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Hon. Frank Cochrane Re-elected by Large Vote

MAJORITY WITHOUT SOLDIERS' VOTE GIVEN AS BETWEEN 600 AND 800. MANY SURPRISES IN CERTAIN SECTIONS. ROEBUCK NOT ENDORSED BY LABOR VOTE WHATEVER INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY SAID.

The riding of Timiskaming voted strongly for the Union Government on Monday, Hon. Mr. Cochrane being elected by the vote in the riding with a majority variously estimated from 600 to 800. He is thus elected by a substantial majority by the home vote, not to mention any further majority that may come from the soldiers' votes overseas. When it is remembered that there are between 2500 and 3500 soldiers overseas from this riding, it is apparent that this riding could never have been in much doubt. Even the rosier of the serious estimates for Roebuck failed to suggest that he would receive more than 200 or 300 of a majority. Many are now awakening to the fact that even had these rosy hopes been realized, he would still have been defeated by the soldiers' votes overseas. However, it is useless now to speculate on such things. The big, pleasing fact is that Timiskaming voters at home endorsed Union Government by an unusually large majority. The majority figures will likely run over the 1000 mark when the soldiers' ballots are added.

Throughout the riding Election Day passed without serious disorders or unusual incidents, though differences of opinion were pronounced enough upon occasions.

In the Town of Timmins the police had perfected their organization not because they feared trouble, but to prevent any, should there unfortunately be any foundation for some of the wild stories that there were groups of men who swore that "if they couldn't vote, then no one else should either." Happily, these yarns proved to be as unfounded as hoped for, and Timmins proved itself again worthy of the name of being the most orderly and law-abiding gold camp in the world.

At the Town Hall poll the vote for Cochrane was 113 and for Roebuck 154, giving Roebuck a majority of 41. At the Finlander Hall Cochrane got 69 votes and Roebuck 62, giving Cochrane 7 majority. The net majority thus for Roebuck was 34 in Timmins. At Moneta the vote was Cochrane

44, Roebuck 67. Majority for Roebuck 23.

At Schumacher, however, Cochrane had a Majority of 32, the vote being 105 Cochrane and 73 Roebuck.

At the Town Hall, South Porcupine, Cochrane got 72 against Roebuck's 69, and at Wilson's Hall 43 against Roebuck's 15. Majority for Cochrane at South Porcupine was thus 36.

The Dome voted Cochrane 104, Roebuck 42, majority for Cochrane 62. Golden City's vote:—Cochrane 31, Roebuck 27, majority for Cochrane 4.

Absolutely accurate figures from all the outside polls are not obtainable at the time of writing but the following are the figures as revised to date:—

Connaught—Cochrane 54, Roebuck 131.

Premier—Cochrane 10, Roebuck 24. Matagamie—Cochrane 53, Roebuck 167.

Cochrane—Cochrane 226, Roebuck 170.

Porquus Jet.—Cochrane 95, Roebuck 87.

The following majorities for Cochrane have also been wired in:—New Liskeard 148, Englehart 95, Thornloe 13, Harley Township 48, Charlton 5, Gillies Lake 11, Kern Township 4, Bucks 37, Armstrong 25, Coleman 49, Sesikinka 5, Jacksonboro 36, Matheson 32, Hearst 148, Wabawawa 33, Kruderdorf 6, Elk Lake 20.

Haileybury gave 291 majority for Cochrane, New Liskeard 148 and Iroquois Falls 77.

Cobalt's majority for Roebuck is given as 56 only.

Among the other places where Roebuck polled a majority were:—Temiskaming Mine 195, Foster 12, Bourke 3, Gowganda 47, Boston Creek 44, Kirkland Lake 140, Swastika 2, Ramore 27, Dane 1, Smooth Rock Falls 36.

The latest figures coming from centres like Cobalt give Cochrane a majority in the riding of about 800, and this is about the total majority proven up from the figures coming in to the Union Government Committee Rooms by wire Monday night.

TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS LAST MEETING

Fire Brigade Given \$500 Grant. Small Increases for Paid Firemen.

The last statutory meeting of the Town Council for the year was held on Saturday evening, the 15th. This is the last meeting at which money payments or similar business can be transacted for the year, but it is likely that another meeting for the general run of business may be held during the next few days to deal with any municipal matters arising.

In the absence from town of Mayor McLaughlin on Saturday, Councillor Chas. Pierce was elected to the chair as acting mayor and filled the post capably and gracefully. The other members present were Councillors Brazeau, Williams, Dr. Moore and Dr. McInnis.

On motion of Councillors Williams and Brazeau the Clerk was authorized to pay the balance of \$5,205.27 due Hill, Clark & Francis, on the fire hall contract, etc.

Various routine accounts and the regular pay roll were ordered paid.

On motion of Councillors McInnis and Brazeau, the yearly allowance of \$500 was made to the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Messrs. Daniel Cosgrove and Chas. Barnard, the two paid firemen at the hall, were also granted an increase in salary of \$5 each per month, to date from Dec. 1st.

On motion of Councillors McInnis and Brazeau, the Clerk was instructed to write the T. & N.O. in reference to their letter regarding the construction of the overhead railway bridge, suggesting that the matter be left in abeyance until after the new year when the new council will no doubt go fully into the question.

Council adjourned to the call of the Mayor.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PATRIOTIC CLUB

To Be Held in Old Empire Theatre on Thursday, Jan., 1918.

The Executive Committee of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club met in the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon. Acknowledgement was received from the Provincial Treasurer, the Organization of Resources Committee and the British Red Cross for the contribution of \$100 made recently by the Club to the British Red Cross Day. Secretary R. J. Jemmett read a communication from the headquarters of the Canadian Patriotic Fund urging that the grants from this district be at least sufficient to equal the amount granted to the soldiers' families here. The Porcupine Consolidated had already sent the Patriotic Fund at Ottawa \$3500. The amount received here in allowances, etc., would be about \$5,000. On motion of Messrs. R. J. Jemmett and G. A. Macdonald, it was decided to issue another cheque for \$1500 in favor of the Canadian Patriotic Fund Headquarters.

After a discussion of the finances of the Club and other matters, it was decided that the canvassing Committee should get after delinquent subscribers and gather in as much as possible of the subscriptions outstanding.

Thursday, January 3rd., 1918, was selected as the date for the annual meeting of the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club. The annual meeting will be held in the Old Empire Theatre on the 3rd. at 8 p.m., for the election of officers and the general adjustment of funds, etc. In the meantime, the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to prepare a statement giving detailed information as to the amount of money received from each section of the district, and the amount paid out to each society or club. This statement is to be first submitted to the various societies and to the press, the idea being to give all substantial facts at the annual meeting on January 3rd. will have an intelligent and accurate knowledge of the affairs of the Club.

Very few of the people in the Porcupine from Nova Scotia have been able to learn any details regarding relatives they may have in Halifax, as to whether they were injured or killed in the recent frightful explosion and fire. In most cases, however, no news is considered good news, and the best is hoped for.

FINAL SESSION OF EXEMPTION BOARD

All Outstanding Cases to be Dealt With on Thursday.

The local Exemption Tribunal will hold a final session here at the Council Chambers to-morrow, December 20th., to clear up all outstanding cases. All those interested have received notice to this effect by special notice, and it is the business of all concerned to take heed. The closing of the Exemption work will mark another step in the progress of the enforcement of the Military Service Act. As The Advance has repeatedly advised its readers, there is a direct determination to enforce the law fairly and fully, and it is the part of wisdom and good citizenship for each man to see that the Act is neither neglected nor broken. With the closing of the Tribunal's work there will undoubtedly follow a further step in the enforcement of the Act, and as the penalties are severe, it is up to all to see that they have observed the regulations of the law.

PORCUPINE MAN GIVEN THREE YEARS

And Ben Maranelli Said Afterwards He was in Luck to Escape With This.

Ben Maranelli, of South Porcupine, accused of a serious offence against a girl of thirteen years of age, came before Judge Hayward at Haileybury last week. He asked what the maximum punishment might be, and shuddered when informed that it could be as much as twenty years' imprisonment with a number of lashes as well. However, through his counsel, D. W. O'Sullivan, he entered a plea of guilty and Judge Hayward sentenced him to three years in prison. "I got off easy at that," he told one of the officials afterwards. Maranelli was arrested on the charge at South Porcupine some weeks ago, his arrest developing from evidence he gave at another trial there, the Magistrate ordering his detention following certain suggestions and admissions made by Maranelli.

NOMINATIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL, DECEMBER 31st.

As will be noted by the advertisement in another page nominations for mayor and councillors for Timmins for 1918 will be held on Monday, Dec. 31st. So many other matters have distracted public attention that interest in municipal matters has not been as pronounced as in some former years. Around street there is practically no discussion, the few mentioning the approaching election being desecious seemingly that the present mayor and council should continue the work for another year at least. The more thoughtful realize that under unusual difficulties the present Mayor and Council have given effective service indeed, and have economically and carefully guided the town's affairs during 1917. Also, there is more or less of a feeling that the community has had enough of elections now to last for sometime, and if the present Mayor and Council could be induced to remain at their good work for another year, it would be to the general interests. Some of the members, however, are anxious to retire, and it might be well, if the general feeling is that the Council has done well under the difficulties encountered—and that should surely be the feeling,—to press upon the Mayor and the members of the Council the advantage to the Town in securing their services for another year, and saving the cost and inconvenience of an election.

The meeting in the interests of Mr. Roebuck on Thursday evening last in the New Empire was one of the biggest of the campaign. Some good addresses were given, the best probably being the one by Mr. DeLisle, ex-M.P. from Quebec. British-spirited addresses like his would do good in any province. Other speakers included J. P. McLaughlin (chairman), J. W. Mahon, L. Newton, Capt. Robinson, Jules St. Paul and a gentleman from Iroquois Falls, the latter in French. Even Mr. Mahon, who spoke in English again, will hardly object to a skipping of further report of the meeting now that the election is over and Christmas is near. Merry Christmas to everybody.

Union Government Given Big Majority in Canada

ONLY THREE SEATS IN QUEBEC FOR UNION. WEST GOES NEARLY SOLID. 72 OUT OF 82 SEATS IN ONTARIO. SOLDIERS' VOTES MAY GIVE GOVERNMENT OVER 50 OF MAJORITY.

The incomplete election returns obtainable so far show that Union Government has been returned to power by a majority even greater than its enthusiastic supporters expected. The result is particularly gratifying as it is attained irrespective of the soldiers' votes which are admitted to be overwhelmingly in favor of Union Government. The result will be hailed in Allied Countries and through the world as an added confirmation of Canada's determination to unite all its ability and resources for the prosecution of the war.

Only three seats,—those of Hon. Mr. Doherty, Sir Herbert Ames, and Hon. Mr. Ballantyne,—were carried for Union Government in Quebec. Hon. Messieurs Sevigny and Blouin were defeated in Quebec. Unless the soldiers' votes will change this result, these two far-seeing and loyal men should be given seats in Ontario or the West. Canada should not lose their services after their gallant and unselfish stand for their land and people against such odds.

The following is the summary by provinces.

| Province | Gov't | Oppn. |
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| Ontario | 72 | 10 |
| Quebec | 3 | 62 |
| New Brunswick | 6 | 5 |
| Nova Scotia | 5 | 9 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0 | 4 |
| Manitoba | 13 | 1 |
| Saskatchewan | 16 | 0 |
| Alberta | 11 | 0 |
| British Columbia | 11 | 1 |

Total 137 92

Majority for Union Government, 45. Yukon, two seats in Halifax, and Nelson, Man., deferred, and two other seats to hear from.

Buck, in Souris, is the only opposition member from Manitoba. The Laurier candidates from Ontario are: Kennedy, North Essex, 1500; McCoig, Kent, small majority; Ross, Middlesex; small majority; Foster, South Perth; I. E. Pedlow, South Renfrew, 1500; Hon. Chas. Murphy, Russell; Truax, South Bruce, big majority; Euler, North Waterloo, large majority.

C.O.T. Co. MAN ALSO WANTS BIGGER ADVANCE

H. O. Brown Writes Interesting Letter from Burwash Hall, Toronto.

In a letter dated from the "C.O.T. Co., Burwash Hall, Toronto," H. O. Brown tells of reading Corporal Widdifield's recent letter in The Advance, and he particularly agrees with Corporal Widdifield that the soldiers away from here are very glad to receive The Advance and only wish it were bigger. This fault, like many others, rests with the people who remain at home. If the people at home will only give the requisite support in advertising and subscriptions, The Advance will double, treble, aye, quadruple, in size. Indeed, as heretofore, The Advance will continue to be a little bigger and a little better than the support would strictly warrant. Mr. Brown also thinks that the whereabouts and doings of those who leave the Camp from time to time may be of interest and in this he is undoubtedly right. With this idea he writes a few paragraphs of special interest to all. "I am attached to the Canadian Overseas Training Co. here," he writes. "The purpose of this Company is to train men in instruction and military drill that they might qualify for service in the various branches of the Imperial Army. It means, of course, a good deal of drill and study, and you don't get above 'private' unless you qualify for it. Like myself, of course, many have had engineering experience and intend to follow that branch of the service. The R. F. C. have barracks in one end of the building here and I have seen some of the boys from Timmins on different occasions. Ken DeLong was the first I saw, and when their section was transferred to other quarters I was rather surprised to see Mr. Spence and Mr. MacLean. They all looked fine in their uniforms and it took me back to Timmins again to see familiar faces.

EXPLOSION AT COTTAGE HOSPITAL

Nurses Had Narrow Escape When Water Jacket Burst.

On Saturday morning the nurses at the Cottage Hospital on Fourth Ave. had a narrow escape from serious injury, when the water pipes connecting with the kitchen range burst. Both of the nurses were jarred by the shock while one was actually hit by a flying piece of metal, the fragment of piping striking her a blow on the back of the head. It is thought that the pipes had frozen up during the night and in the morning after the fire got going the explosion or bursting occurred. The range was all smashed to atoms, but luckily no other serious damage was done. A new stove was immediately secured, and everything was fixed up and running smoothly at the Cottage Hospital before the day was out.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE P.C.P.C. CLUB

Report of Porcupine Patriotic and Patriotic Fund Accounts to November 30th.

The Treasurer's report, as at Nov. 30th., 1917 for the Canadian Patriotic Fund is as follows:—

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| Oct. 31—Bal. in bank | \$29.63 |
| Received from Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa | 450.00 |
| | \$ 1,079.63 |

Nov. 15—Payments made November to soldiers Wives 482.65 || Balance in bank | 596.98 |
| | \$ 1,079.63 |

The Treasurer's report for the Porcupine Consolidated Patriotic Club, as at November 30th., is as follows:—

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| Total contributions to date | \$18,834.45 |
| Disbursements | |
| To Canadian Patriotic Fund | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Timmins Red Cross | 4,962.50 |
| Schumacher Red Cross | 3,996.00 |
| South Porcupine Patriotic | 3,600.00 |
| D. Y. B. Club | 1,200.00 |
| British Red Cross | 100.00 |
| Sundry expenses | 147.65 |
| Balance in bank | 1,328.30 |
| | \$18,834.45 |

Contributions received during November, \$1,750.99. J. P. Taillon, Treasurer.

RICKARD MAY HAVE GOOD GOLD CAMP

Diamond Drilling and Other Exploration to be Done.

The find some months ago in Rickard Township some ten miles from Iroquois Falls in the Abitibi country has not perhaps received as much attention as it might have received under other circumstances. The times, for one thing, are not exactly propitious for a rush or a boom. Then, again, although there was a boom for a week or two, it was soon discovered that all the outcrop had been included in the few claims staked, and the country roundabout is noteworthy chiefly for its overburden of clay. So many prospectors being away at the war, so many engaged in more directly productive work than prospecting, and the general state of the mining and money markets have all combined to handicap the development, by prospectors, of the Rickard district. The Mining Corporation of Canada, however, several months ago took over the option on the claims staked, and according to the reports received recently all is neither dull nor dead. The surface showings have been so rich that exploration and development work seems fully warranted. Accordingly, two diamond drill outfits are being taken in and the property will be tested at depth by this method. Also, it is further reported that a mining plant is to be installed at an early date, modern camps built and property worked on a comparatively large scale.

Among the visitors to town on Thursday morning last were Hon. Frank Cochrane and Hon. G. Howard Ferguson. They met a large number of their friends in town at the Union Government Committee rooms on Third Avenue, during their two hours' stay in town.

SMALL DAMAGE AT FIRE AT McLAUGHLIN'S

Blaze Starts in Wall, Probably from Defective Flue.

On Saturday evening about six o'clock an alarm of fire was turned in from McLaughlin's store. The firemen made a very prompt response, but by the time they reached the store a great quantity of smoke was in evidence, though no blaze was noticeable. The chief difficulty the firemen had was in getting at the fire. The trouble seemed to be all in the wall where it was difficult to be sure that the fire was all extinguished even when the portion was well treated with the chemical. The chemical extinguishers were used altogether, the hose line not being put in service. Consequently, the chief damage is from smoke and from the necessary injury to the wall in tearing off the finishing boards, etc., to get at the fire. The Chief and brigade stayed with the fire until all possible danger had passed. It is thought that the fire in the wall may have been caused by a defective or cracked chimney.

THE RIGHT WAY TO VOTE FOR ROEBUCK

This being the first time that women voted in a parliamentary election in the Dominion, many of them were naturally curious as to details about the actual proceedings in the polling booth when casting a vote. One Timmins lady last week was making enquiries in this regard at home, and one of the men of the house explained the matter very clearly and wisely. "If you want to vote for Roebuck," he said, "just mark a cross after Cochrane's name to show that he is marked out. That will be all right then."

Mr. J. P. McLaughlin spent a few days at the poultry sale at Barrie last week.