

LAURIER WILL WIN.

Independent Estimates of Next Thursday's Result.

TORONTO NEWS AND MR. DALBY CONFIDENT OF GOVERNMENT SUCCESS.

Premier Certain of Victory.

Toronto, Oct. 29.—The Daily News, an independent paper, with Tory leanings, is out with its estimate of the election result. It says in part "Sir Wilfrid Laurier's prospects in Ontario are now much brighter than in the contest of 1900. There has been no race cry to raise prejudice against him. The redistribution, while strikingly fair as compared with the former adjustments of constituencies in Canada, gives him advantage. This province more perhaps than any part of the Dominion, has shared in the abounding prosperity of the past decade and it has evolved the spirit of content and satisfaction with the existing conditions that may be a strong factor in winning it to Liberalism. In the sister province of Quebec, it is impossible to find any tangible evidence to justify the claims of the Conservatives that they will make large gains.

The campaign seems to be in favour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He should get approximately 128 seats to 86 for Borden. This calculation divides the representation as follows:

	Lib.	Con.
Quebec.....	53	12
Ontario.....	43	43
Nova Scotia.....	11	7
New Brunswick.....	5	8
Prince Edward Island.....	2	2
Manitoba.....	3	7
Northwest Territories.....	7	3
British Columbia.....	3	4
Yukon.....	1	0
Total.....	128	86

(The News is too kind to the Tories in New Brunswick. The most hopeful Tory does not expect a majority in this province, and the Liberals confidently claim a majority, and possibly ten out of the thirteen seats.)

Another Independent.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Henry Dalby, late editor of The Montreal Star, and a Tory organizer in 1900, says: "I think it is only a question of how big the Laurier government's majority will be at the general elections."

The opposition is weak in men of light and leading. Mr. Borden himself has made a very creditable leader, but he is only one man after all. If he is called upon to form a cabinet he will have to go outside his parliamentary following to get timber which is not either too green or too dry. Finally the great popularity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, not only in Quebec, but all over the country, is perhaps the most important factor of all."

"At what figure do you estimate the government's majority?"

"I don't pretend to any special source of information, but speaking roughly I should say about 25."

"How will the province of Quebec go?"

"The respective claims of the two parties are most contradictory, but I think the Conservatives will do well if they take a dozen seats out of sixty-five."

Laurier's Forecast.

Montreal, Oct. 29.—Speaking at Windsor Hall last night, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he was as sure of success on November 3rd as he was of his own life. He did not wish to pose as a prophet, for in the old days he had left that to his friend Sir Charles Tupper (laughter), and he could well leave it to Mr. Borden, who was a good second to his predecessor (renewed laughter). However, Sir Wilfrid could say that the present administration would remain in office, because there was no occasion for a change.

Of himself, he had very little to say, but he was sometimes reminded of a little Abbie, who when asked for an opinion of himself, said, "Well, when I think only of myself I do not think much of myself, but when I compare myself with others my esteem grows." (Laughter and applause.)

MEETING AT GIBSON.

Grand Rally in the Interests of the Liberal Candidate.

A rousing meeting in the Liberal interest was held in the new temperance hall at Gibson last evening.

Rev. W. R. Robinson occupied the chair and the speakers were Alex. Gibson, Jr., the Liberal candidate, R. W. McLellan and N. W. Brown.

Mr. Gibson, who was given a most enthusiastic reception, dealt with the transfer of the Canada Eastern Railway, which was accomplished largely through his efforts, and pledged himself if elected to do all in his power to have the Grand Trunk Pacific brought down the valley of the St. John. He also showed the falsity of the canvasses being made against him by Mr. Crocket and his spellbinders.

Mr. McLellan, who spoke next, gave a clear exposition of the government's transcontinental railway policy, and urged the electors to rally to the support of the government that had done so much for Canada. In discussing local issues he twitted Mr. Crocket and the York Conservatives for having abandoned their platform of "Purity and Prohibition," which was made to do duty in the last campaign. Mr. Crocket claimed that he had deserted the Liberal party because of broken pledges, then what had he to say of the Conservative party in York? Four years ago the party had held aloft the standard of purity, but how did they stand today on that question? Mr. Crocket did not need to go outside of his own party in York to find broken pledges. Mr. McLellan's allusion to the purity question was greatly enjoyed by the audience, and he was applauded again and again.

Mr. Brown, who followed, delivered one of the ablest campaign speeches heard in Gibson for many years. He dealt at some length with the fiscal question, and by the aid of printed charts, showed the wonderful advance that Canada had made in all lines of trade during the past eight years. He did not claim that the government was responsible for all the prosperity that Canada enjoyed, but a large share of it was due to their efforts. They had shown an intelligent appreciation of the wants of the country and had administered the various departments in a business like way. Mr. Brown presented many unanswerable arguments as to why the people should continue in power a government that had done so much to advance the interests of the people and closed with a stirring appeal to the electors to rally to the support of Mr. Gibson.

The meeting closed with cheers for the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Gibson.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr James Fallon, the veteran traveller for Gates & Son of Middleton, N. S., is among the guests at the Queen.

Recorder Colter returned yesterday from a holiday trip to Boston and Cambridge. Mrs Colter, who accompanied him, remained at Boston to visit her daughter, Mrs King.

Mr James MacLachlan of Montreal, is in the city. Mr. MacLachlan is a brother of Miss MacLachlan head milliner at Mrs Venn's and a popular traveller of the New York Skirt Co.

Post Office Inspector Colter of St John, spent yesterday in the city, and returned home today.

Mr and Mrs John G. Morchie and Miss Kit Phelan of Calais, are here the guests of Mr and Mrs W Tom Morchie.

Mr and Mrs R L Johnston of Loggieville, are guests at the Barker.

Mr A G Golding of St John, is among the guests at the Queen today.

Mr L O Haley of Windsor, N. S., is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr S N McCally of Chatham, is staying at the Queen.

Mr D A Hamilton of Worcester, Mass., is stopping at the Queen.

Sunday Services.

The present war between Russia and Japan and what the Scriptures say of it, will be the subject of the discourse to be given by Pastor W. R. Andrews in the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 7 p. m. All are welcome.

Baptist church. Preaching service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. conducted by the pastor Rev. J. H. MacDonald, B. A. Sunday school and bible classes at 2.30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. on Tuesday evening at 7.30 o'clock and the regular church prayer meeting on Friday evening at the same hour. All are cordially invited to these services. Seat free.

Liberal Rally.

A great Liberal rally will be held at the Arctic Rink this evening at which several prominent speakers will discuss the issues of the campaign. The chair will be taken at eight o'clock.

Weather Forecast

South and south-west winds, strong tonight, fair. Sunday, westerly winds, fine and warmer.

Mr. Blair is still dumb—no comfort for the Tories—attending to the business of the railway commission—and all the snap has dropped out of the Tory campaign.

FIREMEN DEFENDED.

Judge Wilson Says They Did Good Work at the Randolph Fire

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,—An article appeared in the Gleaner since the fire occurred at the house occupied by Charles Randolph, on the corner of Waterloo Row and Sunbury street, complaining of the manner in which the fire was handled and stating that there was a greater injury to the property by water than there was any need for. I was present when the fire broke out, when the men arrived and until it was put out, and I am of the opinion that it would have been impossible to have put the fire out with water with any less injury.

The firemen were promptly on hand within six minutes after the alarm was struck. It is very easy for people who look on to find fault. I think that the chief engineer and his men ought to get fair play and get credit for doing the best they can to save the property of the city.

I once heard an old lady say "that everybody knows what to do with a bad job but them that have it."

Yours truly,

Wm. Wilson.

Miss Gertrude MacDonald of St John, is in the city.

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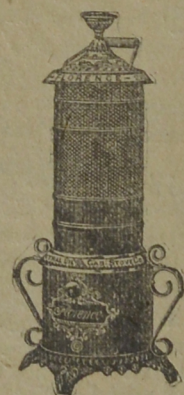
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