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LIBERALS ARE CONFIDENT OF A SWEEPING VICTORY

The Outlook all Over Canada is of a Most Encouraging Nature—Hon. Dr. Pugsley Discusses Issues of the Campaign—Will Start for New Brunswick in a Few Days and Plans to Address Meetings in Every Constituency—Ontario Will Go Liberal Says Organizer

Ottawa, July 31—"As soon as I can leave Ottawa, and this will not be for a few days yet," said Hon. Dr. Pugsley to your correspondent to-morrow, "I shall visit my constituency and the others in New Brunswick and arrange for the holding of a series of meetings."

"In regard to the issues of the campaign now opening, I can hardly add to the excellent and convincing address which the prime minister has issued to the Canadian people. He has made it perfectly plain that the sole issue before the electors is whether we should vote in favor of accepting the offer of the United States to give to us better trade relations as far as natural products are concerned, a boon which are leading public men on both sides of politics have been seeking in vain for nearly half a century."

"This is the issue which is right up to the Canadian people, and as Sir Wilfrid puts it so clearly, it is for the electors to say whether they will accept or reject. We welcome the fight on this issue and confide in the good judgement of the electors of Canada to cast their votes in its favor by an overwhelming majority. I hope to be able to leave for New Brunswick the last of the week."

MAY TAKE OVER S. & H. ROAD

Dr. McAlister, member for Kings-Albert, who is still in Ottawa, interviewed the minister of railways and public works today in regard to conditions of the Salisbury & Albert Railway which is not being operated between Hillsboro and Albert.

He has strongly urged that pending the passing of legislation for taking over the various branch lines of the Intercolonial, pursuant to the announced policy of the government, and for which object a measure was introduced into the House, the question of the branch line in Albert county should be immediately dealt with, that the people of the section of the country may obtain relief from the great inconvenience they are now suffering through a portion of the line being closed.

Your correspondent saw the minister of public works after the meeting of the government today and was in

formed that it is not improbable that a satisfactory solution of this difficult problem will be arranged at. It is understood that the matter will be further considered tomorrow when the report on the road of the engineer and the offer of the company will be submitted.

OUTLOOK IN ONTARIO

Toronto, July 31—F. G. Inwood, organizer of the Liberal party, is one of the busiest men in town today. Mr. Inwood has just returned from a tour of western Ontario, where he has been attending political conventions, and arranging for others. He is confident of the Liberal success in the coming struggle.

"The news of dissolution is what the people have been waiting for," he said. "I was greatly impressed by the unanimity with which every one wants to fight it out now without any delay. This is the biggest issue since confederation. As far as Ontario, at any rate, is concerned, reciprocity is the one and only issue. It absolutely obliterates all others. In Quebec you hear about the navy, but that is not a subject of interest here."

"We are glad there is one definite line of fight. It is a good thing for the country when there is a single issue. Too often politics in this country are fought out on personalities and trivial squabbles. This time there will be none of that."

"If such an issue as reciprocity is good for the country at large, it is certainly good also for the Liberal party. Never have we had such a strong platform on which to appeal to the electors. In fact we have the people with us out and out and I can safely say that I have never seen the Liberal prospects in Ontario as bright as at present."

"The Liberal reform Association supplies speakers to the various constituencies. A strong list is already made up of members of the cabinet, and of the house of commons, local members, lawyers, farmers and business men, all are ready to go on the public platform in support of reciprocity. There is also a number of young men, keenly interested in politics, who will take part in the present campaign."

STOCK MARKET SHOWING SOME WEAKNESS TODAY

New York, Aug. 1.—The stock market today was listless and inactive, many of the railway and industrial issues showing fractional declines. Issues showing fractional declines.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

Open Noon	
Amalgamated,	67 1/2
Atchison,	112
Smelters,	79
Brooklyn,	81 1/2
Canadian Pacific,	244
Great Northern, pfd.,	134 1/2
Northern Pacific,	131 1/2
Pennsylvania,	125
Reading,	159
Southern Pacific,	122 1/2
Steel, com.,	79 1/2
Virginia Chemical,	58

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Bank of N. S., 2 @ 271, 2 @ 272, 5 @ 273.
Molson's Bank, 96 @ 208.
Royal Bank, 1 @ 238.
E. T. Bank, 3 @ 125.
R. & O., 75 @ 122, 75 @ 123 1/2, 25 @ 122 1/2, 75 @ 123 1/2.
Dominion Iron, 8 @ 54, 25 @ 53 1/2, 325 @ 53 1/2.
Toronto Railway, 9 @ 161 1/2, 5 @ 161.
Power, 10 @ 167 1/2, 50 @ 167.
Shawinigan, 10 @ 115 1/2.
Detroit, 11 @ 73, 25 @ 77 1/2.
Crown Reserve, 200 @ 318, 200 @ 316, 400 @ 315.
Steel of Canada, 50 @ 26 1/2.
Iron, pfd., 5 @ 103.

Ogilvey's, 10 @ 123.
Cement, 70 @ 83.
Mexican, 25 @ 80 1/2.
Soo, 25 @ 140.
Textile, 20 @ 67.
Ogilvey's, 15 @ 130.
Montreal Street, 25 @ 227, 50 @ 226 1/2.
Coal, pfd., 10 @ 112 1/2.
MacKay, 3 @ 74.
Packers, 10 @ 94.

TO PROBE POSTAL RATES

New York, August 1.—The members of the commission appointed by President Taft, to examine the reports of the Post Office Department, its officers, agents and employees, and the existing evidences taken in respect to the cost to the Government of the transportation and handling of all second-class mail matter, and such evidences as may be presented by persons having an interest in the rates to be fixed for second-class matter, met here today at the Federal Building and began its hearings. The commission consists of Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme court, chairman; A. Lawrence, Lowell, president of Harvard University, and Harry A. Wheeler, vice president of the United States Trust Company of Chicago. Colley E. Bell is the secretary of the commission. The report is to be made to President on or before December 1.

Mr. M. R. McArthur of Truro is at the Barker House.

AWFUL HOLOCAUST AT HAMILTON, ONT.

Asylum for the Insane Destroyed by Fire and Eight Lives are Known to Have Been Lost—Many Were Injured and Hundreds Became Hysterical—Firemen Performed Many Heroic Deeds in the Rescue of Patients—Many Jumped from the Top Floor and Were Caught in Life Nets

(Canadian Press)

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 1.—Fire early this morning broke out on the top floor in the Hamilton Asylum for Insane caused eight deaths, injuring many others, some of whom were probably fatally injured, and drove hundreds into hysterics before the flames were controlled.

The known dead, all patients are: John Heffernan, Berlin, N. H., George Hay, address unknown, Charles Hilliard, Gainsboro Township, George Story, address unknown, Eddie Stoddart, address unknown, three unidentified men, two of whom are believed to be patients named Evans and Berry.

The fire started at 1.30 a. m. in the store room near the hall on the top floor. Night Watchman Fred Bressett, who discovered it, turned the alarm of the asylum department, and this was followed by a hurried call for the city brigade. In the meantime Chas. Pipper, an attendant, fought the fire over the transomed door of the store room until he was driven back and carried out unconscious. He claims that if another extinguisher had been available he could have put the fire out. The asylum department was powerless to check the flames. The incline was not running and had it not been for Hamilton's new automobile fire truck, which climbed the steep hall at a twelve mile clip, the disaster would probably have been greater. Three other city companies and a steamer were sent up. By the time they arrived the top of the building was a roaring mass of flames. Hundreds of people in the city who were attracted by the red glare that lighted up the sky, witnessed spectacular and heroic deeds with life nets spread out. The city firemen caught patient after patient as they dropped or were thrown over the top floors.

Some of the patients clung to the eaves and cried piteously for assistance.

HEROIC DEEDS

Tommy Fitzgerald, tillerman of the truck, was one of the heroes. Time and again he dashed through the flames and smoke to save lives. He saved the lives of at least six people unassisted, and nearly lost his own battling in the flaming furnace with a crazy man who would not let himself be saved. Fitzgerald was forced to abandon the unfortunate fellow when he found his own strength ebbing.

P. C. Campaign and Fireman Wheaton had a narrow escape. They were trying to save two patients who were caught in a room like rats in a trap with all their escape cut off. Wheaton and Campaign were climbing the window when a sheet of fire and smoke covered them. Campaign fell head foremost into the room and was yanked out by Wheaton, who a few minutes later himself fell unconscious.

In less than an hour after the fire started a big section of the roof collapsed and this gave rise to alarming stories as to the number of dead. Deputy Chief of Police Whitley and Fire Chief Teneyck, with their men, fought frantically to save the patients who were known to be trapped on the top floor. Time and again they burst through the wall of fire and smoke until they were driven back and were forced to abandon hope. It was not until 4 o'clock this morning that police and firemen were able with assistance of lanterns, to grope their way through the dark, to a small room, a veritable chamber proper, in which five charred corpses lay. Some of them were burned almost beyond recognition. One stretcher carried all that was

left of three bodies. They are at present a ghastly sight.

Hamilton, Aug. 1.—The attendants had a terrible battle with the panic stricken patients on the top floor trying to drive them to safety. Nearly 300 patients are quartered in that side of the building. Many of the patients persisted in running back into the fire after being safely escorted to the corridors.

Alderman Birrell of the Fire Committee donned a rubber coat and worked with the firemen. He saw a terrible sight on the doomed floor. Two struggling lunatics were fighting at a window to save themselves. Suddenly a sheet of flame and cloud of smoke blotted them out. They gave a despairing cry and sank back.

Provincial detective Roberts and some of his assistants arrived from Toronto this morning will make a rigid investigation into the cause of the fire.

Dan Parker, a colored patient, on the fourth floor, had one of the most remarkable experiences of the fire. In the room above him five patients were found dead, thousands of gallons of water washing along the corridor, hundreds of demented people were shouting, and Parker slept through it all. The police nearly had a fit when Parker, who was thought to be dead, suddenly stood up and demanded to know what was the matter.

It is impossible to estimate the loss.

The complete official list of the dead follows:—Charles Hilliard, Dumville; Alfred Hay, St. Catharines; John Heffernan, Arthur, Ont.; Thomas Evans, Elora, Ont.; Edward Sodke, Welland; John T. Holdaway, Kildinwood, Ont.; Geo. W. Storrie, Hockley, Ont.; Albert Bowler, Dundee, Ont.

BOURASSA WILL NOT ENTER FIELD

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Mr. Henri Bourassa will not come forward as a candidate for a Federal seat in any of the constituencies. He made this announcement authoritatively today to a representative of the Star. "I shall not be a candidate," he said, "but it is my intention to fight in the columns of my newspaper and on the platform as a simple soldier in the army which is being recruited in encouraging numbers under the banner of Mr. Monk."

"I accept Mr. Monk's leadership, Mr. Bourassa."

"Certainly," he replied, "I have always made that plain whenever I have appeared before the electors since Mr. Monk took what we consider is the right and proper constitutional attitude in opposition to the Laurier Government's naval policy."

LAWN BOWLING TOURNAMENT AT BUFFALO

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 1.—The first annual tournament of the International Lawn Bowling Association was opened here this afternoon, to continue through the rest of the week. The chief events programmed are the competitions for the International Trophy, the Frontier Consolation Cup and Scotch doobles and singles.

TORY M. P. MAKES SOME PREDICTIONS

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Hants, North Cape Breton and Antigonish will certainly be won from the government in the coming elections, declared E. N. Rhodes, ex-M. P. for Cumberland, N. S., on the eve of his departure to night to enter the contest in the east. He declared that a very strong candidate would be entered against the minister of finance in Shelburne, but said he had no fear of the result in Halifax and expected to see Lunenburg snatched from the Liberals.

NATIONAL LEAGUE DIRECTORS MEET

Chicago, Ills., Aug. 1.—Directors of the National League are meeting here today to hear an appeal filed by Sherwood Magee, left fielder of the Philadelphia Club who was suspended for the season and fined \$200 for assaulting umpire Finneran during a game at Philadelphia Club, members of the team and Roger Bresnahan, manager of the St. Louis Club which Philadelphia played on the day of assault will appear before the board. Magee, it was said, would enter a plea that he struck Finneran in self defence.

A GREAT OFFER.

The Daily Mail will be mailed to any address from now until the 1st of October for only twenty-five cents. The Mail is the leading Liberal newspaper of central New Brunswick and will contain the latest and most reliable political news.

LADY AVIATOR AWARDED A LICENSE

(Canadian Press.)

Hempstead, L. I., Aug. 1.—Miss Harriet Quimby was awarded a pilot's license today by the Aero Club of America, the governing body of the aeronautics in this country. This is the first license that has ever been awarded a woman aviator in America. Miss Quimby flew in a Moisant monoplane.

Thoroughly competent, Miss Quimby started out a few minutes before seven this morning to comply with the difficult conditions of the Aero Club. She rose gracefully in the air completing five figure eights about one hundred and fifty feet in the air and then landed within the 164-foot mark designated by the conditions, but also made a world's record for landing, her mark being 7 feet, 9 inches.

After a brief rest to cool off the motor, Miss Quimby again rose in the air and again completed all the remaining figure eights in the air. Turning first to right and left with all the skill of an experienced aviator, and landing on her descent at the 124 foot mark.

FLOODS IN CHINA CAUSE LOSS OF LIFE

New York, Aug. 1.—A cablegram from Shanghai, China, received by the Christian Era indicates that the relief expected in the famine stricken districts of China from the Spring crop had been minimized by another flood.

"All Yangtze Valley flooded. Awful destruction and death. Terrible famine this autumn," the cablegram read.

Miss Jane Belmore is visiting friends in Newcastle.

BOLD BANDITS STRUCK A SNAG

Made Bold Attempt to Rob a Bank in Montana Town Yesterday

Marshal Appeared on the Scene, Shot One of the Robbers and Recovered the Money

(Canadian Press)

Harlem, Mont. Aug. 1.—Three masked men robbed the First National Bank at Harlem yesterday but the man who carried the booty was killed and the money recovered. The other two bandits escaped. Armed men are in pursuit. The three men reached the bank shortly before noon. Two of the men with revolvers covered the cashier and his assistant, the only persons in the bank. The third went behind the counter and filled a sack with \$1,000 in coin and other money. Persons outside the bank noticed nothing wrong until one of the robbers evidently nervous fired a revolver. This brought Marshall Taswell to the back door of the bank. As he entered one of the robbers fired at him. The marshal fired, killing the man who was just going out with the money. The other two ran from the building mounted their horses and raced off at full speed.

CONCERT OF SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE VERY SUCCESSFUL

The annual concert of the Summer School of Science was held last evening in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School.

Miss Bessie Parker opened the concert with a pianoforte solo, which was encored.

Miss Mary Allen, of Sussex, followed with a beautiful vocal solo. She was also encored, as also were the succeeding performers.

Miss Gillmore told the story of Finnegan's laconic dispatch to Flanagan.

Mr. T. B. Kidner sang English, Scotch and Irish songs with great acceptance.

Mr. Cecil Holder, of Fredericton, played the banjo very skillfully in a number of selections which elicited prolonged applause.

Mr. C. I. Mersereau delighted the audience with his vivid rendering of some of Drummond's Habitant Poems. These dialect stories, full of humor and pathos, were heard with the utmost interest.

Mrs. Frank A. Good's rich voice entranced her hearers. She gave as encore "A Package of Tea."

Miss Margaret Lynds told of the horse race in which the deacon and the parson took part on New Years Day. This aroused the sporting instincts of her hearers who followed the story to its conclusion with bated breath.

A male quartette, Messrs. Edney, Mitchell, Holder and Cooper, sang of the adventures of a small boy and his Aunt Margery, to the great enjoyment of their hearers.

Every Celtic heart was moved to its depths by Miss Dolan's clear notes as she sang "The Old Plaid Shawl" and "Bonnie Charlie."

A very enjoyable evening was ended with "God Save the King."

Dr. T. C. McKay has been lecturing to the physics class lately on Sound and Music. Yesterday he showed on the screen the character of the vibrations in an organ pipe.

A canoe excursion on the river is planned for this afternoon.

TWO WERE KILLED IN AUTO SMASH

Cleveland, Aug. 1.—Two women were killed and a man probably fatally injured when an Erie passenger train running sixty miles an hour struck an automobile on a crossing at North Randall, fifteen miles south of here last night. The dead are: Miss Louise Snow, aged 21, of Cleveland and Miss Margaret Tuller, of Chicago aged 20.

Alimony is a pension paid to those who have been disabled on the do bank and watching a frog. mestic field of battle.

DANGER POINT IS PASSED

Compromise Likely to be Arrived at in the Moroccan Trouble

It is Said That the Kaiser's Influence Will be Used on the Side of Peace

(Canadian Press)

Paris, Aug. 1.—Paris newspapers in general express the opinion that the danger point in the Moroccan situation has passed and that a compromise will be arrived at very soon. With the arrival of the German Emperor at Swinemunde, the French press has become decidedly hopeful. Whether or not illfounded this change of front reveals a strong belief in the Kaiser's Pacific intentions.

The Radicals in this connection say: "Happily William II is less impulsive than some of his papers would lead one to imagine. If as we believe will be the case, his power will be used on the side of peace and moderation, it will not be the first time that he will have repented the blunders of his ministers."

The Raphael says: "It is evident the powers are negotiating for a ratification of the frontiers in Africa, in order to facilitate the occupation of the respective colonies."

"Regarded from such a standpoint the question is capable of a peaceful solution."

BIG LOT OF SUPPLIES FOR DR. GRENFELL

New York, Aug. 1.—With supplies of all sorts aboard for Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the Labrador missionary, the two masted schooner George B. Cluett sailed today for Labrador. The schooner will carry provisions, clothing and a full medical and surgical outfit. It is equipped with two auxiliary engines of 150 horse power and will be manned by a crew of seven men under Captain Mill. On the way to St. Anthony's the vessel will stop at Boston to take on a party of four men and a woman.

TORONTO WILL HONOR PRIVATE CLIFFORD

Toronto, Aug. 1.—Toronto's civic reception committee yesterday found difficulty in finding what presentation would be appropriate and at the same time reasonable for private Clifford, winner of the King's Prize at Biale. The idea of donating a house and lot was not generally popular owing to the large expenditure entailed on the part of the city. The committee decided that is the subscription list is started for this purpose they will contribute \$1000. Otherwise the King's Prize winner will be given a cabinet of silver valued at \$400.

HEAVY WEIGHT YOUTH DEAD AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore Md., Aug. 1.—Wm. Filtz, said to weigh 650 pounds died last night from kidney trouble in a hospital here.

Early in the evening he was removed in a furniture van to the hospital about seven miles from the suburban resort where he had been on exhibition. Filtz was born in Eastern Pennsylvania 19 years ago.

SUPPOSED JOKE PROVED FATAL

Wheatland, Wyo., Aug. 1.—"Come to the shop and see me commit suicide," said John Jesse, a local blacksmith, to his friend, Eugene Saum, yesterday.

"I'll go you," answered Saum, thinking it all a joke.

Reaching the shop, Jesse drank a quantity of chloroform, while Saum, thinking he was taking it as a joke, looked on in laughter. Not until Jesse fell at his feet did he realize that his friend was in earnest.