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Friday, Nov. 9th, 1900.

A Glorious Victory.

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The general election on Wednesday last resulted—as Liberals all over the Dominion felt confident it would—in a splendid victory for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who may exclaim, in the words of Jean Baptiste Trudeau:

"Kebec she's good enough for me,
Hurrah pour Canadaw!"

The Premier and all his colleagues were re-elected, while Sir Charles Tupper, Foster, Montague, Hugh John Macdonald, Caron, Nicholas Flood Davin, Dewdney, and other prominent Conservatives went down in the fight, but Sir Hibbert Tupper, Wallace and Haggart retain their seats. In Ontario 37 Liberals were elected and 51 Conservatives; but Quebec went almost solid for the Government, returning 57 Liberals and only 7 Conservatives. The Laurier Administration will have a majority of at least 50, and will remain in power as long as it conducts the affairs of the Dominion as satisfactorily as it has hitherto done. Elections are still to be held in four constituencies.

The Two Victorias.

The fears entertained by Liberals as to the result of the contest in North and South Victoria were, we are sorry to say, well grounded. In the south Dr. Vrooman got a majority of 150 over Mr. George McHugh, who proved himself to be an excellent and capable representative of the riding in Parliament, and who is personally very popular, but labors under the disadvantage of being a Roman Catholic, which is the sole cause of his defeat. In North Victoria Sam Hughes has been re-elected, but by a greatly reduced majority, and he would have been beaten all to pieces if he had not gone to South Africa, successfully dodged Boer bullets and come home covered all over with glory. The last time he was elected he got a majority of 251; on Wednesday his majority was 88 according to the following figures, which are incomplete and may not all be correct:

NORTH VICTORIA MAJORITIES.

	Hughes.	McKay.
Fenelon Falls	8	
Cameron	26	
Cambay		3
Smithson's		22
Brown's	2	
S. E. Lake	3	
Burnt River	54	
Cobocok (1)	55	
Kimmount		3
Cobocok (2)	6	
Victoria Road	34	
Laston	53	
Hartley		47
Lorneville		45
Kirkfield	7	
Balover	6	
Woodville		29
Carden		32
Galway		45
Minden	5	
Snowden	1	
Stanhope	52	
Anson and Hindon	19	
Lutterworth		17
	331	243

Majority for Hughes, 88.

There are several polling-places yet to be heard from, but news comes slowly from the back country.

President McKinley Re-elected.

The Presidential election in the United States took place on Tuesday last, and the returns give McKinley 283 electoral votes and Bryan 164. These

figures may possibly be altered somewhat, but are no doubt substantially correct. New York and Illinois were strongly in favor of Mr. McKinley, and he also got a majority in Nebraska, Bryan's own State.

The Volunteers' Return.

The welcome given by Toronto on Monday last to the volunteers on their return from South Africa was a wonderful demonstration of enthusiasm, and it is said that never before in the history of the city were so many flags to be seen at one time. A crowd of relatives and friends of the boys in khaki impatiently awaited the arrival of their train, and when it drew up at the station a thunderous cheer arose, and the band of the Governor-General's Body Guard struck up "Home, Sweet Home." At the front of the procession through the public streets, the men of the Queen's Own cursed the hero of Paardeburg, Bugler Williams, who sounded the charge on that fateful day. The crowds in the streets in the evening were enormous, and gaiety as of carnival time was seen on every hand. There were ten thousand persons in the procession and a hundred thousand on the streets, and as the returned soldiers marched on their way to the armories they were greeted with one long roar of cheers, and a continuous wave of flags and handkerchiefs. And the boys deserved it all.

The Frog Industry.

The hind legs of bull-frogs are considered such a delicacy by the majority of Americans, as well as by many Canadians, that quite a number of persons make good livings by pursuing and capturing the batrachians, while "frog farms" have been established in many localities, and are rapidly increasing in number. For the past ten or twelve years the business of frog catching has been followed in this vicinity by Messrs. Enoch and David Merriam of Harwood, and two of their brothers are engaged in the same industry in other waters. This season's catch appears to have been a good one, for on Friday last the steamer *Kawartha* left the Falls in the morning, and returned in the evening with fifty-two coarse sacks containing nearly fifteen thousand live frogs that had been captured in the lower lakes and the creeks and marshes along their borders. (As the *Kawartha* is only chartered to carry twenty passengers, it is suggested that her owner may be liable to prosecution for having transported so many thousands.) The frogs, which were kicking and croaking at a great rate, were taken to the Merriam Bros.' camp near the Summer House, on the shore of Cameron Lake, where they were killed and the eatable parts skinned, slightly salted and packed in barrels for transportation to the American market. It was formerly customary to throw away all but the hind legs, but the frogs are now cut in two about the middle, and the loins are eaten with the hind legs. It is estimated that the edible portions of the 15,000 will weigh not much less than half a ton, but many other thousands were caught during the season, which commenced about the 1st of May and is now nearly over. The sport—or, rather, the business—of frog catching is followed at night (and the darker the night, the better) by means of jack-lights, which appear to so fascinate them that they lose all consideration for their personal safety and allow themselves to be taken by hand. Only the big, bellowing, "berrer-go-round" bull-frogs are captured, the nice little "Canadian nightingales" being left to charm with their nocturnal melodies the ears of all who have the good fortune to live near their haunts. We read, somewhere, that frogs, unlike buffaloes and the great majority of animals and birds, can never be exterminated, as they breed in the deepest recesses of swamps and fens, to the frontiers of which they do not come until they attain a considerable size. There dwells in our memory a little "poem" of two verses which we think appeared in the *Gazette* three or four years ago, but it is so appropriate to the present subject that we venture to give it again. Here it is.

Of all the funny things that live
In woodland, marsh or bog,
That fly the air or swim the deep,
The funniest is the frog.

The frog, the scientificest
Of nature's handiwork,
The frog, that neither walks nor runs,
But goes it with a jerk.

You see him sitting on a log
Above the vasty deep,
You feel inclined to say: "Old chap,
Just look before you leap."

You raise your cane to hit him on
His ugly-looking mug;

But, e'er you get it half way up,
Adown he goes, kerchug!

Unless you have a jack-light.

Mr. Enoch Merriam is the tallest man who comes to the Falls, as he measures 6 feet 5 inches, and we are told that he has a brother the same height at Harwood. Perhaps they elongated themselves reaching for frogs,

Personals.

Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes was at the Falls on Wednesday.
Miss Maud Slater returned home from Toronto on Wednesday.
Mr. John McSweyn of Lindsay was at the Falls on Tuesday.
Mr. Herbert Novison is home from the business college at Toronto.
Miss Sadler of Lindsay is visiting at Mr. William Jordan's in Fenelon.
Mr. George H. Littleton left on Wednesday afternoon for Kimmount to help build Messrs. Puley & Joy's new mill.
Capt. and Mrs. Howell returned to the Falls on Monday from attending the Salvation Army anniversary at Toronto.
Messrs. Thos. Lane and Robert Colmer came from Midland, and Messrs. Henry Smith and William Crossgrey came from Napanee, on Wednesday last to vote in the North Victoria election.
Mr. and Mrs. William Fountain returned to the Falls from Victoria Harbor on Tuesday. Mr. Fountain has been there all summer, and Mrs. Fountain joined him about three weeks ago.
Mr. John Kelly of Verulam was at the Falls on Wednesday. He came all the way from Parry Harbor to cast a good Grit vote at the Bethel polling-place for George McHugh and the Laurier Administration.

Fenelon Council Proceedings.

Cameron, Oct. 29th, 1900.
Council met at regular meeting, all the members present; minutes of previous meeting read and approved. On motion of Messrs. Palmer and Webster, consideration of Alderman Lamb's scheme of electric railways was left over for a future meeting. After hearing Mr. J. Hay's communication re grant for getting gravel from Sturgeon Lake, it was
Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Parkin, That this council does not deem it advisable to make a grant for gravelling on con. 10 at lot 3, owing to lateness of season.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That we now instruct the township solicitor to take such action as he may think proper to enforce the placing of a crossing on con. 6 at lot 6, on account of the railway authorities not acceding to the council's request to have the crossing put in.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That Taylor Parkin be commissioned to put in two new culverts on the new road at lot 7.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Palmer, That C. Eiford be instructed to rebuild the culvert on the 2nd line between lots 15 and 16, con. 1, at once.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That John Byers be paid \$3 for extra work on culvert at lot 17, con. 8, said amount to be payment in full of all claims against this municipality.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Webster, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That J. P. Palmer be appointed to try to arrange for a road for Franklyn Dewel.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Palmer, That the clerk write the Department of Crown Lands respecting road at lots 25 and 26, con. 2.—Car'd.
Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Webster, That Ops township be asked to pay the sum of \$8.25, being one-half cost of three culverts put in on J. J. Teevin's beat, Ops and Fenelon boundary.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Parkin, seconded by Mr. Palmer, That R. C. Webster be appointed commissioner to expend the sum of \$24 on the 2nd line, between lots 30 and 31, con. 2.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That this council confirm the payment to J. Cunningham of \$24 for fixing 2nd line between lots 30 and 31, con. 2; also James Rae's order for \$62 for building bridge on same 2nd line at con. 2, as the \$50 granted did not complete the job.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That E. P. Smith be paid 75c. for overcharge in roadwork, and that the petition of the following for redress cannot be entertained, the amount of their roadwork being correct, namely, Messrs. Rogers, Byan, Gordon, and Mrs. Tompkus.—Carried.
Moved by Mr. Palmer, seconded by Mr. Dewel, That the following bills be paid: E. English, 107 loads gravel, \$5.35; Geo. Sackett, 43 loads gravel, \$2.15; Wm. and Jas. Isaac, 102 loads gravel, \$5.10; Jesse Christian, stumping on con. 3 at lot 18, \$4.50; David West, fixing bridges on con. 4 at lots 22 and 23, \$4; J. J. Teevin, for three culverts on Ops and Fenelon boundary, \$16.50; E. D. Hand, advertising voters' lists court, \$1.50; Jas. H. Thurston, opening con. 6, lot 27, \$5; clerk, telegram to W. R. Tiffin, 33c.; Thomas Thompson, culvert on con. 2, lot 1, \$7; Wm. Chambers, cedar for culvert on 2nd line between lots 5 and 6, con. 3, \$1.80; Watson James, 36 loads of gra-