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BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman Re-elected by Acclamation
—Unionists Encouraged by Doughty's Return—
Labor Gains.

London, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The announcement this afternoon of the re-election of Sir George Doughty, unionist in Great Grimsby, with a majority of 2,300, an increase over the result of the last contest in 1898, proved a welcome pick-me-up to unionists, who were somewhat panicky after Saturday's landslide.

A number of unopposed returns were made this morning, the most notable being Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Premier in the Stirling district, Timothy M. Healy, an Irish nationalist, in North Louth, and Joseph Devlin, Irish nationalist in North Kilkenny.

Including today's returns the result of elections is as follows:
Liberals, 45.
Unionists, 16.
Irish Nationalists, 12.
Laborites, 7.

The Independent Labor party has thus already secured more seats than they held in the previous houses of commons.

The Laborites won under the flag of the Liberals, and Labor will be found ranged with the Liberals on all labor questions.

These early successes of Laborites, foreshadowing the presence in the next parliament of a United Labor body of considerable strength, form one of main surprises to the elections thus far. The labor party can be depended upon to take an entirely independent course under the leadership of James Kier Hardie, chairman of the Independent Labor party and Socialist and Laborite member for Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, so all the older factions will have to reckon with the Laborites hereafter. There is polling today in 22 London districts, and 48 provincial boroughs, returning in all 78 members.

CZAR FEARS FOR HIS LIFE.

Will Not go to St. Petersburg to Take Part in Blessing
Waters Ceremony--Dynamite Plot Discovered.

New York, Jan. 15.—(Special)—A St. Petersburg despatch to the World says for fear of an attempt on his life, the Czar will not come to St. Petersburg from Tsarskoe-selo next Friday to take part in the annual ceremony of "Blessing the waters" at the festival of Epiphany.

A quantity of dynamite packed in two boxes was found today hidden under the snow at the point where the Neva river is joined by the Usticora river.

In the boxes were electric batteries and ingenious contrivances to explode

the whole force, which would have been disastrous for a short distance. Short wires ran in three directions from the boxes.

A mine was found planted near the Pallisen Paper manufactory, many of the employees of which were particularly violent during the recent strike and rioting.

The secret police are convinced that had they not found the dynamite it would have been exploded when the Czar, accompanied by his kinsmen and the highest prelates and nobles approached the Neva for the solemn ceremony of blessing the water.

FREDERICTON LADIES WON.

Fair Celestial Bowlers Defeated St. John a Second
Time With a Lead of 23 Pins.

St. John, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The Fredericton lady bowlers beat St. John today by 23 pins, winning the second game in the series for the trophies offered by J. J. McCaffrey, of the Queen Hotel, Fredericton.

The teams and scores were as follows:

FREDERICTON.			
Miss Millie Tibbitts	69	97	77
Miss Marguerite Winslow	74	76	95
Mrs. H. R. Babbitt	88	84	111
Miss Hazel Palmer	92	62	61
Miss Alice Sterling	54	110	98
Miss Margaret Thompson	82	63	84
Totals	459	522	526

The Fredericton ladies' averages were as follows:
Miss Tibbitts..... 89.4
Miss Winslow..... 85.2
Mrs. Babbitt..... 84.2

Miss Palmer	84.4
Miss Sterling	82.8
Miss Thompson	82.6
ST. JOHN.	
Mrs. J. R. Thompson	117 74 90 83 73
Mrs. P. W. Thompson	93 74 131 83 75
Miss Smith	85 87 107 83 114
Miss M. Thompson	87 74 66 86 73
Mrs. L. W. Barker	81 57 71 84 84
Miss N. Barnaby	74 86 70 80 81
Totals	537 452 535 499 500

St. John averages:
Mrs. J. R. Thompson..... 93.3
Mrs. P. W. Thompson..... 93.3
Miss M. Thompson..... 77.2
Mrs. Barker..... 95.2
Barnaby..... 75.4

GRAND TOTALS.
Fredericton total..... 2568
St. John total..... 2545
Majority for Fredericton..... 23

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:
Dominion Coal, 77, 77, 77.
Dominion Iron and Steel, 28 1/2, 27 1/2.
Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 77, 77 1/2, 77 1/2.
N. S. Steel pfd., 68 1/2.
C. P. R., 175 1/2.
Twin City, 119, 118 1/2, 118 1/2.
Montreal Power, 89 1/2, 89 1/2, 89 1/2.
Rich. and Ontario, Nav., 76, 76.

FATALLY ILL.

New York, Jan. 15.—(Special)—It is admitted at the Holland House this morning, where he is ill with pneumonia, that Marshall Field, the Chicago merchant will hardly recover. Hope of his recovery has practically been abandoned.

GIRLS IN A DUEL.

Mexico City, Jan. 15.—(Special)—Two girls, Nicholasa Elizalde and Francisca Fuente, rivals in love, decided to settle the question of their lover in a duel with knives.

They met in a field in the suburbs of the city and the Elizalde girl was stabbed five times and will die. The other has been arrested.

Ald. A. W. Macrae, of St. John, says he is done with civic politics and will not offer for re-election. He also declines to run for the majority although pressed to do so by several delegations.

Miss Bessie Pinkerton, of Welsford, is visiting Miss Albrighton Sampson, St. John St.

"TIME TO REJOICE."

Pastor of St. Paul's in Eloquent Sermon Calls on His
People to Joy in Church Debt Redemption--
Wednesday Evening's Celebration.

When the new St. Paul's church in this city was opened for public service, twenty years ago, there was a bonded indebtedness on it of \$10,000, bearing interest at 6 per cent., but through the energy, public spirit and generous giving of the congregation, this debt has been entirely extinguished, and to celebrate the event the Presbyterians of this city are to hold a rejoicing meeting in the new church on Wednesday evening next, at which the redeemed bonds will be publicly burned with appropriate religious and commemorative services.

Money for the payment of the \$10,000 bonds, however, is not all that St. Paul's congregation has raised outside of current expenses, and contributions to the schemes of the church in the past ten years. An expenditure of some \$5,000 has been made on repairs to the new church tower, which had settled and threatened serious results, and in repairing the old kirk, so that the people of St. Paul's have really paid into the church treasury \$15,000, besides their regular contributions since the commencement of Rev. Mr. Macdonald's pastorate, fourteen years ago.

This is a record of which pastor and people are naturally very proud, and the celebration planned for Wednesday evening is quite natural and appropriate under the circumstances.

WEDNESDAY EVENING'S PROGRAM.

The program to be carried out will consist of addresses by Mr. L. W. Johnston and Mrs. J. R. Howie. Mr. Johnston will give a historical review of the church from the laying of the corner stone down to the present time. Mrs. Howie will speak on behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society. There will also be a musical program, including selections by the choir.

APPROPRIATE SERMON.

At St. Paul's church, Sunday morning Rev. Willard Macdonald preached an eloquent sermon, bearing on Wednesday evening's celebration, taking his text from Deut. 12 and 7. "And ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed you."

The concluding passages were as follows:
It seems to me you have come to a day of rejoicing. You have got the debt removed from this church, and this house of God, dedicated to his worship, is now His without one cent of debt upon it.

Do you suppose God is pleased? I do, because I believe God takes a deep interest in all His people. He takes a far deeper interest in us than we do in Him. If the Lord had not given you health, and prosperity, if He had sent you war, plague, pestilence or famine, the debt would yet have remained. The former—health and prosperity you had, and by your concentrated effort the debt has been removed.

The personnel of this church has changed a good deal in the last twenty years, as is natural. Quite a number of us had nothing to do with incurring the debt, but we have had the privilege of worshipping with you in this sanctuary, which your hands put up.

I do not want myself nor any stranger who has come here during the last twenty years to forget that privilege. And we do not. We would hardly call a twenty or a ten year resident a very great stranger. Others have labored and we have entered into their labors, that is the way it has always been; we labor, and others shall enter into our labors, that is how it shall continue.

I did ask you to remove this debt, perhaps I should not have so done, probably it would all have been without my asking. But we were then at the century fund. If I did wrong in so asking, I did not know I was doing wrong, but I am glad the debt is off.

I did not remove the debt, you did it, and you had the power, and to you are given the honor, and the glory, and the praise, and the majesty that belong thereto.

As to whether the release from debt should be an occasion for rejoicing. I have only one opinion, and that is it should be. As to what form that rejoicing should take, there may be many opinions.

Now we are expecting to have a meeting in this church next Wednesday evening. It is popularly called "the burning of the bonds," but the burning of the bonds is only a feature. The bottom of the whole thing is gladness, rejoicing. That is the simple meaning as I understand it. It is not a funeral service, but a meeting of gladness, ending up if you wish, with a joyful greeting, and a general handshake.

The uppermost thought is gladness, joy, that this house consecrated to God, is free from debt. To this Wednesday night meeting, all Presbyterians are expected to come, and any others who wish to rejoice with us on this occasion, are cordially invited, and shall be heartily welcomed."

UNIQUE EXCURSION.

Members of Forestry Convention Saw
Mr. Booth's Lumber Operations
at Work.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.—The excursion arranged for Saturday to the Madawaska limits of John R. Booth was an appropriate ending to the successful dominion forestry convention. The party on board the train was a thoroughly representative one, including the Governor General and Countess Grey, Lady Sybil Grey and delegates from the United States, Ontario, Quebec and the maritime provinces.

The berth is situated about 150 miles west of Ottawa, and Mr. Booth's modest recital of how he acquired it 51 years ago greatly interested the visitors. The limit covers 270 square miles. Mr. Booth bought it for \$45,000 at a time when he had hardly a dollar in the world. He had good financial backing, however, and the limit he was offered \$10,000 for his bargain. Mr. Booth would not sell, and since then it has been to him even better than a gold mine. He admitted that in the 51 years he had never taken out less than 150,000 logs each year, and often as high as 300,000, and he declared that the berth was as good today as it was when he first commenced operating there. The principal camp is about 10 miles off the line of the Grand Trunk from the Madawaska station, and here in the virgin forest the visitors saw all the operations of logging, skidding and loading.

At one o'clock they were summoned to the cook-house, and sat down to a genuine shanty meal, the staple dish being pork and beans. There were absolutely no frills, the vice-regal party enjoying luncheon from the tin plates and drinking the tea from tin pannikins, as did the other visitors. After the repast, his excellency proposed the health of Mr. Booth, referring to the enterprise of their host, not only as a pioneer lumberman, but also as a railway builder. Mr. Booth, who was enthusiastically applauded, replied in his usual modest way. He attributed much of his success in that particular limit to precautions taken

against fire. In conclusion, he expressed his acknowledgments to the representative of the Sovereign for honoring him with his presence on the limit.

Addresses were also delivered by R. L. Borden, Mr. Joly de Lotbiniere, Consul General Foster, Dr. Schenck, Baltimore, N. C., Supt. Stewart and Mr. Campbell, secretary of the convention. Cheers for their excellencies and Mr. Booth concluded the proceedings. On the return trip to Ottawa, hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Grand Trunk Railway and the Dominion government for their hospitality in connection with the excursion. Among those who spoke were Mr. Dickie of Steviacke, Mr. Whitman of Annapolis Royal, and Hon. Mr. Sweeney, surveyor general of New Brunswick. The latter in the course of a lucid speech, took occasion to correct some misapprehensions which had prevailed in the conference regarding the forest laws of New Brunswick, and this led Austin Carey, of the state of Maine, to declare that Nova Scotia had in his judgment the best forest laws of any state or province on the continent, and that New Brunswick was a close second.

The party reached Ottawa at nine o'clock.

STOLEN FROM A BANK.

Satchel With Several Thousand Dollars Mysteriously Disappeared.

Newark, N. J., January 15.—In the National banking Company Friday, a satchel containing several thousand dollars disappeared from the bank counter while the man who had just drawn the money turned to speak with a friend.

Laban Dennis, secretary of the Geo. Brown & Co., stone works, went into the bank about noon and drew \$3,150 for the weekly pay toll. He put it in a satchel. On his way he stopped to speak to a friend and placed the satchel on the check shelf. When he again turned to pick up the satchel it was gone.

It is the theory of the police that someone in the bank who had seen Dennis receive the money and count it, waited until he turned his back, and then seized his opportunity. The door is close to the shelf where the bag lay.

The empty bag was found by a boy in a hallway.