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THE LIBERAL PARTY CLEANS UP P. E. I.

Conservatives Wiped Out Liberals Secure All 30 Seats

The Election has no Parallel in Canadian History. Do not know what to do for an Opposition.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., July 23.—Liberal tides flooded Prince Edward Island today defeating every Conservative candidate in an election turn-over perhaps unprecedented in Canadian political history. Premier-elect W. M. Lea will have no opposition in the House he is about to lead. Premier W. J. P. MacMillan and all seven of his cabinet ministers were swept from office in the debacle following one month behind a sweeping Liberal victory in the neighboring province of New Brunswick.

Hard-fighting Premier MacMillan waived comment on the result. "The facts speak for themselves, I have nothing to say," was his only statement.

Opposition Leader Lea whose Liberal government went down to defeat in 1931 was highly jubilant over today's sweeping victory but said he fully realized the grave responsibility which the new government will assume.

The defeated cabinet ministers were Premier MacMillan, who held the portfolio of public health and education; Attorney General H. F. McPhee, Public Works Minister G. Shelton Sharpe, Minister of Agriculture Thomas MacNutt and Hon. H. D. McLean, Hon. A. F. Arsenault and Hon. M. W. Wood, ministers without portfolios.

By Five Votes

The best showing made by any Conservative candidate was that of Hon. H. D. McLean, prominent merchant of Souris, who has been victorious in every provincial election since 1917 in the First District of Kings County, when he replaced his father, Hon. John McLean, who went to the Senate. He was defeated today by five votes.

The smashing Liberal victory was revenge for a Conservative landslide back in 1911 when the present chief justice of the province, Hon. J. A. Mathieson, leading Conservative forces, won 28 of the Islands 30 seats.

Opposition Leader Lea won a personal victory in the Fourth District of Prince after directing the campaign from his sick-bed. During his illness the active organization work was carried on by his youthful lieutenant, Thane A. Campbell, K.C., who was elected in the First District of Prince.

Following is a list of members elected (* indicates member of last Legislature):

Kings

First District—H. H. Acorn, Coun.; Peter McIsaac, Assem.; Liberal gains.

Second District—J. F. McIntyre, Coun.; *Harry H. Cox, Assem.; unchanged.

Third District—S. S. Hessian, Coun. John Mustard, Assem.; Liberal gains.

Fourth District—*Montague Annear, Coun.; John A. Campbell, Assem.; unchanged.

Fifth District—George Saville, Coun.; W. Wade Hughes, Assem.; Liberal gains.

Queens

First District—W. F. Alan Stewart, Coun.; D. M. McKay, Assem.; Liberal gains.

Second District—*B. W. LePage, Coun.; Angus MacPhee, Assem.; one Liberal gain, one unchanged.

Fourth District—J. Walter Jones, Coun.; Douglas MacKinnon, Assem.; unchanged.

Fifth District—C. St. C. Trainor, Coun.; T. W. L. Prowse, Assem.; Liberal gains

Prince

First District—*Thane A. Campbell,

P. E. I. Elections

Every person who is unbiased and is not a strong partisan will be sorry that the entire Conservative party was wiped out in the Legislature in that Province. It is a bad thing when any party, either Liberal or Conservative, gets the entire control with no strong opposition to check them up. It is bad for the country and bad for themselves. Often times when a government has been in power too long it is a good thing to have a change.

The electors of Canada seem ready to make a change everywhere. They made it in Saskatchewan, in Ontario and in New Brunswick, and now they have done so in Prince Edward Island. It remains to be seen whether Mr. Bennett will be able to weather the gale or not.

Students of politics who have watched the voters vote in recent months were not surprised to see the Island province go Liberal. There can be no mistaking the vote, the majority of the electors in all districts have expressed the same opinion.

The situation is peculiar in the history of politics in this Dominion if not in the Empire. The Government and its supporters will have no opposition. They will have no one to fight with and may have to fight amongst themselves. How they will conduct the debate on the Address or on the Budget remains to be seen.

The situation is bad enough in this Province. It is worse there. In this Province, we have a good strong government containing on the whole probably a better collection of men than we have had for several years. But we have an opposition, small in numbers and lacking outstanding political ability, although they are good fellows personally. Over on "The Island" they will be worse than we are. It will also be hard on the new leader. He will have too many to feed.

Walter M. Lea, the Liberal leader, has been ill for the greater part of the campaign, and to him, wishes for speedy recovery will be offered.

The House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island is made up of fifteen councillors and fifteen assemblymen. Councillors and assemblymen are elected separately, but once elected, are on an equality in the House. The electorate that returns councillors is limited to landowners, wives or husbands of landowners, returned soldiers and clergymen; the assemblymen are voted for under universal franchise. This gives voting power for both councillors and assemblymen to those privileged individuals mentioned above. The origin of this unusual system lies in the fact that the legislative council of the Island was, before its abolition, elected, not appointed; and the privilege of voting for its members was confined to the propertied class. In combining the upper and lower Houses, the dual nomenclature and the two suffrages have been preserved.

The fifteen constituencies are the three counties of the province, Queens, Kings, and Prince, each divided into five electoral districts. The standing of the parties on dissolution of the last House on June 15 last was: Conservatives, sixteen; Liberals, twelve; with two seats vacant. Now thirty Liberals will take their seats at the opening session.

Coun.; Aeneas Gallant, Assem.; unchanged.

Second District—*W. H. Dennis, Coun.; George H. Barbour, Assem.; one Liberal gain, one unchanged.

Third District—Martin Gallant, Coun.; Thomas Linkletter, Assem.; Liberal gains.

Fourth District—*W. M. Lea, Coun.; C. C. Baker, Assem.; one Liberal gain, one unchanged.

Fifth District—*L. R. Allen, Coun.; E. P. Foley, Assem.; one Liberal gain, one unchanged.

The Premier-Elect

One of the Island province's most successful farmers, Hon. W. M. Lea, has been an advocate of mixed farming in opposition to a policy of specialization in the producing of potatoes, a policy which has been blacklisted in both political parties in the last few years.

For eight years, the Liberal leader was minister of agriculture and he became the Island's first "farmer premier" when Hon. A. C. Saunders resigned as head of the government in 1930, to be elevated to the supreme court bench.

"I believe," Mr. Lea has said, "that even though the fox breeding industry is credited with bringing an income of \$3,000,000 annually, if dairying, hog

and poultry raising were intelligently followed on all Island farms, it would increase their revenue by at least 50 percent within ten years."

Thirty-four years ago, Mr. Lea undertook the operation of "Riverside Farm" in Victoria. He wiped off indebtedness, began raising prize Holstein cattle, improved his entire livestock and today he has one of the model farms of the district and his fame as a breeder of good dairy cattle and Percheron horses is widespread.

As a politician his success has been along parallel lines. First elected as member for the Fourth District of Prince County in 1915, he was defeated only once since then, in the general election of 1923. In 1919 he became minister of agriculture for the first time and took great pride in the establishment of the Island's agriculture and technical school which was abolished by a Conservative government in 1925.

Mr. Lea was appointed minister of agriculture and secretary treasurer in Hon. A. O. Saunders' cabinet Aug. 12, 1927. Upon the retirement of Mr. Saunders from political life, he was called upon to form a government, which he did, May 20, 1930, while he still retained the agriculture port-

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CABINET TO BE IN SESSION HERE TONIGHT

Premier Dysart Arrived Here Early this Afternoon, Other Cabinet Members Arriving—Board of Education Meeting this Afternoon—Bond Issue.

Premier A. A. Dysart and his Cabinet will meet here this evening continuing their recent series of meetings. The meeting tonight is expected to be a lengthy one and there is a possibility that the Cabinet may continue in session tomorrow.

The Board of Education is holding a meeting this afternoon in the Education office, it being the first meeting of this body since the new government took over the administration.

Premier Dysart arrived this afternoon by car from Saint John. Hon. J. B. McNair, K. C., attorney-general, intimated today that an announcement regarding the remaining thirteen of the fifteen hard-surfacing contracts in the province would be made, probably tomorrow.

Already two contracts have been ordered to proceed under the original specifications, these being contract No. 150, from Fredericton (west city limit) to McKinley Ferry, and No. 151, from Fairville to Westfield Corner. It is anticipated that changes will be made in the specifications of the contracts and to this end Premier Dysart and his cabinet have been conferring with road experts.

Members of the Cabinet are expected here this afternoon and early this evening. Already Hon. C. T. Richard, provincial secretary-treasurer, Hon. A. P. Patterson, president of the executive council, and Hon. F. W. Pirie, minister of lands and mines are in the city.

Tenders have been called for \$1,358,000 (Province of New Brunswick debentures, it was announced today. These are for the purpose of refunding a ten-year issue of \$782,000 and paying a floating debt of \$576,000.

Tenders for the issue, first offered by the new Liberal Government under Premier Dysart, will close on July 30. Tenders may be made on a basis of a five, ten or fifteen-year term at three per cent.

Sea Elephant Eats Too Much So Is Sent Back to Germany

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 23.—Goliath the Colossus, the only elephant seal in the Western Hemisphere, sailed for Germany on the Hamburg American liner New York at 1 A. M., yesterday, because his monstrous appetite precludes his being exploited as an attraction in the United States. The 150 pounds of fresh fish which he requires each day make him impossible to exhibit at a profit. He has been in Atlantic City.

Goliath took up 160 square feet of the forward deck of the liner and was enclosed in a wooden crate 20 feet long, five feet high and eight feet wide. A special floating derrick was required to transfer him from the shore to the deck, the New York's cargo booms not being strong enough to hold his 7,643 pounds.

This monster of the deep, which had grown considerably during his seven year old stay in the United States is 18 feet, four inches long and 14 feet, nine inches around the middle. In the eight days crossing to Hamburg Goliath will consume three-quarters of a ton of frozen sea trout, the only item on his diet.

It Pays to Advertise in The Daily Mail.

Ottawa Hears Some Things About Dom. Politics And Parties

TOPOGRAPHIC, GEOLOGICAL PROGRESS

Progress is reported this week on topographic work in conjunction with the seven geological projects being carried on in the province and sponsored by the Federal Government. J. D. Butterworth, of Ottawa, who is in charge of topographic, or photographic, work in the Maritimes Provinces, has forty men working under him, divided into four parties. Two of the parties are working under Rutherford Parlee, a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, while the other two are directly under Mr. Butterworth. Two of the parties are engaged in surveying roads to be used as control for plane photos. These are on the Salmon River sheet and are situated at Waterford and Lake View in Kings county.

On the Petitcodiac sheet, the Parlee party are engaged in making contour maps. A. G. Gaultain, who is in charge of topographic branch of the geological department for Eastern Canada is conferring with Mr. Butterworth this week. It is planned to extend this work to Plaster Rock area soon, and preparations are now being made for such work.

Mrs. Estabrooks Dead, Prominent In Social Work

Many friends in the city and throughout the province will regret to learn of the passing last evening of Lillie B. Estabrooks, wife of Herbert W. Estabrooks, at her home, 180 Charlotte street. The late Mrs. Estabrooks was 65 years of age and had been in ill health for some time. She was an untiring worker in the Women's Institute, having succeeded the late Mrs. John Harvey as president of that organization. The vacancy caused by Mrs. Estabrooks' death will be hard to fill. She was an active member in the Brunswick Street Baptist Church and was most active in the Agnes McDonald Circle as well as the Mission board. The late Mrs. Estabrooks was a lover of her home and family and her departure from this life will be widely regretted by her many friends and co-workers in many a good cause. Surviving besides her husband are two sons, David D. and J. Manzer, at home; one daughter, Mrs. Whitney Killan, of Milton, N. S.; one sister, Mrs. George McKee of this city. Her daughter, Mrs. Whitney Killan, is interested in missionary work and for a time practiced these duties in the province of Quebec. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon with service at 2:30 o'clock at the home and will be conducted by Rev. G. W. Guion. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery.

PRESENTED COLORS

On July 5 H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Seaforth Highlanders, presented new colours to the 2nd Battalion of that Regiment at Dover Castle. He wore the uniform of the Seaforths at the ceremony. Charles Brannen of Fredericton is a Bandboy in this Battalion, playing and he had an excellent view of the Prince. Some of the Battalion spent part of May and all of June under canvas at Aldershot.

One Correspondent Says that no Tory Party after Next Election—Another Boosts National Government—Take Your Choice, We Don't Know Yet.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, July 24.—The sweeping Liberal victory in Prince Edward Island has set people talking about the general prospects of the Conservative party in Canada. There are those who go so far as to say that there will only be two real representative parties in Canada after the next Federal election. One will be the Liberal party which many people on all sides think will be in the majority, and the Reconstructionist party which will be the official opposition. This disposes of the old Conservative party which has long been a factor in Dominion politics and places that party on the same plane as the C.C.F. and other minor parties. Whether many will agree with this proposition or not, that is the idea expressed here in circles around the Parliament Buildings.

The force of public opinion, created and consolidated through membership in the League for National Government, as the only way in which the citizens of Canada could make the elected representatives of the people live up to their oaths of office and give Canada a government of the people for the people instead of a government of a party by a party for a party. This was the declaration made by Basil Nares, a member of the Montreal Branch of the League for National Government, made to members of the St. Lawrence Kiwanis Club of Montreal at their luncheon today at the Queen's Hotel in that city.

Sadly Disillusioned

Mr. Nares declared that the average tax-ridden citizen was sadly disillusioned by the impotence of all political parties, the futility of their pre-election promises and the inefficiency of a Parliament in which one party instead of offering constructive criticism spent most of their time in obstructing the efforts of the other that was in power. He asserted that by insisting that Canada must stand before party the citizens would be furnishing the driving force that was necessary for the solution of the country's problems, which was a cancerous growth that had been feeding too long on the Dominion.

The meeting was presided over by Donat Turcotte, president of the club the speaker was introduced by Dr. A. Fortier and thanked by Bert Hastings.

At the outset of his address Mr. Nares emphasized that it was imperative that the citizens should do something at once towards the solution of the grave problems confronting Canada today. Speaking as an ordinary taxpayer who like the rest was having a difficult time trying to make enough to pay the taxes the politicians spent so freely, Mr. Nares said that the great majority of the organizers and members of the League for National Government had never had much to do with politics, but like the old Vigilantes, were organizing spontaneously to fight for their rights in this emergency. They represented no "ism" and believed thoroughly in the present democratic form of government, for without it as a league they could get

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