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DOMINION ELECTIONS

PRIME Minister Mackenzie King told press reporters recently that he believed nothing would arise "within the next year or two" to necessitate a general election.

Referring to reports that the Government was considering the possibility of an election this year, the Prime Minister said: "I don't want the people to get the impression there is any uncertainty on this point."

No Government since Confederation has enjoyed as much support in the House of Commons as the present administration when it took office, the Prime Minister told a large group of parliamentary correspondents after Cabinet Council. "I don't think any Government since Confederation has so completely held the confidence of the people. I say that advisedly."

Mr. King referred to the increase in the Government's already record majority as a result of by-elections and to the recent contests in Victoria, Lotbiniere and St. Henry constituencies, which he declares indicated complete approval of the Government's policies.

"In these troubled times the people want only stability and continuity of government. They want a united nation with steady progress and that is what this Government is giving them."

If he followed the example set by his predecessor in office (Conservative Leader Bennett) he need not issue writs for the next general election until Nov. 9, 1940, the Prime Minister said. The election need not be held until the following year so long as it was in time for Parliament to meet and vote supply before March 31, 1941.

The Prime Minister referred to his statement of several months ago on the possibilities of a general election. At that time, referring to election rumors, he said the best guess would be late in 1940, unless something unforeseen arose.

"Nothing has happened since that time to change my opinion and I cannot foresee the possibility of anything necessitating an election in the next year or two at any rate."

"But if at any time I have reason to believe we no longer enjoy the confidence of the people there will be a general election without any delay. I can assure you of that."

DIVORCES IN 1937

THERE were 1,870 divorces granted in Canada in 1937, 1,825 being granted by the courts of seven provinces, while 45 were granted by the Dominion Parliament. These latter have been allotted to provinces according to the legal domicile of the petitioner, 43 being in the province of Quebec, and two in Prince Edward Island. As compared with 1936 there was an increase of 244 divorces, or 22.5 per cent. Ontario recorded 596 against 507 for the previous year. All the other provinces, except Nova Scotia, also showed increases.

Up till 1924, Canada's divorce statistics differed from those of most other countries in that they showed that a majority of the divorces granted were on the petition of the husband. In 1924 wives obtained 51.2 per cent. of the decrees granted, but in 1925 husbands were again in the majority of successful petitioners with 50.6 per cent. From 1926 to 1933 wives received between 50 and 60 per cent. of the divorces granted. From 1934 to 1937 they received 68.5, 61.6, 64.0, and 63.4 per cent., respectively. In New Zealand wives received between 50 and 60 per cent. of the divorces granted between 1928 and 1935, while in the United States they received from 70.5 to 73.5 per cent. of the petitions granted in the years 1927 to 1932.

At the 1931 Census, there were enumerated 4,049 divorced males and 2,392 divorced females in the Dominion, or 0.08 per cent. and 0.07 per cent. of each sex, respectively, while in 1921 the figures recorded were 3,670 and 3,731 or 0.08 per cent. and 0.09 per cent., respectively. As among the nine provinces, British Columbia showed the highest percentage of divorced persons in the population with 0.24 of each sex, while Quebec showed the lowest percentage with 0.02 males and 0.03 females. Divorced persons who have subsequently been remarried are, of course, recorded in the census as married.

An interesting side-light of the divorce question is afforded by the figures of divorced persons who remarried in the years 1926 to 1936. The statistics indicate that the number of divorced persons remarrying is increasing with the number of divorces.

PROVIDING FOR OLD AGE

THE prospective cost of old-age pensions given the House of Commons by Hon. Charles Dunning should inspire anxiety even among the Socialist-minded who think money grows on trees. Without reduction in present age limit or an increase in the very meagre amount paid, the estimated cost to the Dominion in 1941 will be \$46,300,000. In 1951 it will be \$62,000,000, ten years later \$82,200,000, and in 1971 it will reach \$32,800,000. This does not include the 25 per cent. paid by the Provinces. During the present fiscal year the Federal Treasury will contribute some \$30,000,000. The number of citizens over 70 years of age requiring this assistance will multiply by three in the forthcoming third of a century.

If the age limit were reduced to 65 the Dominion expenditure next year would be about \$48,000,000, and if lowered to 60 the cost would be \$71,646,000. The prospective Treasury expenditures are based on the assumption that the pensions will be supported entirely by the State. The position would change materially under a contributory scheme, which in fact is the only sound method. The Minister of Finance pointed out that with a contributory system the age limit could be lowered and the payments increased.

Essential as the old-age pension is and will continue to be, there is room for thought as to whether something cannot be done to enable a larger proportion of the population to avoid it. Most people prefer self-reliance; few as yet are imbued with the idea that the country owes them a living as a matter of principle. A survey of the list of present pensioners and the reasons for their position might be revealing. Possibly a proportion very different to the future during earning days. Many made unwise investments with their savings, lacking suitable advice. Others, doubtless, are suffering because of defaults, perhaps the default of Governments in which they had confidence. Being creditors to the extent of a few hundred dollars a year, or small holders of securities in corporations, they are outlived as plutocrats. Such legislation as the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act doubtless has forced some to the old-age pension.

Is there not a way in which public responsibility can be exercised to assist people to look after themselves, to advise and direct them in earlier life, and avert conditions which impoverish so many? It would be less expensive for the taxpayer and more helpful to public morale than neglecting them and paying them pittance in old age.

Snapshots

So the Tory party has decided to turn over a new leaf.

Maybe the Japs know best, but we never saw anybody build up a business by shooting customers.

But you'll notice that people aren't horrified by a public official's conduct of his on their side.

If a man has a normal mind, scarcely anything can addle it except a woman or too much authority.

Another disadvantage of growing old is that the charm of the other sex no longer reconciles you to an awful way of fixing the hair.

A land of opportunity has its drawbacks. The Mrs. can afford a swell tiled bathroom before she gets her man trained to wash regular.

Boiled down to a few words, Herr Hitler's contention is that Germany got a short count in the world war and is entitled to a return bout.

"Do you remember," asks Frederic Walters, "away back when the school children walked miles to school? Now they kick because the streamlined, air-conditioned school bus has no radio."

"Germany does not desire war, but she does not fear war," declared Der Fuehrer. Still, she did look pretty scared to observers back there 'round 1918.

Poses and technique may have gotten across in Grandmother's day; but any modern girl who went in for the artifice her mother put over, would be placed in the "observation ward."

NATIONAL

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Mr. Bennett revealed Saturday that last August he had told his House followers he could not continue as leader. But later words were dropped that indicated he might change his mind. It was no secret that most of those who sat behind him were confident he would carry on.

This confidence in Mr. Bennett's intention to continue as leader was evident Saturday morning, but around noon reports drifted about the House corridors that the meeting in the railway committee room would get a shock in the afternoon.

When the conference reassembled after lunch with Mr. Bennett as chairman reports of the organization and finance committee were adopted. The policy and convention committee was slated to report next. Mr. Bennett said he wished to make an announcement ahead of this report.

Reveals Decision

To a stilled meeting Mr. Bennett renounced the party leadership. He revealed his decision to shed the mantle with which he was clothed in Winnipeg 11 years ago and which he wore in victory and defeat.

All medical men he had consulted, at home and abroad, agreed the action of his heart was impaired, he said. The convention thought temporary at the time of his 1935 illness was now permanent. He had to curtail his activities drastically.

He said he had advised his House colleagues last August, on his return from Europe, that the state of his health made it impossible for him to continue as leader. In view of the pending Ontario elections and the practical difficulties of holding a convention in 1937 he agreed to postpone announcement of his retirement.

Mr. Bennett continued "I am now reluctantly compelled to relinquish the position entrusted to me at the Winnipeg convention in 1927. I sincerely appreciate the confidence reposed in me by my fellow-Canadians and the generous support they accorded to the government in a period of great difficulty. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity thus afforded to me to render some service to Canada."

A temporary committee which will act until the permanent committee is named by the National Convention sent in the following recommendations at the meeting:

"This committee recommend that every constituency be communicated with by Dominion headquarters for the purpose of inviting, receiving and co-relating all such resolutions as may be submitted by the various constituencies, with a view to the presentation thereof to the convention platform committee; and that the whole question of party policy be submitted to the convention."

DIED

MAWER—Passed away March 6, 1938 at her home, Barker Street, South Devon. Mrs. Minnie Madelyne Mawer, wife of Fred L. Mawer. The funeral will take place Tuesday with prayers at the home at 1:30 o'clock. Services will be conducted at 2:00 o'clock at United Baptist Church, Devon, by Rev. D. L. Kennedy and Rev. Mr. Ferguson. Interment will be made at Stanley.



PURE TEA

Remember

King Cole

Is good for you!

BECAUSE—Headaches frequently disappear after a bright fresh cup of tea.

mitted to, settled and determined by the national convention.

"But in view of the urgency of the situation and having regard to the notable constructive achievements of the Conservative party under the able leadership of the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett it is urged that the leader of our party and his associates in Parliament use every effort to retain for our producers the full benefits and advantages of the Empire agreements."

National Council

The National Conservative Council described in a press statement as a temporary committee appointed until the permanent representatives are appointed by the various provincial associations, will include the federal leader, provincial leaders, the national organizer, ex-officio, and the following named by the conference Saturday:

British Columbia: J. H. Morgan, Mrs. M. D. Bowden, Senator R. F. Green.

Alberta: H. R. Milner, General John Stewart, Mrs. W. P. Graham. Saskatchewan: Mrs. Willington White, J. F. Anderson, E. E. Perley, Qu'Appelle House member.

Manitoba: Mrs. Joseph Trimble, Hon. J. L. Bowman, E. G. P. Baker.

Ontario: Mrs. George Gooch, Toronto; Mrs. George Cockshutt, Brantford; Gordon W. Ford, Toronto; Hon. R. J. Manion, Fort William; T. A. Thompson, House member for Lanark; Hon. W. A. Gordon, Haileybury.

Quebec: Hon. Maurice Dupre, Senator C. P. Beaubien, W. R. Bullock, Legislature member for Westmount; Georges Hehn, House member-elect for Argenteuil.

New Brunswick: Mrs. Hugh MacKay, Hon. R. B. Hanson, K.C., A. J. Brooks, House member for Royal.

Nova Scotia: Mrs. A. L. Moss, Senator Louis Robichaud, Hon. Percy C. Black, Conservative leader in the N. S. Legislature.

Prince Edward Island: Mrs. H. H. Horn, Samuel Kennedy, Senator J. A. MacDonald.

Yukon: Mrs. George Black, House member.

Organization Report

Hon. Maurice Dupre presented the report of the organization committee, recommending establishment of a national Conservative council and appointment of a national organizer by the party leader. The organizer will be named by Mr. Bennett soon.

The permanent council will have besides ex-officio members six representatives from Ontario, six from Quebec, one from the Yukon, and three each from the other provinces.

It was planned to enlarge the staff of the party's national headquarters in Ottawa and to make sure that headquarters in each province function properly. The Ottawa office will look after the exchange of speakers between the provinces and will do all possible to encourage formation of women's Conservative clubs and of young people's associations.

A study will be made of the feasibility of establishing a press service in Ottawa to issue publications and releases in both French and English.



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AMUSING LETTER WRITTEN DURING GREAT WAR

The following letter came into our hands this week and is an echo of a lighter aspect of the Great War. It is supposed to have been written at that time and we pass it on in the hope that it will bring a smile to our readers.

Grand Prairie, Que., Feb. 19, '16. Mr. Headquarters, Canadian Army, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Headquarters: My husband was induced into the surface long months ago and I ain't received no pay from him since he's gone. Please send me my elopement as I have a four-months' old baby and he is my only support. I am a poor old woman and all I has has gone to the front. Both sides of my parents are very old, and I can't suspect anything from there, as my mother has been in bed with the same doctor for thirteen years and won't have another. My husband is in charge of a spittoon. Do I get more than I am going to get? Please send me a letter and tell me if my husband has applied for a wife and child, and please send me a wire's form to fill out. I have already wrote to Mr. Borden and got no answer. If I don't hear from you I will write to Wilfred Laurier about you and him. My husband says he sets in the Y.M.C.A. with a piano playing in his uniform. I think you can find him there.

Signed, —Wiarion Echo. —Port Elgin Times.

U. S. EXPERT

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The United States expert declared that he believed that a regulated business which permitted fair competition among money-lenders was the best means of obtaining successful operation, but that provision should be made in the Criminal Code to care for the racketeer.

"There should always be the fear of jail sentences," he said, and observed at another time: "You should never reach that place where a public official gets his finger very far away from their necks."

Small Loans Necessary

The Russell Sage Foundation, he said, had made a very thorough investigation of the whole question of small loans, and had come to the conclusion that small loans were necessary. For that reason it was to the interests of any country concerned to make sure that the business was conducted on ethical grounds. Twenty-seven States in the United States had adopted uniform laws, he said.

The terroristic methods of the United States gangsters, who invaded the small loan field and preyed upon the small salaried persons desperately in need of ready cash, were described to the committee by Mr. Henderson. In New York, he said, men had been slugged on the head and their cars seized for failure to make payments on automobile loans. State Prosecutor Dewey had finally struck a death blow at them, and in 1936 had sent 140 loan sharks to Sing Sing.

"The alertness of the criminal racketeer is well known," said Mr. Henderson, "and if the prosecutor did not have a weapon with which to send him to jail the evil would soon grow worse."

He described conditions in the State of Minnesota, where 20 per cent per month was the prevailing rate. There were no regulations, and the loan shark flourished. The volume of business in this State was just as high as in New Jersey, which permitted a rate of 2 1-2 per cent, he said.

The signature of a wage earner to a promissory note was the best guarantee in the world he believed. In Illinois some 317,000 loans were outstanding at the end of December last year, involving a sum of about \$500,000. There had been only 291 sales of chattels and of these 263 were cars.

"The money lender depends mainly upon the fact that the borrower has to have money, and the borrower is reasonably grateful to obtain it and is anxious to keep that credit," he said. One of the greatest problems faced in the United States was the "chain racketeer," whose businesses sprung up suddenly in many places. One company had run an investment of \$16,000 to the point where it was returning \$16,000 per month.

In its investigations the Russell Sage Foundation had found that banks could assume a much larger proportion of the small loan business than they had done. "There is somewhere a limit to which the banking system can go in this, but the banks have never attempted to probe that limit," Mr. Henderson said.

He believed that the Canadian Gov-

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The Game That Kills



BOY SCOUT NEWS

Period Ending March 6th, 1938

The first of the three weekend Camps, in connection with the 1938 District Scout Course, has just ended. Nine candidates from the Owl and Beaver Patrols, joined forces, to make this camp one of the most successful in the writer's experience. Leaving town at one o'clock on Saturday afternoon, candidates proceeded to the new Scout Lodge at Durham Bridge, where Scoutmaster Wm. Sansom had made all preparations for their arrival. This was the first occasion on which the new Camp had been used overnight, and, despite very heavy weather on the first day, the building stood up to all requirements splendidly.

Our arrival coincided with the regular meeting of the new Cub Pack, all members being on deck, with Cubmaster Estey. Following a talk by Commissioner Good, on the Hand-Axe all candidates proceeded to the woods back of the Lodge, where Scoutmaster Sansom supervised the cutting of trees. Some of these were later, of great use in fencing off the cold. This work was done in deep snow, during Saturday's storm; yet everything ran to schedule. In the evening, a new feature on these Courses, was a get-together meeting between the Candidates and the local Scout Troop, which arrived in full force and on time, notwithstanding that two boys live two miles away from the headquarters. The get-together meeting was run by ourselves, Commissioner Good and Scoutmaster Sansom, and proved of exceptional interest. Most strenuous was the Knotting Contest, taken from a game Knot Tag, advertised in the March, 1938, Scout Leader. The outcome of this contest was at first, in favor of the Durham Troop, but in the end, honours were slightly in favour of the candidates. Other games and a singsong, at which the four French candidates excelled themselves, made up a memorable meeting. Following the get-together, we gave a lecture on Camping, Methods, and so to bed.

Sunday, proving brilliantly fine, inspection was held out of doors. We held a short Scouts' Own, before the investiture, which was conducted by Commissioner Good, ourselves assisting. Here, eight made the Promise for the first time, one renewing it. Then followed three short lecture sessions, after which all adjourned to the scene of the logging, where a place was made in the snow for a

ernment could help encourage credit unions, and could avoid excesses of installment buying. Installment buying, he said, should be included in any research work which attempted to probe the small loan business.

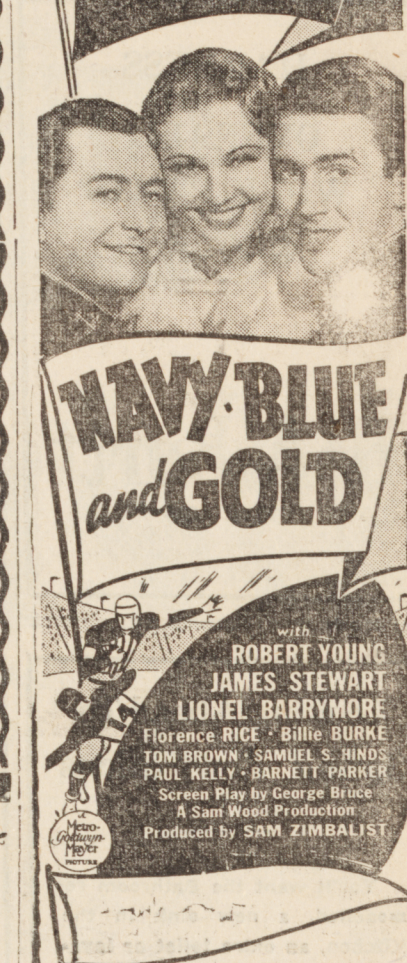
He blamed "maldistribution of income" as the root evil of the small loan business. In the United States, he said, there had always been a large number of renewal loans. "We have been uneasy about this, but we have felt it is not due to the pressure of the lender, but to the maldistribution of incomes—the failure of a large group of people consistently to have salaries which would guarantee a decent standard of living."

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GAIETY

NOW PLAYING

HERE COMES THE NAVY... and their girl friends! With football thrills! Love thrills! Laughs!



NEWS . . . SCREEN SONG USUAL PRICES

HERE, THIS WED. AND THURS. BARBARA STANWYCK HERBERT MARSHALL

"Breakfast For Two"

ADDED ATTRACTION ANNA MAY WONG, LARRY CRABBE

"Daughter of Shanghai"

fire, and lunch was eaten.

On Thursday, at Burt's Corner, Commissioner Good invested Glenwood Jones as Assistant Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner Hawkins being also in attendance. Following this investiture, a meeting was held in the Church of Christ, where, following a short service, we showed pictures covering Lord Baden-Powell's home life; Jamboree; Canadian Wild Life; the Gaspe Peninsula; and some views of New Brunswick. Rev. J. A. Carr was in charge of this meeting; hymns were sung at the beginning, accompanied by the organist and the Douglas Troop orchestra; and Rev. Mr. Young from Mouth of Keswick, also assisted. Notwithstanding the extremely cold weather, a large congregation assembled. Excellent progress is being made by the Burt's Corner Troop and uniforms are shaping now. The neckerchieves, lemon and green, are very effective.

On Sunday, February 27th, we were invited by Rev. Mr. Young, and the Douglas Scout Troop, to give the address at the evening service, held at the Baptist Church. We spoke on Service, to a congregation huge for a country church and the occasion was inspiring through the fine singing, led by the Troop orchestra.

Victoria Mills are making good progress under Rev. Karl Fairweather and this Troop now has sixteen members. Lincoln are also progressing under Scoutmaster Robert Howard and have chosen neckerchieves similar to those used at Burt's Corner.

Springhill Pack expect to resume meetings this coming Tuesday, the chicken pox epidemic now abating. The death of Temple Hatch has been learned with regret in this city District. During his stay at the University here, Mr. Hatch did valuable work as Cubmaster of the 7th Fredericton Pack; and further was the backbone of the great Cub Jamboree, which netted sufficient for the District to obtain full camping equipment. Interest and organizing ability, together with that valuable asset of fitting in with his associates, were part of Mr. Hatch's personality; no small part, which makes for no small loss.

Lastly, we hear from Newcastle, from District Scoutmaster Rev. John W. Porth, that Mrs. Durick, who successfully completed the Scout Leaders' Course at Newcastle this winter, has been appointed District Commissioner for Girl Guides, and is taking a great interest in her work; and that the St. Andrew's (Community) Troop, under Hugh Morrell, is getting on very well.

ROBT. PUGH, Provincial Field Worker.