

THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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THE ELECTIONS

The elections are over and the Drury Government has gone down to defeat after an administration of four years. For the past two years it was easily seen they were on the down-grade and as the time for election drew near the handwriting on the wall loomed up larger and larger, predicting the defeat of the U.F.O. party. The supporters of the former Government seemed to be the only element in the community that didn't see the crash coming. The Conservative party gave the Farmer-Labor Government not more than twenty seats, and in this they over-estimated the strength of their opponents, and underestimated the chance for their own success. It was generally conceded outside of U.F.O. ranks that Ferguson would head the largest of the groups, but many felt the uncertainty of the Conservative party having a majority over all. As matters now stand, Ferguson leads by 39. In the new Government, Ferguson will have 75 seats, while the U.F.O. will have 17, the Liberals 14, Labor 4 and Independents 1.

Locally, the Conservatives from the first had a strong feeling of assurance on the success of Dr. Jamieson, who went down four years ago under an adverse majority of 953 by Dr. Leeson, who in turn was defeated in Monday's contest. Dr. Jamieson's majority, as received by long distance telephone last night from Returning Officer M. E. Murray at Neustadt, is 314. The tabulated statement appearing on our front page this week should be correct, barring any mistakes which may have occurred through a misunderstanding over the phone. This is a big turnover and must be a great disappointment to Dr. Leeson's supporters, who were looking for a majority of from ten to twelve hundred.

Mr. Drury was defeated in Halton by a majority of 1,508, and Mr. Wellington Hay, leader of the Liberal group, went down under an adverse vote of 800. The Farmer-Labor party, standing in second place numerically, will, by linking up with Labor and Independents, have 22, and Mr. Raney is said to have aspirations to be leader of the Opposition.

The Liberals, in the absence of Mr. Hay, will have to choose a new leader.

During the evening, Dr. Jamieson took a position on the Band-stand here and thanked the electors for the support accorded. He left shortly afterward to obey an insistent demand from Hanover that he make an appearance there.

It is to be hoped that now the election is over the populace will go back to business, forget the heated arguments in which they have engaged for the past few weeks and accept the verdict of the people with good grace. The world will always run after a winner, but at the same time it has a wholesome respect for a good loser.

PLAYING A SAFE CARD

When Miss Macphail moved in the Commons to cut the indemnities down to \$3,500 she had only two supporters. She was playing a safe card, and in the next campaign will try to make the electors believe she was sincere. As to giving back the \$1,500 of her sessional indemnity, she could hardly get out of it and hold the confidence of electors who heard her pre-election talk. For the next four years, our advice would be to hold all she can get. She is more sure of the six thousand dollars than she is of winning in the next election. Dr. Leeson, too, should have hung on to the \$600 additional indemnity rather than dribble it out to the different municipalities.

AND NOW FOR THE OBSEQUIES

Let us see! Isn't Dr. Jamieson one of the political hoboes the people didn't want? And isn't this about the time we were to attend his funeral? The seer from the south and the undertaker from the north are reminded of the uncertainties of horse races and elections.

OUR MARITIME TRIP

We are unable to give this issue an account of our trip to the Maritime Provinces owing to pressure of work. We may say, however, we were taken in charge by "Jack" Rombough, at Charlottetown, P.E.I., and are indebted to him for a nice drive through the city and the pleasure of a brief stay at his home. He, like many other Prince Edward Islanders, is engaged ex-

tensively in fox-farming, and is doing well. He and Mrs. Rombough wish to be remembered to all friends, relatives and acquaintances in Durham and vicinity. At Quebec, on Sunday last, we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Farquharson and we feel grateful for his services in piloting us around the quaint old city. He is looking well and wishes to be kindly remembered to all.

ONTARIO SUFFERS DAMAGE

The gale Monday evening between Toronto and the Niagara Peninsula has caused damage estimated at \$2,000,000. Several fatalities are reported, including three deaths in Wellington County, and a Mimico man killed by coming in contact with a live electric wire. Factories, dwellings and barns were wrecked and fruit and orchard trees blown down and destroyed. Telegraph and telephone poles were blown down and communication was interrupted so that great difficulty was experienced in getting the election returns.

On the road between Acton and Fergus along the line of the Canadian National Railway, trees and fences were levelled, buildings unroofed and in one case a new brick veneer building, nearly completed, was left in a ruined condition. We saw three fires from the train as we passed through. The rain between Georgetown and Guelph was the heaviest we ever remember seeing.

THE SECRECY OF THE BALLOT

Section 102 of the Election Act says: "The voter on receiving his ballot paper shall forthwith proceed into one of the compartments of the polling place, and there mark his ballot paper, making a cross, with a black lead pencil within the white space containing the name of the candidate, or within the white spaces containing the names of the candidates for whom he intends to vote, and shall then fold the ballot paper so that the initials and stamp on the back of it and the number on the counterfoil can be seen without opening it, and hand it to the deputy returning officer, who shall, without unfolding it, ascertain, by examining his initials, and the number on the counterfoil, that it is the same ballot paper that he furnished to the voter, and shall then, in full view of all present, including the voter, remove the counterfoil and tear up or otherwise destroy it and place the ballot paper in the ballot box. R.S.O., 1914, c. 8, s. 102."

We are positively assured that in one of the polling booths on Monday the ballots were deliberately unfolded by the deputy returning officer before tearing off the counterfoil, so that he and others could readily see for whom the ballot was marked. This is a direct violation of the foregoing section and the offending officer, on conviction, is, we are told, liable to a prison term.

THE COUNCIL AND THE STREETS

The Council this year are deserving of the thanks of the citizens for the manner in which they took hold of the street-oiling proposition and successfully carried it through. In our humble opinion, another matter that should receive their prompt consideration is the occasional cleaning-up of the streets in the town. Some time ago The Chronicle suggested that each property owner rake up the stones and debris in front of his property into a neat pile or piles and have the Board of Works have a team and wagon in the employ of the Council haul it away. We think this suggestion is a good one, and believe that the ratepayers of the town will be willing to fall in line with it. It is hardly reasonable to expect the Council to keep a paid man on the job, and again it is not right that our streets should go dirty and mar the natural beauty of the place. A little co-operation between Council and citizens is all that is needed. Both will be willing, but who can bring them together? A town with clean streets is an attraction to both the tourists and the residents themselves.

CRISP COMMENT

The women have had the vote quite a while now, but the country seems to be as bad as ever.—Judge. Speaking of endurance tests, there is the wait for an amateur performance to begin.—St. Joe News-Press. Maxim Gorky says bolshevism is nothing but a skin disease. So are scarlet fever and small-pox.—The Argonaut. The mill worker who won \$150,000 on the English Derby has ceased to be envious of New York bricklayers.—New York Evening Post. Many of our troubles may begin with the stomach lining, as the doctor says, but more of them begin with the brake linings.—Indianapolis Star. Formerly a woman looked dowdy before her hair was done up in the morning, but bobbed hair doesn't look worse at any particular time.—Life. Is that the best London Liberals can do—to put up a woman reporter in opposition to the candidature of Sir Adam Beck?—Hamilton Spectator. Registrar Goodwin says that women are more careful than men in driving automobiles, something that many a husband has already been told.—Boston Transcript.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. McNab and two children of Mount Forest, visited at the home of Mrs. Robert McGowan over Sunday.

Mr. M. J. Bolger, formerly of the Middaugh House here, was in town the first of the week and gave us a pleasant call. Mr. Bolger is now located at Alliston where, with his nephew, he has formed a partnership in the hotel business in that town.

Miss Bradshaw of Toronto is visiting with her sister, Mrs. D. Jamieson. Miss Sadie MacDonald is spending a couple of weeks at Oliphant Beach, as guest of the Misses Cole.

Mr. Joseph Noble and his brother, Mr. William Noble and daughter, of Bentinck, left yesterday on a visit to Northern Muskoka, where they will spend a time with Mr. Thomas Alkins and family.

Miss Maggie May Gummerson of Moorefield is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moffet.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen of Hamilton spent over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. Allan.

Miss Ada Allen returned with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Allen to Hamilton and will spend the summer at Ward's Island, Toronto.

Miss Erna Heughan of Milverton is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. M. M. Marshall. Erna is one of the lucky girls, having just passed into the Jr. IV. class at the head of a class of 31 without having to try an examination.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Grasley of Wyandotte, Mich., spent their vacation with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morton of town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harkness and daughters Jean and Ina May, also Mr. D. McGregor of Teeswater, visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Morton and family of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton and Mr. and Mrs. C. Grasley spent Sunday with Mr. James Harkness and family at Teeswater.

Mrs. Ernest Ackroyd and son, of Sanford, Maine, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hepburn, for the summer months.

Dr. Marie Cameron of Winnipeg received her M. D. degree from Manitoba Medical College this year. Two of her brothers are also medical doctors. She is a niece of Rev. Mr. Cameron of the Baptist Church in town.

Miss Margaret Harris of Toronto is visiting Miss Margaret Hunter and other friends in town.

Miss Minnie McClocklin, Mrs. E. D. McClocklin, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. McClocklin, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McClocklin, and Mrs. Henderson, all of Toronto, are spending a couple of weeks at the Rocky camp.

Ye Editor and Mrs. J. F. Irwin returned Monday after a ten days' trip to the Maritime Provinces.

Dr. and Mrs. Ball of Los Angeles spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. John McKechnie, and left Thursday to spend the summer at their cottage at Southampton.

GARAGES CLOSE SUNDAY

Commencing next Sunday, July 1, three of the four Durham garages will be closed, the fourth, the City Garage, remaining open for the accommodation of the travelling public. This agreement was reached yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the garage owners. All four garages will take turns in keeping open so that the public will be able to obtain gasoline and any necessary repairs, while the other three shops will take a well-earned rest.

MRS. HARTLEY GOING WEST

We notice by this week's Shelburne Free Press that Mrs. W. H. Hartley, formerly of Durham, leaves next Monday for the West. She will take the boat at Sarnia for Port Arthur and thence by C.N.R. to near Battleford, Sask., where she will visit her four brothers living in that district. She will be absent about a month.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Many matters of interest to residents in this locality were discussed and dealt with at the June session. A strong deputation from Proton Twp. with a signed petition of over 200 names petitioned the Council to take over the road from Conn to Preeceville, and after a lengthy discussion a committee was appointed to look over the situation and report.

Another question which was dealt with was the widening of the road at the Glen, seven miles east of here, or proceeding on the road straight west which would entail a large cut on the western hill. Taking into consideration the width of the Glen road and the purchase of the width required, the Council were of the opinion that a straight road would be the most feasible and the matter was left to the County and Provincial engineer to look over the situation and adopt which road would be the most satisfactory.

Grants for Hospitals were represented by a strong deputation from

Owen Sound asking for \$2,000, whereas Durham applied for \$1,000. After considerable argument, both hospitals were granted the sum of \$500.

The Crown Attorney presented to the Council a summary of the law, including instructions to Constables regarding arrest of parties with or without warrant and a committee was appointed consisting of Reeve, Currey of Durham to inquire into and report and advise the Council. The Committee reported that it would be advisable to have 500 copies of the Summary printed and distributed among the Clerks, Constables and Magistrates.

A short strip of road was taken over in Osprey Township to link up with Dufferin Township.

Flesherton.

(Our own correspondent.)

After a lengthy illness Mrs. Robert Waller, a very highly respected woman, passed away at her late home here on Wednesday, June 20, aged 70 years and six months. Mrs. Waller was the last surviving member of her family, and is survived by her husband, one son and two daughters. The funeral was held Friday to the public cemetery.

Rock Mills and Portlaw Public schools held a successful picnic in Mr. Akill's bush last week. The teachers, Miss McLean of Durham, and Mr. Leitch of Toronto, leave in a few days for holidays.

After hearing four candidates, a joint meeting of Flesherton, Eugenia and Proton Station Presbyterian congregations was held here on Monday evening to moderate in a call, which was given unanimously to Mr. George Hammond, B.A., a graduate this year in Knox College, Toronto. Stipend offered, \$1,500, with Manse and four weeks' holidays. Rev. G. S. Jones, Interim Moderator, presided, and will present the call to Presbytery this Tuesday. The congregations hope to have a settled pastor soon. Mr. Hammond is a married man and a promising young minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Karstedt of Indianapolis, Indiana, visited from Saturday till Wednesday with the former's brother, F. G., and family here. Mr. and Mrs. Karstedt made the trip in two days in their handsome Cole 8 sedan car, driven by their colored chauffeur. We were given a pleasant outing in their comfortable car and were delighted with the charming beauty of the country now. Miss Elda Karstedt accompanied her uncle for a short visit.

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Relatives here of Mr. Robert Henderson, who is in the Mayo Bros. Hospital, Rochester, Minn., are pleased to learn that he came safely through a critical operation and hopes are entertained for his recovery.

Mr. J. Carroll of the Port Hope High school staff has been engaged as principal of the High school here to succeed Miss McDowell, a very energetic and capable principal whom the board regrets losing. Mr. Carroll has specialized in agricultural work and comes highly recommended.

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