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## VOTING TODAY IN ENGLAND

### Intense Interest and Excitement Being Manifested in the Elections

#### Workers at the Polls Fighting Under Difficulties—Both Parties Confident of Victory.

London, Dec. 3.—The actual voting in the general elections began today under circumstances of intense interest and excitement. The pollings, which opened this morning included ten seats for London, five for Manchester and a number of widely separated rural constituencies.

Both here and at Manchester the two elements are making their most determined efforts as the results in London are expected to give the keynote of the situation in the South of England, while those at Manchester are looked upon as indicating the sentiment in the North.

The workers at the polls today are fighting under the most difficult conditions experienced in recent years, especially in those districts where the working classes predominate as the removals and fluctuations of population in these working districts run as high as 74 per cent. in some cases. An enormous fleet of motor cars is being used to overcome this condition and to trace the shifting voters and bring them to the polls. In some cases voters are coming to London from Bristol in the west, York in the north, and one of the candidates had the task of bringing to London and returning to Wales, members of the Metropolitan police, who are engaged in strike duty at the Cardiff mines.

These precautions are necessary as many seats are held by narrow majorities.

#### STANDING OF PARTIES

London, Dec. 3.—Early this afternoon forty unopposed returns had been made which with the 15 unopposed nominations of yesterday brought the aggregate of members elected up to 55. With these figures the state of the parties now stand:

Government coalition—Liberals 16; laborites none; Irish Nationalists 5. Opposition—Unionists 34.

The unionists are putting up a much stronger fight than in the two previous contests and the betting is now even money that they will score a net gain of 20 seats which would put them on an even footing with the liberals and laborites combined, thus leaving the Irish Nationalists in absolute control of the next parliament.

The Nationalists returned including John Redmond from Waterford, Patrick O'Brien for Kilkenny and J. P. Bennett for College Green, Dublin. The most prominent liberals re-elected are Joseph Walton for Bransley division of York and Sir J. H. Dailziel of Kirkcaldy, Burgess. The unionists had quite a string of leaders returned without opposition.

The present election is being bitterly contested. Broadly speaking the predominant issue is: Shall the lords be deprived of their traditional prerogative of veto, permitting the house of commons a free hand in the matter of general legislation; or shall the house of lords be allowed to reform itself and making certain concessions as to its composition remain in a position to check such activities of the lower chamber as the peers may consider inconsistent with the welfare of the empire. The unionists or conservatives stand for the latter position while the liberals or government party seeks to reform the upper chamber on its own lines.

London, Dec. 3.—The voting which began today will continue during the next two weeks. The voting today is, however, of unusual importance, as the 69 constituencies form about one tenth of the aggregate membership of the commons.

The total membership of the house of commons is 670. There were 15 unopposed contested yesterday which will give an aggregate of 84 elections from which some indication can be formed as to the drift of the struggle.

Chancellor Lloyd George has broken down under the strain of the campaign and cancelled all his engagements for today. He hopes to resume speaking next week.

Mr. Churchill was refused a hearing

## GOVERNMENT SUES FOR PEACE

### Insurrectionary Trouble in Mexico Takes on Unex- pected Aspect

#### A Peace Commission Appointed to Treat With the Disaffected Element.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 3.—The insurrectionary troubles in Mexico took on an entirely unexpected aspect here today with the receipt of despatches asserting that the Diaz government has made overtures for peace. A peace commission the despatches say has been appointed by Diaz to treat with the disaffected element and the commission is now at San Isidro, where the insurrectionists are strong. The trip from Chihuahua was made in a special train over the Mexican northwestern flying a white flag on the engine. The commission is composed of Chihuahua men, but the personell is not given. The explanation of this move is that foreign interests may have brought strong pressure to bear on the government to end the turmoil by placating the insurgents. This is the first time in 30 years it is said, that the Mexican government has been the first to suggest peace terms with unsurrectionists.

## HALF A MILLION LOSS BY FIRE IN VIRGINIA

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 3.—Seven business houses located in the heart of the business district of Petersburg were destroyed by fire early today at a loss of approximately \$500,000. For a time a hotel in an adjoining block in which a large number of guests were sleeping was threatened, but the firemen confined the flames to the one block which practically was wiped out. Bare walls and smouldering ruins mark the spot where the business houses all adjoining, once stood. Other stores were seriously damaged. The fire was discovered at 2.15 o'clock in a building occupied by Rosentek firm. It has made such headway that the inner walls of the building collapsed within ten minutes with a loud crash, rattling windows in buildings blocks away.

As the flames continued to spread, a call for assistance was sent by the Petersburg firemen to Richmond eighteen miles away. An engine and hook and ladder were rushed to the scene from the neighboring city and with their assistance the local firemen brought the fire under control shortly after daybreak. The night was the coldest of the winter.

## ST. JOHN PILOT BOAT HAD A ROUGH TIME

St. John, Dec. 3.—(Special)—The pilot boat J. U. Thomas, arrived in port this morning to put out to sea shortly afterwards to meet a steamer. All on board were reported well. Her sails were considerably damaged in the storm that she passed through.

## CROWN'S CASE FINISHED IN ISLAND MURDER TRIAL

Charlottetown, Dec. 3.—(Special)—The prosecution in the case of Albert Cunningham, charged with murder was finished yesterday and the witnesses for the defence are now being heard.

Mr. Chas. F. Gilmour, of Oromocto, is at the Queen.

at Lincoln this afternoon. Custom forbids speech making on polling day and the opposition was so persistent that the home secretary was obliged to desist, and to give pledges that he would not again attempt to speak. During the rumpus there were several free fights in the audience.

## JACK THE RIPPER IN CUSTODY AT LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Dec. 3.—Having admitted during lucid moments to the police, that he fled from England fifteen years ago in fear of being arrested as "Jack the Ripper" who committed the notorious White Chapel crime of the latter eighties, Jack Shaw is being detained in the insane ward of the county hospital. Shaw was arrested through the efforts of the legal Aid Society, the complaint being that he attempted to murder Edith Tyson, his wife's sister last Wednesday. The man's mental condition was found to be such that he was locked up in the insane ward.

His past life will be investigated and the local authorities will notify the London police of their suspicions. Shaw has not admitted that he is the notorious "Jack the Ripper" but his constant reference to the subject indicate that it is deeply imprinted upon his mind. He is 50 years old.

## CARELESS BUSINESS METHODS IN ROCKEFELLER'S CHURCH

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Careless business methods of John Rockefeller and four associates placed in peril for thirty-one years property of his favorite place of worship, the Euclid Avenue Baptist church in this city.

In 1878 the five trustees of the church, including Mr. Rockefeller, decided to change the name of the church from the Second Baptist Church to the Euclid Avenue Baptist. They ignored, however, the necessity of carrying out the legal formalities. Since that time several donations have been made to the church, including a piece of property by the oil magnate. A few months ago the attorney for the trustees discovered that all the donations were installed as they were made to a church which had no legal nomination. A hasty call was issued to the congregation and last night the necessary legal steps were completed to ratify the change in name.

## MRS. HANSARD LEFT A VALUABLE ESTATE

St. John, Dec. 3.—(Special).—In the Probate Court here this morning, before Judge Armstrong, petition was filed for the probating of the will of the late Mrs. Margaret N. Hansard, of St. John, who died at Buckingham, England. The estate is valued at \$48,000 and is to be divided into four equal parts. One-quarter goes to Hugh H. Hansard of Ottawa, son of the testator, one-quarter to her daughter Marguerite, one-quarter to be held by the trustees for John S. Hansard and his children, and the remaining quarter goes to Miss Ethel March Hansard.

The anti-tuberculosis tag dag receipts here totalled \$2,114.

## GRAND FALLS POWER CO. IS INCORPORATED

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—Notice is given in The Canada Gazette of the incorporation of a new international paper company at Grand Falls, N. B., under the name of the Grand Falls Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$1,200,000.

The incorporators include Sir William Van Horne, H. S. Holt, president of the Royal Bank of Canada; George F. Underwood, vice president of the International Paper Company of New York, and other capitalists.

## CANADIAN CONTINGENT FOR THE CORONATION

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The militia council has now under consideration the question of arranging for the sending of a representative contingent of the Canadian militia to participate in the coronation ceremonies in London next June.

It is probable that a composite regiment of about 200 will be sent, embracing each arm of the service, and drawn from each province. There will also be a detachment of the Northwest mounted police.

# The Hazen Government And Its Broken Pledges

### Furnishes a Topic For Able Speeches by Hons. C. W. Robinson and F. J. Sweeney Before the Young Liberal Club of St. John—The Public Monies Squandered on Useless Commissions While the Roads of the Province Shamefully Neglected—The Government's Ruinous Crown Land Policy—Resolution of Confidence in Liberal Leaders Adopted.

St. John, Dec. 3.—The smoker under the auspices of the Young Liberals Club here last evening, was a grand success in every way. Mr. W. E. Foster, the energetic president of the club, presided, and the speakers of the evening were Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Provincial Opposition, and Hon. F. J. Sweeney, M. P. P.

Strong resolutions expressing the confidence of the Club in Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the great leader of the Liberal party, and in Hon. William Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, were unanimously adopted, on motion of Messrs. J. D. P. Lewin and John A. Barry.

#### HON. MR. C. W. ROBINSON

Hon. Mr. Robinson, who was introduced as the first speaker, was greeted with round after round of applause. He said in part:

"I suppose in a gathering of young Liberals like this, you will expect me to talk on Liberal issues. I regret that Mr. Carvell was not able to come as he would have been so well able to tell you about the matters affecting the Dominion. I will confine my remarks principally to provincial matters, with which I am more familiar. As you know I am a matter of fact man and not witty like my friend Mr. Sweeney, so I will confine myself to business topics."

Referring to the resolution in which his name had been coupled with Hon. Mr. Pugsley's, he said he was glad to know that he had merited their confidence, but he felt that their praise was altogether undeserved. While he had not been able to do as much as he would like to, he had done his best and he had always felt that he had been on the right side in working with the Liberal party. (Applause.)



C. W. ROBINSON, M. P. P.

#### CANADA'S PROGRESS.

"We must appreciate the fact," he said, "that Canada has gone ahead with greater strides under the rule of Sir Wilfrid than ever before. The eyes of the world are on Canada as a growing nation. We have a country of which we may well be proud. We are making rapid strides now in population, in wealth and in all that goes to make up a good substantial nation."

"We should be glad that we have a Premier who does not stand up for any one idea but for all that is great and wide and deep. I feel proud of the fact that I am a Liberal, and I am proud of the progress made under Liberal rule. I feel that the Liberal party will be continued in power for some time to come. When we see how Canada is taking up with the different policies, we feel all the more satisfied with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and we hope that he will be continued in power for many years yet" (Great applause.)

Referring to the defeat of the government of which he was the head, he said that while disappointed, he bowed to the will of the people and while they might feel that the verdict was not for the best, they had to accept the verdict of the people.

#### HAZEN'S BROKEN PROMISES

"When Mr. Hazen went into power in March, 1908, he laid down a certain policy which he promised to carry out. If we look at it today we find that he has not carried out the policies he laid down at that time. They said when the Conservatives got into power they would give over the control of the roads to the municipalities. They said the roads were bad because of mismanagement and dishonesty in the old government and if they got in power they would change all this. In the year of the election there was a good deal of wet weather, the rains had damaged the roads considerably and they were in a bad state. There was also a good deal of dissatisfaction because of the doing away with statute labor and insisting on the payment of a road tax for carrying on the work. If you go out on the country roads now I think you will admit that bad as the roads were then, they are worse now. If we take the same line of reasoning as the Hazen government we would say that it is all their fault."

"When the old government went out there was in the hands of the treasurers of the municipalities \$60,000. They had much more money to work with. One would think that with the wonderfully honest administration that we now have and with twice the money the old government had, we would have much better roads than before, but I think those of you who have seen them will admit that they are worse than ever. (Hear, hear.)"

#### WHY WAS PROMISE NOT KEPT

"Why did the government not keep its promise to give the control of the roads to the municipalities? The municipalities have no more to say about the matter than any child as to how the money is to be spent or how the road work is to be done. Instead of handing it to the municipal councils they give it to highway boards of which one member, the treasurer, is appointed by the government."

Thomas Hilyard, who was in the audience, arose at this point to ask the speaker if he was aware that Hon. Mr. Flemming, the provincial secretary, had received a grant from the government of \$1,000 to repair a road in or near the Blue Bell tract of land, for carrying on lumbering operations for his own use.

Mr. Robinson said he had not heard of it before.

Mr. Hilyard stated that he had Hon. Mr. Maxwell as his authority that such a grant had been made. Mr. Hilyard also referred to some of the acts of the Hazen government regarding the management of the government lands, claiming that they showed favoritism.

Mr. Robinson said it certainly appeared odd that Mr. Flemming, a member of the government, should get a grant of this and when other roads in the province were suffering for the need of it. He added that he was glad to learn of the matter. It appeared that the government could divide up the money as they saw fit and if they had money to spare, could give it to their favorites.

#### BLUE BELL TRACT.

He went on to speak of the Blue Bell tract and of the lands that had been given away by a former Tory government. The Liberal government of which he was a member, had purchased the Blue Bell tract at 75 cents an acre from the New Brunswick Land Company, with the idea of using it for settlement purposes. The purchase had been completed while he was Premier, but since then under the present government, it had been lumbered over and the stumpage secured was probably enough to cover the cost of the tract.

Mr. Hilyard arose again to ask if it was not a fact that the New Brunswick Land Company had been taxed so much by the municipalities that they had not been paying one cent of taxes of late years.

Mr. Robinson said that if such was the case the attention of the government ought to be called to it. He said the Blue Bell was a very valuable tract of land and that it ought

to be used for the purpose it was purchased, to give the population a chance to expand.

#### THE TERRIBLE ROADS.

Going back to the road question, he said the government had gone back on their pledges and one of the first things that any government should do was to carry out its pre-election pledges and treat fairly with the people. "It was not the pledge of an individual," he said, "but was embodied in the platform of the party as drawn up by the leader, Mr. Hazen."

"The opposition accused the old government of running the province into bankruptcy because we were borrowing money to carry on the needed works. Mr. Hazen and his followers said when they came into power they would have no suspense account and no overdrawn departments."

"In the old government, if anything went wrong with the bridges or public works of the province, they were repaired at once and the bills paid so that the people knew what had been done. There are different ways of bookkeeping. Now there are suspense accounts in another way. Instead of paying for work promptly when it is done, the local government makes them wait for their money. The suspense account is there just the same, but in another way."

"What is the difference? Wouldn't it be just as honest to go to the bank and open a suspense account and cover up in this way?" (Applause.)

Mr. Robinson went on to speak of the frantic efforts made by the agents of the government in the last Dominion election to try and influence the electors by a show of road work in various parts of the province, even to an attempt to build roads after the snow was on the ground.

If any government ever came in under favorable auspices, he said, it was the present government. They had more money to spend. They had an increase from Ottawa, increased stumpage, etc., but less had been done for the benefit of the province than under the previous administration. They thought more of sending out agents to try and influence the voters in the federal election.

#### THE DEBT OF THE PROVINCE

Speaking of the debt of the province, he said that when the old government went out of power the net debt was about \$3,500,000 while it was now about \$4,500,000. Before they came into power the Hazen government said this was an alarming debt, though the Liberals while in power 18 years had added only about a million and a half to the debt. The present government had been in power only about two years yet they spent money so lavishly that it would bring the provincial liability to something like six and a half million.

The old government had incurred only reasonable debts, he said, and cited the cold storage plant in St. John as an example. The old government had guaranteed the bonds of this plant and as it was being taken over by this C. P. R. they were never called upon to pay the guarantee of the bonds.

#### A MISLEADING POLICY

"Do you think there is very much candor and honesty in the present governments policy?" he asked. "We tried not to increase the debt too fast, but they are going ahead by leaps and bounds. Their income today is a million and a quarter, while the old government had only about \$600,000. There has been a very small increase in the expenditures for education and for public works and there is little that can show for this larger amount of money. In view of this, don't you think the people of the province were a little hasty in turning the old government out and putting the Hazen government in?" (Applause.)

"A change is sometimes good and I don't think Mr. Sweeney and I

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## GREAT INTEREST TAKEN IN LeBLANC MURDER TRIAL

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 3.—The presentation of the government's case against Hattie LeBlanc, the 17-year-old French-Canadian girl who is charged with the murder of Clarence F. Glover, a Waltham laundry proprietor, was continued today. Since the trial opened on Monday each day has furnished a new sensation and in the belief that something of a startling nature would be developed again today, hundreds of persons lined up outside the courthouse hours before the doors were opened in the hope of gaining admission.

At yesterday afternoon's session, Melvin M. Johnson, chief counsel for the defendant, attempted unsuccessfully to have George A. Freeman, one of the government's witnesses, arrested for perjury, Mr. Johnson declaring that Freeman's testimony was just the opposite of what he had told him and two other attorneys a day or two before.

Samuel D. Elmore, an attorney who has represented Mrs. Glover, resumed the stand when court convened today.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 3.—Mr. Elmore testified that he had visited the laundry soon after the murder of Glover. There he noticed Marks on the floor but at his mention of these, a long wrangle between the district attorney and Mr. Johnson began. Mr. Johnson contended that Mr. Elmore was not an expert on marks and that his testimony was not competent. Judge Bond directed Mr. Elmore to answer and Mr. Johnson took his second exception. Mr. Elmore said that the marks on the floor appeared to have been made by shoes. He had seen similar marks, he said, when he was a student at Harvard and had watched wrestling matches in the Mendenhall gymnasium.

## NON SUIT REFUSED IN STEAMBOAT CASE

St. John, Dec. 4.—(Special)—The case of the St. John River Steamship Company vs. the Star Line Steamship Company has been postponed until Tuesday next. This morning Mr. M. G. Teed, counsel for the defence, made application for nonsuit, but Judge Barry decided not to withdraw the case from the jury.

## CARNEGIE HERO MEDALS AWARDED IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 3.—The Carnegie Hero Fund Commission for France today made its award for acts of heroism performed during the past year. Eighteen persons, the majority of whom are widows or orphans of those who sacrificed their lives for others, receive sums running from \$20 to \$600. The feats of courage include stopping runaway horses, jumping into rivers, and snatching children from in front of railroad trains and rescues at sea.

## DUKE OF MANCHESTER SLIGHTLY IMPROVED

London, Dec. 3.—The Duke of Manchester, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, had a fairly good night and today was said to be slightly improved.

#### DEATH AT KINGSCLEAR

The death of George Leek, a highly respected colored resident of Kingsclear, occurred at his home at an early hour this morning. Death was due to the infirmities of old age, the deceased being ninety-four years of age. He is survived by three sons, Frederick, William and George, and by two daughters living at home. The funeral will take place at 2.30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Shewan will conduct the service. Interment will be made at St. Peter's churchyard.

Messrs. W. A. Fraser and J. Fraser, of Brownville Junction, are in the city.

Mrs. W. Tom Murchie has returned from a pleasant visit with relatives at Calais.

Miss Hayward of St. John is visiting Miss Louise Edgcombe.

Mrs. J. W. Y. Smith, Moncton; Mrs. Vernon Eaton, Ottawa; and Miss Helen FitzRandolph, Fredericton, were registered at the Canadian office, London, Nov. 24.