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The French Elections

The people of France have spoken. Elected with a majority beyond even the expectations of their most ardent supporters, the Popular Left wing yesterday rolled over to victory at the polls.

Old familiar figures of the political scene went down. Marcel Deat, minister for air, was defeated by a Communist newspaperman, Jacques Stern, minister for the colonies, and Pierre Maso, under-secretary for public affairs, both went under.

Early this morning, with only five constituencies unreported, the Popular Front held 375 of the 618 seats in the new chamber, or 65 over an absolute majority.

In the second arrondissement of Paris, where the stock exchange and financial houses are located, Paul Reynaud, former finance minister, only defeated the Communist candidate by 27 votes. There, however, the right-wing forces were divided, the Independent Republican candidate taking 1,966 votes, which normally would have gone to Reynaud.

In their determination to block the "path of fascism," the Radical Socialists, Socialist and Communist parties sent their combined strength and came out victorious with the cry "For bread, peace and liberty."

How long will they remain in power? What will be the effect on France's foreign policy is what the world is asking? The protection of the franc is to be an issue, and also the limiting of armaments.

Salmon

In point of annual marketed return, the British Columbia salmon fishery is the most valuable of the fisheries of Canada. The return fluctuates from year to year, of course, but of late it has been between 13 and 16 million dollars. The record output for British Columbia canned salmon is 105,600,000 pounds. Over 70 per cent is sent to the export markets of the world. Sixty canning plants give employment to over 5,000 workers.

There are five species of British Columbia salmon taken by the fishermen. The fish are entirely distinct from the Atlantic salmon and the several species are known scientifically by names which came originally from the Russian vernacular. The popular names, however, are Sockeye, Spring, Coho, Pink and Chum. They are very similar in food value, although the rich, red color of the Sockeye's flesh and the firmness of its tissues gives this fish a market advantage and cause it to bring the highest price.

All of these salmon are born in fresh water but their mature life is spent in the sea. The bulk of the catch is taken along the coast and in the inlets and bays, generally closer than two miles off shore.

When the spawning grounds in the rivers are reached, each female salmon, guarded by the male, deposits her eggs to the number of several thousand in a little basin which the fish scrape out in the river bed with snout and fin. When the eggs are fertilized the fish cover them with gravel. With that the life cycle of the parent fish is ended. Unlike the Atlantic salmon, the Pacific spawns but once and death follows spawning. The children never see their parents. One generation is dead before the next arrives.

This information comes from the Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Canada's Trade With Newfoundland

Newfoundland is the oldest colony of the British Empire. It was discovered by John Cabot in 1497; the first land seen was hailed as Prima Vista, the present Cape Bonavista. In 1533 the island was formally occupied by Sir Humphrey Gilbert in the name of Queen Elizabeth and by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713 the whole island was acknowledged to be British. The administration of affairs is at present vested in a Commission.

Newfoundland has an area of 42,720 square miles or somewhat less than that of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick combined, while the population of 300,000 is less than that of either of them. The coast is extremely rugged and the coastal regions mountainous. The interior contains many fertile valleys and the island has a great forest wealth. The climate is salubrious and the people are a strong, brave, healthy, hardy, industrious race. The thermometer seldom falls below zero in winter and ranges in summer in the thermometer seldom falls below zero in winter and ranges in the shade in summer from 70 to 80 degrees.

Canada's trade with Newfoundland is quite large. Our imports last year were over 1½ million dollars and our exports 6½ million. The chief product we get is iron ore, together with fish and fish products, stone, furs, leather boots and shoes. An interesting import last year as usual was florists' stock to the amount of \$146,000, the chief variety being azaleas. Our exports are general in character, large items being wheat flour, oats, potatoes, confectionery, rubber boots and shoes, meats, butter, cheese, concentrated milk, textiles, paper, machinery, automobiles, coal, petroleum and a great variety of other commodities.

This information comes from the External Trade Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Trousers

Men have turned to trousers almost universally in the Temperate Zone and, wherever they have gone they have introduced that habit. In ancient times trousers were worn by the nations of North and Central Europe, as well as the Phrygians and Persians. A few Romans began to wear them in the second century. Beau Brummel is said to have introduced trousers into England. The Scottish Highlander had to be forced by a hated Sassenach Law to cover his limbs with unromantic breeks.

The old English name for the leg coverings was hose or breeches, as witness the Breeches Bible; later they were called trousers and today in Canadian statistical reports they are described as pants.

From hose to pants there have been many varieties of fashion, ranging from the ancient baggy trousers to the tight garments puffed at the top in the time of Henry VIII and from the petticoat breeches of the Stuarts to the tight knee breeches worn in the reign of William III and still used in modern court dress. The pants of today could hardly be described as graceful.

About six million pairs of men's and boys' pants, from outing shorts to full dress, were made in Canada last year, which just about represents the marketing. This means that the average Canadian man and boy has been getting lately not quite three new pairs in two years. A man is lucky who gets two pairs in a year. This does not include baby's wear, those rubber contraptions running to about 1½ million yearly for over 200,000 children under one year old.

These figures are taken from reports by the Manufacturers Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

SNAPSHOTS

Do your part to prevent automobile accidents this year. Do you want a blood-bespattered highway? It's up to us to help.

What are the police going to do with the sloven wagon driver who plods his horse and wagon along the country road in the dark without any head or tail lights? Also the boy on the bicycle at night? These are real menaces to the public safety.

The man with the beer has not been seen rushing it down to the other man's house on the back street so far this year.

One of the men who moved last week forgot all about it when he went home to his lunch and landed in the house which he had formerly occupied. At another house a woman moved out and forgot to bring her false teeth.

Canada's merchant marine is gone. The Canada Navy is gone—somewhere. The floating debt remains.

The road leading to the quintuplets' hospital home at Callander is to be improved and widened. Thus the famous children are doing something toward Northern development.

It may cheer the sorely harassed income-tax payer to realize that many others are in the same boat. Tax-paying is among the epidemics for which there doesn't seem to be any cure.

There is news in the statement that almost a third of the shares of the new Bank of Canada are held by women. These shareholders are divided as follows: "Housewives," 19,359; "ladies," 6,899; "widows," 3,179; and "nurses," 1,010. Another bit of news is that newspapermen hold 445 shares—so that there appears to be a shifting of wealth.

What is the difference between the "ladies," and the other occupations mentioned? Are the others un ladylike?

Escaped Convict Taken Yesterday

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cured shelter and food at intervals or he would not have been able to get as far away as he did.

In view of the fact that the place where Levesque was captured was 24 miles above Pacific Junction, it was eight hours after the capture that Levesque was returned to the penitentiary, the distance being approximately 60 miles, and many miles had to be walked.

No official statement was forthcoming from prison officials tonight concerning the health of Levesque, but it was learned from unofficial sources that he appeared to be in good condition. It was also learned that he had managed to secure clothing to replace the blue prison uniform.

CHURCH SERVICES ON SUNDAY

The usual services were held at the local church on Sunday, with congregations large despite the inclement weather. At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross, the minister, spoke at both services. In the morning the sacrament of Baptism was administered. The sermon themes were Service. At Wilnot United church Rev. J. W. Bartlett exchanged pulpits with Rev. H. S. Bishop of Woodstock for the day. Ven. Archdeacon Hedley Holmes of Prince Albert was the special preacher at Christchurch Parish church in the evening. The visitor spoke of conditions in western Canada and referred to the work of the church among the settlers and those on relief. Holy Communion was celebrated in the morning. The monthly communion service was held in the evening at the Brunswick street Baptist church when the pastor Rev. G. W. Guion spoke at both services. Fourteen members were taken into the church at the baptismal service. The usual well attended services took place at St. Dunstan's, St. Paul's, George street Baptist and Advent Christian church in North Devon. At the latter church Rev. M. C. Burt preached at all services.

Blood Spattered Pavements

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highway safety instruction to every high-school student in the country. The essence to the bad driving problem would be attacked, for not only do records show that drivers of high-school age are poor and reckless operators, but from our high schools will come the future operators of motor cars.

The most effective instruments for improving the situation, so far as the younger generations are concerned, seem to be education and example. The latter is of first importance to parents because with operation of motor vehicles, as with other phases of family life, the child is deeply influenced by what the parent does. If you are careless and reckless with your car, you cannot expect your children to drive much differently. IF YOU SCOFF AT TRAFFIC LAWS YOUR CHILD CANNOT HELP AGREEING WITH YOU THAT SUCH LAWS ARE SILLY AND NOT TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. IF YOU ARE A PARENT WHO TELLS YOUR BOY OR GIRL TO WATCH OUT THE WINDOW FOR MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS WHILE YOU CHALLENGE DEATH BY STEPPING HARD ON THE THROTTLE, YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO EXPECT YOUTH TO BE LAW-ABIDING

"Approximately thirty-six thousand people were killed in the United States by automobiles in 1934, an all-time record! During that year one human being was killed by automobiles in the United States every fifteen minutes, and somebody injured every thirty-one seconds! Are we going to stop the slaughter.

A few weeks ago the world was watching the heroic saving of two men from death. What are we doing to save the lives of innocent people on the highway?

Combined Socialist Communists and Radicals Win

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the effect on both the domestic and foreign policy of France? Those are the questions which all are now asking.

The Popular Front programme provides for radical changes in the set-up of the Bank of France. Edouard Daladier, leader of the Radical Socialists, has criticized the massive deflation by which recent French governments have sought to balance their budgets. Protection of the franc bids fair to be a lively issue.

In the foreign field the Popular Front would proceed by negotiation. It stands for an agreement to limit armaments, to be followed as soon as possible by further agreement to reduce armaments.

Edouard Herriot the leader of the moderate clement in the Radical Socialist party, was elected after having failed of election on the first ballot last Sunday for the first time in his career.

With five constituencies unreported, the ministry of the Interior at 3 a.m. (Paris time) announced the following party standing. The figures include those elected the previous Sunday on the first ballot.

Parties of The Right		
Independents	19	
Republicans	82	
	101	
Parties of The Left		
Popular Democrats	23	
Left Republicans	83	
Independent Republicans	31	
	137	
Parties of The Centre		
Radical Socialists	115	
Republican Socialists	25	
Independent Socialists	9	
United Socialists	145	
Communists	81	
	375	
Total members elected	613	
Gains and losses on the basis of returns from 341 constituencies:		
Gains	Losses	
Right	23	35
Centre	21	46
Left	64	30

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