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Further Returns From The Alberta Prov. Election Show More S. C. Gains

**New Social Credit Party
Secure 43 Candidates
and Leading in 13 Other
— Liberals Have
Two Seats, Conserva-
tives Only One.**

CALGARY, August 24—The last vestiges of political opposition is disappearing as Alberta electors put the finishing touches to their bid to end 14 years of United Farmers of Alberta government and usher in Alberta's Social Credit League.

The new party, led by William Aberhart, Calgary teacher-economist had elected 43 members and were leading in 13 other ridings. Liberals counted two members, one in Edmonton and one in Calgary, and Conservatives one, also in the foothill city. Liberals were leading in two constituencies and the U. F. A. in two.

Returns from the rural ridings were slow in coming through. The final count at Calgary was complete but the count at Edmonton second six-member riding was caught in the welter of a second count under proportional representation.

Gain 36 Seats

The clean-sweep of new party candidates thus far returned had taken 30 seats from the U. F. A. stronghold, three from the Liberals, two from Independents and one from the Conservative fold. Far into the night the landslide continued with scattered polls reporting further Social Credit victories.

W. R. Howson, Liberal leader was elected in Edmonton, and J. J. Bowen a Liberal, was elected in Calgary. John Irwin Conservative stalwart for many years was successful in Calgary which like Edmonton, elects six members of the 63-seat Legislature.

But all the Social Credit strength did not come from the rural polls. E. C. Manning, F. Anderson, J. W. Hugill, K. C. and Mrs. F. Gostick all social Credit nominees were elected in Calgary and, with Mr. Irwin and Mr. Bowen completed the Calgary slate. In Edmonton Social Credit nominees were to the fore.

Defeat of the U. F. A. administration came with more severity than it handed out in gaining power. Guided by Henry Wise Wood the Farmers' party was the first to achieve success in any Canadian province when it ousted the 21-year-old Liberal administration in 1921.

Two Liberals and one Conservative elected were members of the last Legislature but none of the Social Credit members so far elected have held seats in the House. In 1921 the U. F. A. took 35 seats and left Liberals with only 13 in the then 48-member House.

To Hold Caucus

With Premier Reid announcing no time would be lost in his government resigning Mr. Aberhart said a caucus of the elected Social Credit members would be called shortly to decide how they would go about accepting the mandate of the electorate to put Social Credit theories into practice for the first time.

Mr. Aberhart is generally expected to be chosen premier and his selection is looked upon as a formality. Then the formation of a cabinet is expected to be undertaken with a formal invitation extended to Major C. H. Douglas British economist and founder of Social Credit principles, to assist in establishment of Alberta's new economic deal.

Social credit, originated by Major C. H. Douglas, English economist, and adopted with changes by the Calgary high school principal has three major principles—basic or national dividends, a just price and national money.

The common cause of both organizations led by Major Douglas, and Mr. Aberhart is adoption of these principles but their methods of realizing and working these plans are different.

In an address during the campaign the Calgary evangelist said if elected his League would bring the British social credit leader to Alberta to superintend inauguration and administration of social credit legislation in the province.

The Canadian Douglas Social Credit Association has provincial bodies in British Columbia, Alberta Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Control of monetary matters, held by the Dominion Government, is vital to the majority of social credit objectives the Douglas body believes.

To Pay Dividends

The Aberhart plan promises to pay a monthly "basic dividend" of \$25, at least to start and more later to every adult in Alberta. The "basic dividend" will be paid in non-negotiable certificates issued by a proposed credit office.

The "basic dividend" will be paid, Mr. Aberhart says, with money of "increment". The classification "levy" is preferred and it is denied it will be a "tax".

Saturday Halt Holiday

Now that the Thursday half holiday for the business houses is about over for this summer, would it not be well to consider another year making it a Saturday half holiday instead of Thursday. A Saturday half holiday would bring the stores in line with the Banks and the government offices and with other cities which have a Saturday half holiday. A Saturday half holiday would give both the merchants and their clerks a chance to have a week end vacation from noon on Saturday until Monday morning. Everyone would come back to work with more "pep."

A Saturday half holiday through the summer months would result in the stores being open on Thursday afternoons when any advantage which the merchants may receive from the tourist travel is greater than at the week end. Tourists passing through Fredericton from other points generally strike this city about Thursday. They find all our stores closed up on Thursday afternoon. On Saturday afternoon these tourists are generally away towards their homes. Of course, some merchants and others will say at once, what about the farmers and market day and what about our local Saturday shoppers. The farmers, through previous advertising and otherwise can be informed that there will be no stores open on Saturday afternoons and can arrange to have market day on Friday instead of Saturday. Many of the farmers now go from door to door on Friday afternoons and evenings selling their produce, and recently farmers are opening up at the market on Friday afternoons. The people are now becoming accustomed to visit the market on Friday afternoons. The city people who put off their purchases until Saturday afternoon have simply drifted into a rut and have got into a bad habit. The result is that tired clerks stand behind counters until ten o'clock and later on Saturday night and men are compelled to drive all over town delivering groceries and other supplies at midnight on Saturday when they should be resting somewhere. There is absolutely no reason for this except the same reason which applies to several more important things that are in a rut in this city. "We have done this for years. How can we change it?"

For Heaven's sake, let us get away from these old foggy ideas that we can't change, and become up-to-date. One would think if we closed our stores on Saturday afternoon and evening the world would come to an end, because you know it never has been done in Fredericton.

Let us think this over for next year. It does not effect the newspapers. We have to toil on anyway, but it affects many clerks and many merchants who should get away for the week end, as is done elsewhere.

Burden, N. B. Notes

BURDEN, N. B., August 22—Old residents claim it has been fifty years since there has been a hot August as this one.

The Parish valuers were calling on the residents in this vicinity yesterday.

Miss Irene Grant of Springhill is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Jewett.

Our new road supervisor, John Clayton has completed the statue labor work in this district.

Mrs. Amanda Jones of South Devon and Mrs. Amanda Morgan of Fredericton, have been spending the past week at Mrs. Jones' summer home here.

H. R. Cliff has returned from a two weeks' visit to friends at Central Kingsclear and Island View.

Mrs. Annie Jewett of Fredericton, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dow Moore.

would not be a "gigantic scheme of taxation", Mr. Aberhart explained.

"Our opponents failed because they were fighting against the greatest economic movement that had ever been seen", declared William Aberhart leader of the Alberta Social Credit League when he spoke to his followers in the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute early yesterday.

"He who fights against 'truth and progress' fights a losing battle", added Mr. Aberhart.

He described the election as a "revolution of ballots instead of bullets", and appealed to all those who had opposed his movement to make the organization unanimous.

"Come on now fellows join us" he invited.

"You can find no better place for security than in Alberta. We have no intention of confiscation of repudiation by any way, share or form", he declared.

Some time ago Mr. Aberhart said he would be ready to assume the premiership but yesterday morning refused to say definitely if he would accept the office.

J. D. O'CONNELL IN WESTERN CANADA

Well Known Former
New Brunswicker Goes
to Winnipeg for a Few
Days.

TORONTO, August 24—Enroute to Edmonton, Alberta, where he will spend some time at his orphanage O'Connell Institute, J. D. O'Connell, well known in the Maritime provinces left Toronto after giving several picnics to kiddies. Mr. O'Connell some time ago left his summer home at Sussex, N. B., after which he visited points on the North Shore, then coming to Toronto on his annual visit. Several years ago he gave \$10,000 to this city, the income from which gives picnics and Christmas treats to the little ones.

After visiting several institutions here, Mr. O'Connell went on to Winnipeg where he planned to confer with local social workers regarding the holding of a picnic in that city. It is expected also that he will give several addresses in the western provinces in denunciation of the liquor traffic.

From Alberta Mr. O'Connell will go to the Pacific Coast. He will spend some time visiting at the home of his brother, W. L. O'Connell, Seattle, Washington, after which as usual he will travel down the West Coast, through the Southern States to Florida, and on to Camaguey, Cuba, where his sugar plantation is located.

The Toronto Mail and Empire in a recent issue, reporting the philanthropist's arrival in Toronto, said:

"It's always fair weather when J. D. O'Connell, known all over America as the 'Orphans' Friend' arrives in Toronto. Each summer for several years Mr. O'Connell has visited Toronto and while here entertained the children from the local institutions."

"High Park has, on various occasions, resounded with the merry laughter and happy exclamations of his hundreds of youthful guests and at the end of the picnic each little visitor carried away a bag of goodies and a penny for luck, both given as a parting favor by the host. He arrived in Toronto two days ago, intending to give a big picnic as usual, but found so many of the children out holidaying at farms, fresh air camps and with folk who on planning their own vacation, made room for one or two other little folk who would otherwise have been precluded from the fun of holidays, that the idea of a general picnic had to be abandoned."

"Yesterday he was host to children at the Salvation Army camp at Jackson's Point where 150 little folk cheered to the echo the visitor who being a sugar king and loving the hot season comes in midsummer when Santa Claus is busy in his workshop getting ready for Christmas. He had candy and coppers for every child and the usual spread of sandwiches and ice cream."

"The 'Summer Santa' plans, instead of the big all-in-one-picnic he usually gives to have a number of private picnics when little folk will be his guests and he will visit them either at their camps or at a convenient spot where children of different groups may gather to enjoy his hospitality and generosity."

FIFTY PER CENT POTATO CROP WILL BE LOST

G. C. Cunningham, agent here for the Eastern Canada Potato Marketing Board, who returned here from a trip to Carleton and Victoria Counties, stated to The Daily Mail today that the 1935 potato crop in the above named counties will be only fifty per cent of last year's, due to the effect of this week's intense heat, which parched potatoes and dried them up. The situation is likely to be even more general and other counties have been equally affected by the heat.

The loss will be a large one, but it may react favorably on prices in the fall.

Central Kingsclear

CENTRAL KINGSCLEAR, August 23—Quite a number attended the funeral service held in the United Church here on Wednesday afternoon for the baby daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Burden, who died very suddenly on Monday.

Jean Grey has returned home after visiting friends at Keswick Ridge.

Miss Loretta Mills of Woster, Mass., motored to her home in this place arriving here Sunday night. She is spending her vacation with her parents.

Hulda Grey is visiting at Keswick Ridge.

Miss Dora Goodine of Fredericton, has been spending the week with Marie and Annetta King.

The Sewing Circle of Upper Kingsclear were entertained by Miss Estelle Fox at her home on Tuesday evening. A large number were present. The usual work was carried on and a pleasant social evening enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Nellie Murray and Miss Anna Cliff were afternoon guests of Mrs. H. W. Kilburn one day recently.

Miss Bella Norgay spent a day the guest of Mrs. Randolph Kilburn quite recently.

The Forest Fires Left Many Destitute and Homeless

WISH IMPROVED TAXI SERVICE FOR MARYSVILLE

The Marysville town council met with several taxi drivers of that place at a specially called joint meeting last evening and discussed the matter of improved taxi service to take in Marysville Devon and Fredericton. The meeting had been called to consider the advisability of sanctioning a proposed bus service to operate between the three places, and to consider the taxi drivers' angle.

An understanding was reached last night that if the taxi drivers accede to the wishes of the council to have a better regulated taxi service, that legislation will be sought during the next session, which would protect the taxi drivers and possibly exclude the possibility of putting the area under the Motor Carrier Act. This would be done, said the council, if improved service was established in the taxi business.

The Marysville council will co-operate with the taxi drivers and in this connection a committee was appointed composed of Ald. Roy Moore, chairman, Ald. R. E. Gorman and Charles Sloat. Deputy Mayor Finnmore presided in the absence of Mayor J. Walter Walker.

Annual Meeting N. B. Herd Improvement Council Yesterday

SUSSEX, N. B., August 24—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Herd Improvement Council was held last evening in the agricultural building. A. D. Freeze, president of the council presided and delegates were present from practically all herd improvement associations in New Brunswick.

Following the business session, an interesting discussion took place regarding the problems of dairy herd improvement and increased average production from dairy herds. This discussion was participated in by J. K. King, deputy minister of agriculture; H. N. Flewelling, Sussex; A. E. Raymond, Woodstock; Dr. L. A. Donovan, of Saint John; John Woods, Hampton; H. S. Gamblin Cody's; Charles Butler, Newcastle; A. J. Buttmer, Salmon Beach; William R. Trueman, Point de Bute, and others.

E. M. Taylor, field husbandman for the Department of Agriculture here, was one of the speakers at the annual meeting, as was also J. K. King deputy minister of agriculture.

BRIDGE IN MADAWASKA TO BE RE-BUILT

Contract for the building of the Irons River Mouth Bridge, Madawaska county, has been let to B. H. Williamson, West Saint John, at an approximate price of \$12,000. Announcement of the award was made today by Hon. A. A. Dyrart, Premier and Minister of Public Works.

This structure is located on trans-Canada Highway No. 2 between Grand Falls and Edmundston and its erection will effect a considerable improvement in the alignment of the highway. The present structure is located on a sharp curve but the new span will be set up at a point some twenty-five feet farther down stream.

A statement from the Bridge Engineers' Office today states that "The new work will consist of a sixty-foot reinforced concrete arch span constructed on pile foundation, roadway width thirty feet, stone and earth embankment approaches, covering a total distance of 833 feet." The old structure is a narrow steel span.

C. N. R. REVENUE SHOWS INCREASE

MONTREAL, August 24—The gross revenues of the all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending August 21, 1935, were \$3,139,888 as compared with \$2,929,895 for the corresponding period of 1934 an increase of \$209,989.

JUNIOR FARMERS HERE

Close to one hundred members of the N. B. Junior Farmers' Association arrived at the Dominion Experimental Station today to take part in the tenth annual meeting which began at nine o'clock this morning. The meeting commenced with an inspection of livestock and poultry. This afternoon the annual meeting of the association is taking place. The junior farmers arrived by car from various parts of the province.

Total of 450 Persons Given Relief in Gloucester County—Large Supply of Clothing— Red Cross Assists— Slight Improvement Today Although Rain Badly Needed

The provincial forest fire situation was only slightly improved today, and constantly veering winds kept the hazard up. There has been no 24-hour rainfall, which is greatly needed before any real relief can come.

At most places today the fires were still burning and fire fighters were still on the jump trying to curb them and save homes, property and New Brunswick's timber wealth. Four hundred and fifty persons have been left homeless and destitute by forest fires in eastern Gloucester County and 500 pairs of blankets, 65 tents, and a large supply of clothing has been sent to Tracadie. The Red Cross Society also are assisting in the work of relief now that there seems to be a slight breathing spell after the frantic fire fighting efforts of the past week.

The fires are down but not out is the latest word given to The Daily Mail by the New Brunswick Forest Service this afternoon and the service is giving all their energies to ensure against an outbreak of flame again. With an establishment of somewhere between 600 and 800 men at the Gagetown fire to patrol fire-ridden country the officials are giving their utmost to stamp out all traces of fire.

Gagetown Fire
The holocaust at Gagetown this week burned hundreds of acres and in its course seared farmers' crops and threatened the homes of anxious settlers. While no major catastrophe occurred to human lives or dwellings, nevertheless it was just averted by the narrowest of margins, and the grace of shifting winds. The constantly shifting winds caused the fire to play all manner of fantastic patterns in the midst of the timberlands near Gagetown. Even today the fire was not fully controlled and the winds were always a source of hazard.

One farmer lost his entire potato patch and field of corn, both being parched black by the devastating fires. At most places where the fire had swept past it was impossible for a person to stand on the ground so intense was the heat and so far had it penetrated the earth.

The residents in the locality of Gagetown worked faithfully and well today again hoping all the time for rains. They realize that their chief help is in the natural source of moisture from the skies and not the bucket and pump, although these have made yeoman contribution under the desperate hands of the firefighters.

Reports indicate there are 104 families who lost to the flames everything they had but the clothing they wore. Of the 450 thus affected, more than 200 were children.

All but 14 of the families resided on granted land, but the entire population, both those holding settlers' lots on Crown Land and those on grants, have signified their willingness to re-establish and erect new homes on their lots, stated Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines. None of the families want to leave the district.

Emergency rations were sent to the scene by the department of lands and mines immediately after the destruction occurred, and the settlers were given temporary shelter in the school houses and in neighboring homes. Many of them now will live in tents until their own homes are rebuilt.

T. A. MacDonald, inspector of colonization lots, who went to the district from here on Thursday, will remain there several days until reestablishment operations are properly organized. The matter of assistance which the department will give has not been gone into fully yet, the minister said. Arrangements to send supplies to the area were made through C. W. McKee, St. John, chairman of the Red Cross relief committee.

The minister referred to the valuable service rendered by W. A. Losier M.L.A. of Tracadie, who, he said, had been constantly caring for stricken families.

The fires in Eastern Gloucester County, as well as those in other parts of New Brunswick, smoked up considerably yesterday, although all the outbreaks were being held by large crews of fire-fighters still on the job. The latter, given better fighting opportunities by Wednesday's early morning rainfall, still were endeavoring to bring the fires definitely under control before they could get a chance to return to the menacing conditions which existed before the showers. None of the outbreaks spread yesterday.

With strong northeast to north winds forecast, all the fires will be

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