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DECLARATION DAY AT COURT HOUSE WAS VERY QUIET

O. S. Crocket's Majority was 1,669---About Fifty Persons Present to Hear Result of Poll Declared by Returning Officer---Short Speeches by Candidates---Vote of Thanks Extended to A. A. Sterling---Upwards of Six Thousand Ballots Cast on Thursday

Mr. A. A. Sterling, returning officer for York in the Dominion General Elections, held on Thursday last, held court at the County Court House this morning and declared the result of the poll. He declared Mr. O. S. Crocket, Conservative candidate, elected by a majority of 1,669. The total number of ballots cast was 6,701, a remarkably large number. Of them, O. S. Crocket received 4,143, Dr. A. B. Atherton 2,474, those rejected numbered 51 and those spoiled 33. Short speeches were made by the candidates and a vote of thanks was tendered the returning officer, to which he replied suitably. Both speakers received a hearty reception. About fifty electors were present at the declaration.

OFFICIAL RESULTS.

The official result as declared by polls is as follows:

	Atherton	Crocket	Rejected	Spoiled
Fredericton City Hall,				
No. 1, A to D,	82	124	4	
No. 1, E to K,	73	82	1	2
No. L to P,	93	94	7	
No. 1, Q to Z,	36	106	2	
Fredericton Court House,				
No. 2, A to C,	108	101	1	3
No. 2, F to M,	96	99	3	2
No. 2, Mc to Z,	72	45	2	1
No. 2, R to Z,	68	68	4	
No. 3, New Maryland, ..	12	75	1	
No. 4, Kingsclear, A				
to G,	60	95	2	5
No. 4, Kingsclear, H				
to Z,	73	87	1	
No. 5, Cork,	28	10		
No. 6, Brockway,	16	13		
No. 7, Harvey,	82	162		
No. 8, Blaney Ridge, ..	24	42		2
No. 9, Pr. Wm. Front, ..	54	73	1	
No. 10, Dumfries,	49	70		
No. 11 McAdam,	60	156	3	
No. 12, Canterbury				
Front,	29	45		
No. 13, Canterbury				
Station, A to G,	65	118	1	
No. 13, Canterbury				
Station, H to Z,	64	102		
No. 14, North Lake, ..	53	39		6
No. 15, Nashwaak				
Village,	17	76		
No. 16, Taymouth,	64	139	1	
No. 17, Gibson A to H, ..	76	134	3	
No. 17, Gibson, I to Z, ..	68	104		
No. 17, Marysville, A				
to K,	55	111	1	1
No. 17, Marysville,				
L to Z,	61	120	3	2
No. 18 Penniac,	16	48	1	1
No. 19, Nashwaakis, ..	60	149	4	
No. 20, Burr's Corner				
A to G,	43	96	2	2
No. 20, Burr's Corner				
H to Z,	41	81	1	
No. 21, McNutt's Mills, ..	38	100		3
No. 22, Bright, Back, ..	47	102		
No. 23, Bright, Front, ..	60	114		
No. 24, Queensbury				
Back,	42	90		
No. 25, Lower Queens-				
bury, Front,	64	61	1	
No. 25, Upper Queens-				
bury,	21	42	1	
No. 26, Southampton,				
Front,	65	84	2	
No. 27, Temperance				
Vale,	65	112		
No. 28, Nortondale, ..	8	14		
No. 29, Milville,	43	83		
No. 30, Bloomfield				
Ridge,	47	133	L	
No. 31, Stanley Vil-				
lage,	63	122	3	
No. 32, Cross Creek, ..	47	160	1	
Total,	2474	4143	51	33

Majority for Crocket, 1669.
O. S. CROCKET.
The successful candidate, O. S. Crocket, expressed his thanks for the vote given him at the election. The vote, he thought, was given, not to him personally, but to his party. He would go to Ottawa as a member of the party which would support R. L. Borden and a new govern-

ment. He could promise that he would do his utmost to serve the interests of the people of York.

In this county, as elsewhere in Canada, the predominant issue of the election had been reciprocity, an issue which he had foretold would cause the downfall of the Laurier administration. Mr. Crocket closed his remarks with a promise to serve the county of York to the utmost of his ability. (Applause.)

DR. A. B. ATHERTON.

Dr. Atherton thanked the electors for their vote. However, his party had been beaten but he thought in a good cause, for he still thought his party was right. He could say that the contest had been conducted fairly on both sides. He and Mr. Crocket had always been good friends and he felt sure would continue to be so. (Applause.) Dr. Atherton stated further that inasmuch as Mr. Crocket had worked hard for his party, it might be expected that York County would have a representative in the next Dominion cabinet. (Applause.)
Mr. R. B. Hanson moved a vote of thanks to the returning officer, seconded by Dr. Atherton. Supporting the motion Mr. Crocket stated that, although he did not approve of the passing over of Sheriff Hume in the choice of a returning officer, he would say that the official selected was one who met with the approval of all and who had performed his duties in a most satisfactory manner. (Hear! Hear!)

Mr. Sterling replied briefly and the court was adjourned sine die.

TORY CORRUPTION IN QUEENS-SUNBURY

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Sept. 25.—Colonel H. H. McLean of Queens-Sunbury, referring to charges made in The Standard of corrupt practices in his constituency, today stated that the Conservatives in the constituency had adopted a scheme under which they hoped to be able to tell how the electors had voted. In other words, they made sure that the goods were delivered. They induced the voters to make additional crosses on their ballots and in some cases had them put dots over certain letters in the name of their candidate. At the Sheffield poll there were fifteen ballots marked so they could be identified. From fifteen to twenty dollars were paid for votes by the Tories. The most flagrant cases of corruption were at Hampstead, where Bayard Slipp, brother of A. R. Slipp, M.P.P., was in charge of the Tory forces.
The Colonel hoped that a recount would be made in order that the corrupt practices of his opponent might be exposed.

GUARDING BALLOT BOXES IN ST. JOHN

St. John, Sept. 25.—Returning officer Skinner has taken every precaution to prevent the ballot boxes in the city and county constituencies from being tampered with. They have been placed in the county court house under charge of a guard who will be on duty night and day. The conservatives have only to Wednesday morning to file an affidavit of recount.

DROWNED OFF DRURY'S COVE

Howard (Camp) a well known member of the Royal Kennebec's Yacht Club was drowned off Drury's Cove from the yacht Helena Sunday afternoon. The drowned man was a casemaker in Flemming's Foundry, St. John.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER TO LEAD OPPOSITION

The Announcement Made by the Old Chieftain Will be Welcomed by Liberals all Over Canada--Is Confident that the Principle for Which he had Fought must Triumph in the end--His Ability and Statesmanship Remain Unquestioned--Cabinet Likely to Resign This Week--The Task Before the Opposition Leader is by no Means a Light One

Ottawa, Sept. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will remain at the head of the Liberal party, and lead the opposition when the new parliament meets some six weeks hence.

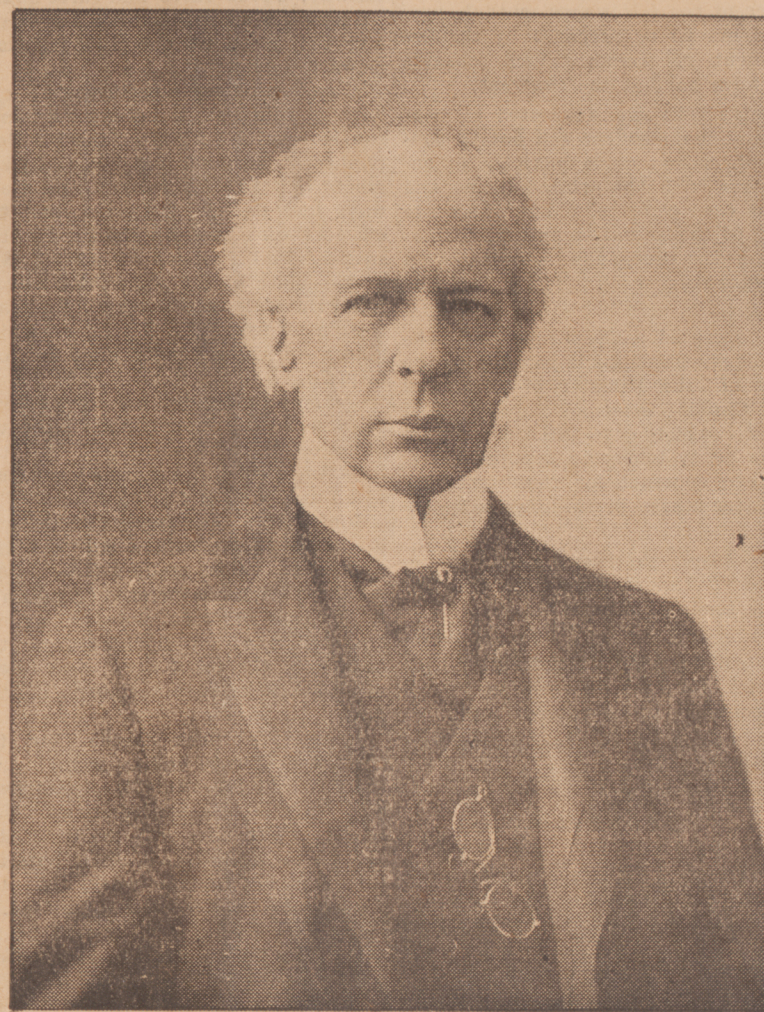
He was at his office again early on Saturday morning looking and feeling physically as fit as ever. He shows his greatness as much in defeat as in victory, serene in the confidence that Thursday's result brings with it no disgrace and that the principles for which he and his party have stood must ultimately triumph. To his newspaper friends who called on him he smilingly declared that he was still ready "to stay with the boys" and lead the Liberal forces when the new parliament meets.

Any comment on the verdict of Thursday he will reserve for public statement later.

The feeling in Ottawa among Conservatives and Liberals alike is one of personal regret for the prime minister, that the fortunes of political warfare have brought him temporary defeat. And this feeling is mingled with perhaps an even intensified admiration for the "Old Chief," whose long record of public service shows no blot and whose character, ability and statesmanship are today as unquestioned as ever.

WILL LEAD HIS PARTY

Sir Wilfrid would personally prefer to take the opportunity of seeking a well earned rest from the constant stress and cares of public men and gratify his longing for hours of leisure in his library. His decision to remain at his post as head of the party is because of the general desire of



his colleagues and supporters and because he believes he has "a work to finish" for Canada. He is following the precedent of Gladstone who after defeat, again led his party back to power.

The premier called on Earl Grey, Saturday afternoon and arranged to transfer the administration over to the in-coming premier, Mr. Borden, as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be arranged. This will probably be some time next week.

There will be a meeting of the cabinet tomorrow, and no time will be lost in winding up of all arrears of routine departmental business so as to leave everything in readiness for the new ministers to assume office.

Nothing can be said as to the plans of the defeated ministers pending their consultation with the premier tomorrow.

BORDEN'S TASK

Mr. Borden arrived in the city this morning and was met at the station by Mrs. Borden and by a few friends, including George Perley, who is slated as the next minister of finance. A local demonstration in his honor is being arranged for Tuesday night.

Mr. Borden had nothing to say for publication today. He will be decidedly busy for the next fortnight arranging for his cabinet and attending to the great flood of correspondence now pouring in on him.

Speculation is rife as to the extent to which the axe will be wielded by the new government. It is expected that a few heads will be dismissed, but the rule that civil servants

should keep out of politics has been generally and faithfully observed and not more than a half dozen or so changes are expected.

The Laurier government continued practically the whole of the service in office in 1896, and as a matter of fact probably half of the officials of the service are still Conservatives.

It is not improbable that there will be a complete change in the personnel of the National Transcontinental Commission. The resignation of Hon. Mr. Parent and his fellow commissioners may be looked for shortly. Their task, however is almost completed and they will retire with honor, not one scandal having been proven in connection with the building of the railway, despite the many allegations made, mostly for political effect by the Conservatives in opposition.

BORDEN'S PROMISES

In accordance with his ante-election promises to the west Mr. Borden will have to include in his first legislative budget bills providing for the appointment of a western division of the dominion railway commission to deal with western cases, and for a commission to operate the terminal elevators.

He will also in order to redeem his pledges, have to appoint a tariff commission analogous to the United States board, to deal with matters of tariff revision.

It is safe to say however, that high protection will, in view of Thursday's polling get warm justice from the new government.

A TERRIBLE DISASTER

French Warship was Burned and Hundreds of Lives Were Lost

Fire Broke Out in Ammunition Hold and Ship Sank Nineteen Minutes Later

Toulon, Sept. 15.—Fire broke out early today in the ammunition hold of the battleship *Liberte*, counted one of the finest vessels in the French Navy and the explosion which followed, wrecked the great ship and killed more than half of her crew of 793 officers and men.

The fire was discovered at five o'clock. At first it did not appear to be serious but somehow or other it gained a quick advance over the squad of sailors sent to extinguish it and suddenly without warning it reached the magazines which had not been flooded on account of the apparently trifling nature of the blaze.

The force of the explosion was terrific. They shook the vessel fore and aft and each seemingly stronger than that preceding, opening up great fissures in the armour and frame work of the vessel.

The vessel immediately became a mass of fire and smoke and soon almost demolished by the terrific detonation, sank to the bottom of Toulon Harbor.

At an early hour unofficial estimates of the number of dead ran as high as 500. Estimates by naval men varies widely but there was no doubt that the loss of life was more than 300. Scores of seamen died in their berths, a few dozen saved themselves by jumping overboard. Many of those injured leaped into the water and were drowned before boats from the other ships in the roadstead could reach them.

Two hundred firemen escaped death owing to the fact that they were ashore on leave. Commander Jaures, a brother of the socialist deputy was not on board.

The damage in the explosion was worse than could ever have happened in an actual naval engagement. The first crash came when the crew was for the most part dispersed in various sections of the vessel. Without warning of their danger scores were hurled high into the air accompanied by great fragments of framework, armor, bursting shells and the blinding and suffocating smoke of the powder.

Men below who had not yet been awakened were killed in their sleep. Others awakened by the explosion, started to jump overboard and were caught by the second detonation.

The crew were panic stricken and ran blindly about, groping through the blinding smoke, in which many fell unconscious from suffocation.

There were many ships in harbor at the time including warships which have been manoeuvring since the first of the month. The first explosion brought a quick response from the nearby men-of-war, and from the shore. Dozens of boats put off and picked up survivors and floating bodies.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The news of the explosion of the magazines of the battleship *Liberte*, came as a stunning blow to the French public and naval officials. It is the climax of a long series of disasters which have marked the history of the French Navy since the blow up of the battleship *Irena*, on March 3, 1907. The accounts of the disaster as received here during the morning hours varied widely. The most authentic despatches stated that the sinking came nearly two hours after the discovery of fire in the forward. Another account says that the ship broke in half from the force of the explosions and sank twenty minutes later.

According to this version, the battleship afterward reappeared at the surface for a time a grim carcass of iron surrounded by a tangled mass of wreckage. Estimates of the number of dead vary from 350 to 500.

Paris, Sept. 25.—The minister of marine has received the following telegram from Vice-admiral Aubert, commanding the fleet at Toulon. "Four explosions were heard on the *Liberte* this morning at intervals of one minute, beginning at 5.35 and followed by smoke and flames which mounted steadily. The explosion occurred at 5.53 o'clock. The ship sank after the smoke had blown away, one perceived that portions of the structure stood above the water."

THE WEST FOR RECIPROCITY

Three Constituencies in the Province of Manitoba Return Liberals

Saskatchewan and Alberta Each Return but One Tory--Nationalists Have Seventeen Men in Quebec

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Following is the standing of the parties according to the latest returns: Conservatives elected, 114 Liberals elected, 86 Nationalists elected, 17 Conservative majority over all, 10 Total majority over Liberals, 34

Lib. Nat. Con.

Ontario.....	13	72
Quebec.....	36	17
Nova Scotia.....	9	10
New Brunswick.....	8	5
P. E. Island.....	2	2
Manitoba.....	3	7
Saskatchewan.....	9	1
Alberta.....	6	1
British Columbia.....	0	7

Totals..... 86 17 113

Deferred elections—Gaspé and Chicoutimi; Saguenay in Quebec, Thunder Bay in Ontario and the Yukon.

Late election returns in Quebec show Bellechasse as having gone Conservative, so that the standing in the province is: Conservatives and Nationalists 27, Liberals 36.

In Ontario, East Algoma seems to be going Conservative though all polls are not yet in.

In Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon, reported Conservative have returned Liberals. In the former constituency Mr. Lake, a Conservative stalwart, was beaten.

In Macleod, (Alta.), Herron, Conservative, is now reported beaten, leaving only one Conservative, Bennett, of Clagary, in the province.

In Manitoba further returns made several changes. They chronicled the election of three Liberals, Molloy in Provencher, Cruise in Dauphin, and Bredin in Selkirk and showed Greenway to be leading Lisgar. The previous figures gave Mr. Borden a solid Manitoba.

LOCAL TORIES WANT PORTFOLIO FOR CROCKET

The friends of Mr. Crocket are pushing his claims for a portfolio in the Borden government, and declare that there will be wig on the green if he is turned down. They point to the fact that Mr. Crocket has been in parliament for seven years, fighting the battles of the party and that he was able to increase his majority at the recent election. Premier Hazen is known to be putting up a stiff fight for recognition but the loss of Sunbury-Queens where he made the battle his own is likely to prove a serious handicap. Local Tories say Premier Hazen's claim is not nearly so good as that of Mr. Crocket. Had he accepted a nomination instead of fighting the battle at long range the case would have been different. As for Mr. George W. Fowler, they do not regard his cabinet aspirations very seriously. They say he is man with a past and to take him into the cabinet would be a sign of weakness on the part of Mr. Borden. On the other hand Mr. Crocket's personal reputation is a clean one.

The telegraph wires here have been kept hot since Thursday's election and it would not be surprising if Mr. Crocket and a delegation of his friends were to make a pilgrimage to the capital this week.

GENERAL DRURY HERE

Major General Drury of Halifax, commanding the Maritime Provinces command is at the Queen Hotel. Major P. Hayter accompanies him. Major General Drury is here for the purpose of inspecting No. 3 Regimental Depot.

Mr. A. C. Lanthier of Montreal is at the Queen.

The minister of marine issued this note: "The last report of the general inspector showed the *Liberte* to be in a completely satisfactory condition and especially regarding the precautions taken in caring for the magazines."

C. P. R. EMPLOYE DEAD AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Mail)

Woodstock, Sept. 25.—Robert Swift, a well known citizen employed in the C. P. R. died this morning after a lingering illness of kidney trouble.

WHITNEY GOVERNMENT MAY CALL ON ELECTION

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 25.—Two hours on Saturday Sir James Whitney and his colleagues of the provincial cabinet were in close session at the Parliament buildings. It is believed that the question of bringing on a new provincial election in the near future was considered and the government has practically decided upon that course although no official announcement was made.

There are already nine vacancies in the legislature one caused by death and the remainder by resignation of members who contested federal seats.

CHAIRMAN PARENT WILL SOON RESIGN

(Special to The Mail)

Ottawa, Sept. 25.—Hon. S. M. Parent, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission announced definitely today that he would tender his resignation in the course of a few days. The other members of the Commission have made no announcement.

WEDDING AT STANLEY

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Stanley was the scene of a quiet wedding on Saturday when their daughter Miss Alice M. Brown became the wife of Mr. Maurice W. Black, C. E. of the Transcontinental Railway staff and son of Dr. J. B. Black, ex-M. P. of Windsor, N. S. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Hudson, in the presence of friends and relatives including the bridegroom's parents. The bride, who has for some time been a member of the teaching staff of the Stanley School, was the recipient of many useful presents. The happy couple passed through the city by auto yesterday enroute to St. John.

Mr. H. S. Estabrooks of St. John is in the city.