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THE DOMINION ELECTION

Nearly everybody appeared to be pleased at the results of the provincial election last week. Naturally the Progressive Conservatives were delighted that Premier Drew was returned with a substantial majority and thus able to proceed to put into effect the progressive plans prepared for the benefit of Ontario. Even those who did not enjoy the result comforted themselves by saying, "Well, anyway, there is an over-all majority for the Government, so there will be no reason why the province may not enjoy sane and sensible administration." It is altogether different in regard to the voting in the Dominion election on Monday of this week. The results does not exactly suit anybody. Supporters of Premier King are not pleased that there is not an over-all majority for their favourite party. Other enthusiasts are disappointed because their esteemed parties failed to make the grade. There are quite a number of Dominion ridings where the successful candidate is only a comparatively few votes ahead of his nearest rival. The soldiers' vote may change this, so the perfection of satisfaction has not been achieved.

The present outlook appears to suggest that Premier King will have sufficient seats to carry on a government, with the help of some of the so-called independents and members of the two new parties, the C. C. F. and the Social Credit party. Premier King is an adept at using the smaller parties to retain him in power.

In this particular case, however, the fact that Premier King has not an over-all majority is all to the good. The premier and his followers will have to walk circumspectly. While it is usually a mistake to have a minority vote to decide matters, this condition has its advantages, as well as its troubles. With the immense majority that he enjoyed in the last parliament, Premier King appeared to do as he wished. Government was largely by order-in-council, even when parliament was in session. Parliament has been largely ignored. The attitude is likely to be changed. With the knowledge that minority groups will in actual fact control the situation, even Premier King may be forced to return to parliamentary government. It would appear another election may be necessary before very long. That may be a good thing for Canada. The issues will appear more clearly with the provincial election out of the way. If all ridings were similar to this one of Cochrane, the actual campaign for the Dominion election did not really commence until last Tuesday. A week is not a long enough time to properly fight a Dominion election campaign. In the next election the C. C. F. will not loom as largely as it did in this. The Progressive Conservatives were handicapped by the fact that they had to fight on two fronts, as it were. They had to attempt to guard against socialism, while at the same time seeking to defeat the present part of a party in power at Ottawa. Another advantage that the government had on its side was the influence and authority that always rests with those who have charge of affairs.

John Bracken has shown his qualities as a leader of ability and earnestness. He led his forces into battle with fine generalship and he has the powerful advantage of sincerity. The more the people come to realize that sincerity the greater will be the chances of victory for the Progressive Conservatives.

The indecisive nature of the election may play a part in re-uniting Canada. During the campaign there appeared to be a tendency to give the government credit for what really was the work of the people themselves. Canada as a nation in the great commonwealth of nations has played a very worthy part, often despite the government. The blotches on the escutcheon were the failure to provide sufficient reinforcements for the men overseas, and the apparent dropping out of the war before Japan was dealt with. Canada had won a great name and fame with its neighbours to the South by its remarkable part in the war. Recently the blotches on the escutcheon have weakened the name and fame of Canada in United States eyes. The result of the election will tend to impress upon the people to the South and to the world at large that Canada is by no means content to carry the blotches on the escutcheon. The defeat of General McNaughton in his own riding and the narrow margin awarded to Premier King tell a story that will help to restore faith in Canada's desire for a wholehearted part in the war for freedom and the right.

A SOREHEADLINE

Judith Robinson's "News" was the bun for the best pun in the recent election excitement. A certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper headed

its front page on the day after the Ontario provincial election with the words, "Drew Wins by Minority Vote." The "News" classes this headline as a "Sorehead Line". That describes it cleverly and well. But there is more than soreheadedness in such a heading. In fact it is plain silly. Premier Drew, personally won by a majority vote in his own constituency, as did practically everyone of the members of his cabinet. This in itself has no other significance than that it shows the high esteem in which Premier Drew and the other cabinet ministers are held by the people who know them best. Their majorities were so tremendous that talk of minority votes are idle indeed.

With only two parties in the field there may be some sense in referring to minority votes. But where there are several parties in the running, the vote is so split up that it is only reasonable to expect so-called minority votes. To expect otherwise is to suggest that such third parties as the C. C. F., the pet party of the certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper, are without any appreciable standing or support.

The point might be made clear to the certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper by demonstrating that every one of the C. C. F. members elected to the Legislature last week were elected on minority votes even in their own constituencies. Mr. W. J. Grummett in this riding of South Cochrane received more votes than any other C. C. F. candidate elected. Yet he had only a minority vote. He received approximately only 10,000 votes, while the combined votes of his opponents in the contest in the riding totalled over 14,000.

It is interesting to note there were 33 ridings in which the winning candidates achieved a majority vote in the provincial election last week. Of this number 29 were Progressive Conservatives led by Premier Drew and all his Cabinet. There were three Liberals, and the other was Joseph Salsberg, Labour-Progressive, Toronto St. Andrew.

SHOULD STOP GALLUPING

The Ottawa Journal discusses the Gallup Poll at length and comes to the conclusion that there should be a law against it. Certainly, if there are laws against chain letters and bingo and a hundred and one other minor pests, the curse of Galluping on public questions might well also be placed under the ban. It may be questioned as to whether or not such things as the Gallup Polls have any effect on sensible people, and how many sensible people there may be. It is funny what people will believe if you give them the chance. People can believe in nearly anything if they want to do so. It is also easy to make some of them believe they believe in nothing. Human nature doesn't change much in this respect. People have believed in the Spanish prisoner, in Mussolini, the O. T. A., bingo, and the C. C. F. It is a common thing to believe that you can beat a man at his own game, though it hasn't often been done, though hope springs eternal in the human heart. It is this power of belief that so many fraudulent fellows have used for their own advantage.

The Gallup Poll is one of those things that may be used for wrong purposes, and that the thoughtful fellow will wonder what other use it might be. It is certain that it has some influence on public opinion, but just how much does not appear. The same sort of newspapers that specialize in the cheaper comics are usually found featuring the Gallup Poll idea. That in itself is illuminating.

A lot of people believe in the Gallup Poll game because they think it's new. As a matter of fact it's old enough for the people to know better. It used to be called the "Straw Vote" and it was openly designed to influence the real vote. Some years ago a local newspaper used this Straw Vote to hurrah a candidate into office. It worked once, but when it was tried a second time, it backfired just like Joliffe's Gestapo. People should not confuse the Gallup Poll with Mackenzie King's referendum on the conscription question though they seem to have certain elements in common. At least they both cost money, and it doesn't need a Gallup Poll to know who pays for them. It would be interesting to have a Gallup Poll on such questions as the cost of a Gallup Poll and who pays for it, and why, and how people think it is done, and why.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Still stands the motto of the King:
"Put into your task whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man a smile on our lips and our heads held high and with God's help we shall not fail."

A young lady was asked the name of the feature picture at the Palace Theatre this week. "Something about a haunted house," she announced. The name of the picture was, "The Enchanted Cottage."

A lot of people these days have a habit of saying "I lost my vote." The only people who lose their votes are those who do not vote.

Walter Little, of Kirkland Lake, was the Liberal candidate in the recent Dominion election in Temiskaming riding. Les Hornick, of Kirk-

land Lake, was the Progressive Conservative candidate in the riding of South Cochrane for the provincial house. This tempted a punnish gentleman to put up a sign in Kirkland Lake:—"If you vote for Walter you get Little. If you vote for Hornick you get Les." Walter was elected, so it's Little the people have. Les was refused in the provincial field so it may be suggested that the people want even less than Les.

Mitchell Hepburn's description some years ago of the Dominion Government is likely to go down in history as a classic. "Ottawa," he said, "is the only lunatic asylum on earth that is run by the

New Geological Map of the Dominion of Canada

A new geological map of the Dominion of Canada, on which the many interesting and instructive features of the geology of the country are shown to excellent advantage, has been issued by the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa. The map is in two sheets, a western and an eastern, and embraces all of the Dominion to Latitude 75 degrees North. This includes most of the Canadian Arctic Islands, and the remainder are shown in an inset on a scale of 100 miles to an inch. The map is based on investigations made by the Geological Survey of Canada since its establishment in 1842. It is especially designed for use as a wall map, and when mounted the entire map will measure about five feet wide and four feet high.

The Department is confident that the new map will find many and diversified uses, both as a wall map and through separate closer study of its two component sheets, each of which can be used independently. Canadian high school and university students alike will be able by use of the map to learn to visualize the geological foundations of their country. Mining men will be quick to realize the significance of past mineral discoveries in relation to the geological environment, and use of the map may lead them to other promising areas of investigation and cause them to ponder the possibilities of lesser known regions of Canada. Educational institutions and government departments outside Canada also, can, through this map, become better acquainted with the elements of the geology of the Dominion and acquire a better appreciation of the special problems of particular areas as presented in the many publications of the Geological Survey.

Orders for copies should be addressed to the Chief, Bureau of Geology and Topography, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

Invention by Refugees a Lifesaver to Airmen

It may be that some people consider refugees as individuals who are receiving kindness and help in need. That is true enough, but it is well to remember that some refugees are giving as well as receiving. Indeed, there is reason to believe that in the long run the refugees as a whole will repay in different ways what they have received in aid and friendship. In general the refugees may be expected to be shocked and nerve-wracked by their experiences that will take them some time to get back to anything like normal. Some of them, however, are showing remarkable recovery and are already giving of talent and ingenuity. There is, for example, the case of G. A. Patoldt and his son, Jewish refugees from Germany who found safety and life in England. They have invented and perfected a formula for fireproof clothing for airmen. This remarkable process makes ordinary flying clothes immune to the flames from burning petrol, such as may occur in crash landings or in hits by enemy aircraft. This is the means of saving many lives in the air forces of the allied Nations, and it is easy to see how it can be a still greater life-saver by its adoption in many spheres in peacetime life. It is only one of the many contributions to the war effort made by refugees in Great Britain. In Great Britain to-day there are refugees in practically every war industry; in the B.B.C. and other propaganda work; there are refugee doctors and nurses working well in hospitals and clinics; while many refugees are giving gallant service in the armed forces.

Notable Research Work by New Liskeard Dentist

Through the able research work of Major (Dr.) W. J. Linghorne, who practised dentistry at New Liskeard for fifteen years, a new chemical development, combined with different dental technique, promises to do away with pyorrhea and trench mouth. The progress made to date was outlined recently to the Ontario Dental Association by Dr. Linghorne. It was stated that "unqualified success with the new treatment has been reported over periods of months from army, air force and naval stations across

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inmates themselves." It looks for the time as if the mental institution referred to will be run under the same management. But at any event the guards have been greatly strengthened.

The month's prize should go to the traveller who boasted that he voted for Mackenzie King because of the baby bonus. This traveller isn't married and has no children, and doesn't even travel for a cotton firm.

"The Heavens weep" is the poetical way of saying that there is too much rain. Is it a wonder that the Heavens should weep these days.

American Redstart New Bird Reported in North

Some years ago Miss Marsh, a noted Canadian authority on birds, paid a visit to Timmins, and while here gave much interesting and valuable information on birds and bird life. She asked one old-timer how many different species of birds there were in the North, and he added that the school children here had identified over forty different species as being found here. The old-timer admitted that the youngsters would likely have the matter right, but suggested that there were few kinds of birds here in the winter time. Although it was February, Miss Marsh was able to point out a dozen or more of different species of birds to be seen then, including a number of different species of hawks that were very common in this part of the North. Miss Marsh regretted that there was not more interest here in bird life. Her visit here and the interesting address she gave stirred much interest in birds and bird life, and there is every reason to believe that the interest in birds and the knowledge of them is much greater today than it was some years ago.

An item in The Halleyburian last week will be of special interest to bird lovers. The Halleyburian says-- "A new bird to be seen in this section of the North Country is reported this week by H. G. Pickard. It is the American Redstart, easily recognized from descriptions in the bird books and a beautiful member of the feathered tribe, according to Mr. Pickard, who saw the unusual visitor in his garden on Latchford street. Other new arrivals during the past week are the rose-breasted grosbeak and the black-

Col. and Mrs. G. Peacock to Retire This Month

Toronto, June 12—Commissioner Benj. Orames, Territorial Commander for the Salvation Army in Canada, announced to-day that Colonel Geo. W. Peacock, who has been the Chief Secretary for the past eight years, will be retiring from active service at the end of June of the present year.

Colonel and Mrs. Geo. W. Peacock are well known both in Canada and parts of the United States, having served at Chicago, Ill., and Atlanta, Georgia Headquarters.

During the war Mrs. Peacock has been active as Secretary for The Salvation Army Red Shield Women's auxiliary, which has upwards of 1,500 units and 50,000 members. Colonel Archie Leyman, who will succeed Colonel Peacock, during recent years has been stationed in America. He was born in Canada and became a Salvation Army Officer from Kingsville, Ontario, in 1904. He was in charge of many corps in Canada, later becoming Divisional Commander at Ottawa and Vancouver. In 1928 the Colonel was transferred to the United States; spent a period in the Hawaii Islands, and for some years has been Property and Men's Social Service Secretary at the Territorial Headquarters in San Francisco.

Mrs. Layman is also a native of Canada, becoming an officer from Lippincott, Toronto. She was the former Ensign Edith Meader, and married in 1909.

Colonel and Mrs. Peacock are well known in Timmins and the North and there will be general regret at their retirement from work they have carried through so effectively and well.

Souvenir that Couldn't be Easily Carried Away

(New York Herald)
American soldiers investigating Berchtesgaden hideouts of the fallen Nazi leaders came across one item in portly Hermann Goering's villa which could not be carted away as a souvenir. It was Goering's bathtub. Large enough to accommodate two men comfortably, it was flown down from Berlin in one of the Luftwaffe's bombers. Too big to go through the doors or the windows of the house, the tub had to be hoisted in with a crane after part of a wall had been torn out.

Brockville Recorder-Times:—Someone has started a movement to allow "good" German prisoners-of-war to remain in Canada. It should be squelched without delay. Canada can afford to do some picking and choosing in regard to immigrants and there are far more promising candidates than Germans, "good or bad", who have done their level best in this war to destroy us and our institutions.

capped warbler, both of which have been seen around the Pickard home."

Kiwanis "Laff Nite" at South Porcupine, June 28

South Porcupine, June 13th, Special to The Advance.

At the Kiwanis dinner meeting on Monday at the Airport Hotel Mr. Jack Beattie of the Delnorte Mine was guest speaker. His topic was "Mining," and he gave graphic word pictures of development work, shaft sinking, stoping etc.

An Amateur Show is to be held in conjunction with the forth-coming "Laff Nite" which the Kiwanis Club is holding on Thursday, June 28, in the South Porcupine Theatre. All amateurs are invited to be out for the try-outs which will take place on Sunday, June 24th, in the Theatre. Five or six finalists will be chosen to appear on the "Laff Nite" programme and prizes will be offered to the best three, depending on the audience response. Other features of the programme will be the awarding of 25 lucky prizes to ticket holders, together with a Grand Sweepstake prize of \$50. More than this, there is to be a Popeye Cartoon and the fast-moving musical comedy picture, "The Fleet's In", along with other items. All of which is designed to add up to a night full of laughs. You are invited to the Kiwanis "Laff Nite", on Thursday, June 28, at 8 p.m. in the South Porcupine Theatre.

Himmler's Grave Left Without Even a Marker

(Detroit News)

No marker or mound was left over the grave of Heinrich Himmler, the cruellest Nazi, in a woods miles away from the German town of Luebeck. The British major and two sergeants who buried the body probably could not find the place again if they wanted to.

This calculated British method of unceremonious burial has in its favor the point that Nazi fanatics shall not be able to make a shrine of the spot where the remains of the former chief of the Nazi Gestapo, the men responsible for countless murders, were interred.

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