seats over all opposition, with the possibility that this figure will be increased to 39 when the final constituency, Manitoulin, reports definitely.

At present the Conservatives have 75 seats in a house of 112. When he presents his liquor control bill, on which he appealed to the electors, the Premier will also have the support of three Independent-Liberals and a Labor member in carrying it through.

### To Take Holiday

The premier intimated today that after holding a cabinet meeting next week to have his ministers sworn in and to clean up business which has accumulated during the election campaign, he will leave Toronto for a short holiday. He will return to Toronto shortly after Christmas and begin at once his preparations for the session of the legislature which is likely to open the first week in February.

Conservative members elected were brought up to 75 late this afternoon, when Sturgeon Falls was conceded to the Conservative candidate. The correct standing, not including Manitoulin, which remains doubtful, at 4.30 p. m. was:

Government control, 79.	
O. T. A., 32.	
Summary by parties:	
Conservatives .....	79
Liberals .....	14
Progressives .....	13
Liberal-Progressives .....	5
Independent-Liberals .....	3
Labor .....	1

It is stated here today that several months must elapse before the carefully moving machines of law and legislation can bring into operation in Ontario the sale of liquor under government control system in the place of the present Ontario Temperance Act.

It is thought impossible that a session of the new legislature will be called before January 15. There is much to be done in the way of preparation and drafting of the new law before it can be placed before the House.

With all the various formalities of procedure that would be required in making the change and the preparations for the enforcement of the law on the new basis it is stated here today that May 1 would be the earliest that the government control measure could be brought into operation.

### Rural Seats Go Wet

The Toronto Star today says: "Twenty-five rural constituencies in Ontario yesterday switched from the dry column of the 1924 plebiscite into the Government control column of 1926. These changes were effected by a turnover of 75,834 votes. In addition three cities took part in the change and these added a further turnover of 7,578. The total turnover as disclosed by the figures of yesterday's voting as reported at present, was 83,412."

"In addition to these 28 constituencies which joined the Government control list is Addington, which had an O. T. A. majority of 2,107 nad where the Conservative obtained an acclamation."

(The Conservative candidate in Manitoulin is LeBaron Dibblee formerly of Woodstock, N. B.)

## EX-PREMIER BRIAND GIVES GENTLE WARNING TO ITALY

Paris, Dec. 3—Italy has the right to show her temper but not too often nor too much, Foreign Minister Briand today told the Chamber of Deputies. At the same time he gently warned that France did not take kindly to attacks on her legations in foreign countries, such as recently occurred in the border town of Ventimiglia after the recent attempted assassination of Premier Mussolini.

Congratulating himself on "keeping cool" after the Ventimiglia incident, the foreign minister added with a touch of humor lightening his seriousness:

### Time to Stop.

"Nevertheless there are things that must be said. Any country has the right to have the kind of government it pleases. It even has the right to have had attacks of temper, but there comes a time when it must stop."

"Italy will recognize that her family quarrels have gone far enough and ought to cease," he said in answer to one question, while to another he remarked: "Consulates, embassies and legations are places that people are accustomed to respect because of diplomatic regulations. There were unpleasant demonstrations. Our ambassador made representations and received satisfaction. Good relations were resumed and all is well."

M. Briand's comments were part of a general survey of French foreign affairs in connection with the Chamber's discussion of the foreign office budget and were designed to answer any questions raised during the discussion. He interspersed his comments in a friendly recital of various diplomatic contacts with Italy and emphasized the need of close co-operation between the two Latin sister nations.

He remarked that he had met Premier Mussolini a number of times "beside a charming lake" and that he did not recall that the slightest difficulty had ever come between them.

Most of the foreign minister's discussion dealt with French relations with Germany. Discussing an eventual understanding with Germany, he said

that only a real settlement of differences, so that they would stay settled, would make for permanent peace.

"Grave differences with Germany still exist," he said. "But at least we are talking with Dr. Stresemann (the German foreign minister), and every day marks progress. Every day brings real peace nearer. It isn't through a two-hour talk in a tavern that the course of history can be changed and the past wiped out."

This statement was taken as a reply to German newspaper assertions that France was not willing to reach a complete understanding with Germany.

## SHEDIAC IS CONNECTED WITH HYDRO

Shediac, Dec. 2—Hydro-Electric service to the Town of Shediac and twenty miles of rural and village settlement between that town and Moncton was officially inaugurated last evening when the Hon. E. A. Reilly, Chairman of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission in the presence of a large gathering of citizens, assembled in the local theatre, to honor the occasion, pressed the electric switch which illuminated by electricity generated one hundred and twenty miles away—a large electric sign suspended above the centre of the main business street of Shediac, and which bore in huge block letters the word "Hydro."

In the absence of Mayor E. R. McDonald the meeting was presided over by Dr. M. A. Oulton, M. L. A., as alderman. Dr. Oulton referred appreciatively to the new service and said the town owed a vote of thanks to the old company for their efforts to give good service. Dr. James E. White, president of the old company spoke with mixed feelings of regret at the passing of the old and gratitude for the installation of the new service.

Among the speakers were Hon. E. A. Smith, Hon. E. A. Reilly, Dr. J. C. Webster, E. A. Schofield and F. J. Robideaux.

### Minister Left for Saint John.

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Minister of Public Works, who was here for several days on departmental business left for Saint John this morning.

## PREDICTS TIME SIGNALS WILL CORRECT CLOCKS

With the designing of apparatus at the Bureau of Standards for coaxing a time signal from a pendulum without any mechanical contact with the letter and with radio actuated watches foreshadowed as a future development, we may be on the eve of a revolutionary process in time-keeping.

The age old inquiry, "Did you wind the clock and put the cat out?" and "What's the time, my watch is slow?" may be discarded in the future as obsolete. Instead of the practices suggested in these inquiries clocks may be set automatically and operated from a central radio station, and watches minus mainspring may pick their motive power from the air.

"The time may not be very remote when we shall be able to transmit energy to operate watches without the aid either of a mainspring within them or of a local battery," was the bold prediction of Olof Ohlson, chief engineer of the Waltham Watch Company, at a recent meeting of the Horological Institute of America, in Washington.

The "radio watch" or "telechronometer," the term preferred by this engineer, would, if this prediction is realized, pick its energy from the ether just as we now draw upon space with our radio receiving sets for a wealth of speech and music. Then, assuming that static does not intervene as a disturbing factor, our watches would be synchronized so that the time would be scientifically correct, second by second. In other words, our watches would be specialized radio receiving sets, just as we now have crystal radio receivers sufficiently compact for use as finger rings and watch fobs.

## MINING LAWS OF PROVINCE TO BE REVISED

(Saint John Globe.)

Rev. Austin Angus does not want to come back to New Brunswick, said Premier Baxter, this morning, in discussing the letter he had received from the former liquor inspector at Sackville. He said that the communication contained several statements which he had turned over to Chief Inspector McFarlane to assist the chief in an investigation he might make.

The matter of appointing a temporary chairman of the Council during the absence of Hon. Mr. Tilley will be taken up at the next meeting, he said.

The Premier said that the alleged incendiarism at Three Tree Creek had been reported to him, and he had conferred with Fire Marshal McLellan about it. The Fire Marshal will decide whether or not any prosecution will be made, at the meeting of the board today.

Asked whether or not the decision of Ontario to go "wet" would affect New Brunswick, the Premier remarked, "The boundaries of Ontario end at Quebec, and I can not see how anything that happens in Ontario could have any effect in this province."

He advised that Hon. C. D. Richards has been working for some time on a revision of the mining laws of the province, and, evidently, will bring in a report. It will be recalled that the present mining laws were criticized by two prospectors who recently conferred with Commissioner Sclanders of the Board of Trade.

Miss Nellie Sterling has returned from a pleasant vacation trip to Boston.

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