

PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED And the Dominion Elections Will Take Place on September 21st.

Sir Wilfrid's Masterly Summing Up of the Reasons for Dissolution--People Are to Decide--Government is Content to Accept the People's Verdict.

Ottawa, July 31.—The eleventh parliament is prorogued and dissolved. Saturday afternoon a proclamation, signed by the Governor-General, was issued in the form of an extra Canada Gazette to that effect. Nominations are fixed for September 14 and the elections for September 21st.

The end came with dramatic suddenness although since the commencement of the extra session, on July 18, it was obvious that the only thing the government could do under the circumstances in which it found itself was to go to the people. When Friday passed without any sign being made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier it was thought that the inevitable day of reckoning had been postponed. The house rose at midnight on Friday with the debate on the reciprocity resolution still running full blast and the usual adjournment was taken until Monday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in an address to the Canadian people, issued after the dissolution of parliament, places the issue before the electors as follows:— "TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE: "At all times during the last forty years it has been the constant effort of all political parties in Canada to make with the United States an arrangement for the free exchange of natural products between the two countries.

"In 1854 Lord Elgin, on behalf of Canada and the maritime provinces, negotiated with the United States a treaty for that purpose, which lasted until 1866, and which, within the memory of many still alive, was of the greatest advantage. Ever since the termination of that treaty all public men of any prominence in Canada, whatever their differences on other questions, have been unanimous in the attempt to again secure this free exchange of natural products. Now, this to be done, it is necessary to remove the tariff barriers, not by lumbering and mining Canada, as some have suggested, but by securing for any other country on earth, and that upon the markets secured by the products of these industries, the growth of our manufacturing and commercial interests and the prosperity of all classes in the dominion.

"The latest attempt of the conservative party to that end was made by Sir John Macdonald himself, who dissolved parliament in 1891 for the purpose of submitting to the electorate of Canada the expediency of his approaching again the American authorities for a renewal of the treaty of 1854.

"In 1893 the intention to obtain reciprocity with the United States if possible, was made a prominent feature in the platform of the liberal party, upon which that party attained power in 1896. It was this offer to the United States, but meeting with no response, it declared that no further overtures of this nature would be made by Canada.

"Within the last twelve months the president of the United States sent to Ottawa two commissioners from Washington for the purpose of opening negotiations looking toward the lowering of the tariff barriers between Canada and the United States. These negotiations in January last culminated in an agreement between the two governments by which the duties of such countries on such products might be lowered or altogether removed. This agreement was strenuously resisted in the United States by various interests on the alleged ground that it was all to the advantage of Canada and to the detriment of the other country, but that it was mutually advantageous to both countries finally prevailed in congress and the agreement stands today as an offer by the United States to Canada that has never been accepted.

"The present conservative party in Parliament seeks absolutely to reverse the lifelong policy of its great leaders in the past, declaring that it will oppose to the bitter end the very principles enunciated by Sir John Macdonald and Sir John Thompson in the last election addresses upon which each of these statesmen every appealed to the Canadian people.

"Not content to debate this proposition upon its merits, the conservative party in the House of Commons has adopted a system of organized and avowed obstruction to prevent any vote being taken in parliament by which the opinion of your representatives there could be expressed.

"Day after day when the presiding officer has tried to put the question he has been met by dilatory motions, by endless speeches, by obstructive devices of every kind, each put forward on some specious pretext, but in reality nothing else than an abuse of freedom of speech in parliamentary debate.

"Such pretences are simply a clumsy attempt to give some color to unwarranted and undignified obstruction.

"To overcome this obstruction, after a session which has already lasted eight months, would not only mean the continuation of the unseemly spectacle presented by the opposition in the House of Commons since the resumption of its sittings on the 18th inst., but would also mean a week and months of wasted time, and perhaps in the end the loss for this session to the Canadian producer of the free American markets.

"In this condition of things it has seemed to his excellency's advisers more in accordance with the dignity of parliament, with the traditions of those British institutions which all true Canadians value so highly, and which the present opposition degrade with such a light heart, with the best interests of the country as a whole, to remit the issue to the people themselves, so that the people themselves may judge between the government and the opposition, and declare whether they have changed their mind, or whether they are still in favor of reciprocity in natural products, and whether they will or will not have the American market for the promising crop soon to be gathered in Canada.

"The issue, my fellow-countrymen, is in your hands, and to your decision his majesty's government in Canada are well content to leave it.

"It has been alleged by the opposition that this agreement, if consummated, would impair the connection with the mother country, and finally bring the annexation of Canada to the United States. It is impossible to treat such an argument with any kind of respect, if indeed it can be dignified with the name of argument, for if it had any meaning its meaning is that the people of Canada would be reduced from their allegiance by the prospect of following the larger flow of natural products from this country to the other. Indeed, the very reverse would be the natural consequence, for the experience of all ages abundantly testifies that trade ever is the most potent agency of peace, amity and mutual respect between nations.

"Nor is that all. This agreement, which in no way impairs our fiscal policy, which still maintains at the topmost the federal principle of British preference, this agreement, by opening new avenues of trade hitherto closed, would further improve the friendly relations which now happily exist between this country and the mother country on the one hand, and the American republic on the other, and which, it is hoped, may, at no distant day, evolve into a general treaty of arbitration, the effect of which would be to remove forever all possibilities of war between the great empire of which we are proud to form a part, and the great nation which we are proud to have as neighbors.—WILFRID LAURIER.

London, Aug. 1.—The London Chronicle's Melbourne correspondent cables that Premier Fisher declares that William Stead's interview with him, as reported, is a grotesque misrepresentation of what he said. Premier Fisher says: "What I have stated a hundred times is that our objective was the world's peace, through our policy of effective defense, and that our aim was the unity of the empire."

Shoot the rapids? If not, do so on the American. Wednesday, 7 a.m., for Ironquois, calling at Gananoque, Brockville and Ogdensburg both ways. One hundred and seventy miles for 30c.

PAID FOR HOAX WITH LIFE.

Swimmer Called for Help in Vain After Fooling His Companions. Winnipeg, Aug. 1.—The old "wolf" cry of the fable brought up to date sent to his death in the Red River a corporal of the Strathcona Horse, Dixon, the victim was twenty-seven years of age, together with several friends, was bathing in the river, and in a sportive mood Dixon cried out that he was drowning. His companions rushed to his help, only to be, as they afterwards remarked, "handed the ha-ha." Concluding their swim, several of the bathers began to dress, when Dixon, who was still in the water, began to struggle and cry for help. Suspecting another hoax, his companions stayed on the bank, and not until Dixon sank did they realize that the farce was a tragedy.



CHARLES E. TOWNSEND, United States senator from Michigan.

MONKS TO REPLACE SISTERS OF MERCY

They Will in Future Accompany Russian Armies to the Front.

London, Aug. 1.—According to the Russian Invalid of St. Petersburg, the semi-official organ of the Russian War office, monks are to be trained to replace the sisters of mercy who generally accompany the Russian armies to the front. The Minister of War, Gen. Sookouloff, has also warmly supported the Boy Scout movement, but many military officials are deeming it as a dangerous one. They fear that in a few years the lads who are now loyal will become revolutionaries as soon as they go to the universities, and will use their military knowledge against the state.

Growl From Cape Vincent.

Cape Vincent, N.Y., Aug. 1.—Travelers wishing to take a trip up the lakes or down the river are driven this summer to needless expenses and trouble because of the fact that no steamer lands at the Cape except the Folger line of boats and an occasional excursion boat. This is the first season for many years that such conditions have obtained. Passengers are compelled either to go over to Kingston, Ont., and take passage or else go around to Clayton by train, to get a boat up the lake or down the river. Such a state of affairs greatly inconveniences not only our local people but also our summer guests who come here expecting better accommodation for river travel than they can get.

BOTTOMLEY LOSES APPEAL.

London Financier Must Pay \$250,000 Awarded Mrs. Eleanor Curtis. London, Aug. 1.—Horatio W. Bottomley, editor, financier, newspaper owner, and member of parliament, today lost his appeal in the Appeal Court from the decision of June 30th by which he was ordered to pay \$250,000 to Mrs. Eleanor Curtis, wife of a London barrister. Mrs. Curtis charged Mr. Bottomley with getting money from her father, the late R. E. Master, by misrepresentation in regard to the sale of certain shares.

ARRANGING FOR A GREAT LAKE MERGER

R. and O. Niagara and Hamilton Companies to Unite With Northern Lake Companies.

Duluth, Minn., Aug. 1.—Plans for the consolidation of some of the largest shipping co-operations on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes, which have been in progress for nearly a year, have been completed, it was announced here today. Working arrangements have also been entered into between the merger and the Manchester Lines, Limited, of which Sir Christopher Furness is chairman. The Canadian companies concerned are among the largest of the Navigation companies on the Great Lakes, and include the Northern Navigation company, the Richfield & Ontario, the International Transportation company, the Niagara Navigation company, the Hamilton Steamboat, and the People's Mutual of Toronto. These companies represent a capital of \$20,000,000. The merger will place a fleet of about fifty steamers plying on Lake Erie, Superior, Michigan, Ontario and Huron, with Montreal as the point of trans-shipment to ocean ships.

8 LIVES LOST In Big Fire in Hamilton Insane Asylum.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES WERE WITNESSED AT THE CONFLAGRATION.

Hamilton, Aug. 1.—Fire broke out early this morning on the top floor of the main building of the Hamilton Asylum for the insane, causing eight deaths, injury to many others, and some of whom may be fatally hurt, and three hundreds of patients into hysterics before the flames were controlled.

The known dead are all patients:—John Hoffmann, Berlin, Ont.; George Hay, address unknown; Charles Hylliar, Ganaboro township; George Storey, Edward Stoke, addresses unknown, and three unidentified men, two of them are believed to be patients named Evans and Berry.

The fire started at 3:30 o'clock, in the store room near the hall on the top floor, and spread rapidly. Night watchman Frederick Bassett, discovered it and turned in alarm for the asylum fire department, and hurried a call to the city brigade. Charles Piper, an attendant, fought the fire over the transom door of the store room until he was driven back, and carried out unconscious. He claimed that if an other extinguisher had been available, he could have put the fire out. The asylum fire department was powerless, and when the city firemen arrived, the top of the building was in flames.

Hundreds of people from the city witnessed heroic deeds and miraculous escapes. The city firemen caught patient after patient in their life nets, as they dropped or were thrown from the top floors. Some patients clung to eaves and cried piteously for aid. Thomas Fitzerald, tiller-boy, of the Auto fire trucks, dashed through the fire and smoke again and again, and saved at least six persons near losing his life in a futile attempt to save a patient who resisted and perished. Policeman Campaign and Fireman Wheaton had narrow escapes.

A large section of the roof collapsed in a boat's time and the firemen and police men frantically attempted to save the patients on the top floor. At four o'clock this morning, five charred corpses were found in a small room. The attendants had great difficulty in driving top-story patients to safety. Three hundred were quartered there and all were panic stricken. Some patients rushed back into the fire, after being taken to safety in the corridors.

Dr. Parker, a colored patient, on the fourth floor, slept through it all, and when found by the police asked: "What's the matter?" Provincial Inspector Rogers and staff are here to investigate.

The complete official list of the dead is: Charles Hylliar, Dunville; Alfred Nay, St. Catharines; John Helferman, Arthur; Thomas Evans, Elora; Edward Sodke, Welland; John Thordaway, Lindenwood; George W. Storey, Heckley; and Albert Boulter, Dundalk.

PITH OF THE NEWS

The Very Latest Cullied From All Over the World.

Both Laurier and Borden will tour Ontario. Mr. Fielding may go west. Sheriff Ritchie, of St. John, N.B., fell down stairs Sunday night, fracturing his skull, and died Monday night. The rustic theatre at Kent House grounds, Quebec, was burned Monday night and the former residence of the Duke of Kent burned.

The Prince of Wales began his duties as midshipman, on Monday on board H.M.S. battleship Hindustan, which is now lying at Portsmouth.

At Chatham, N.B., Frederick M. Tweedie, son of Lieut.-Governor Tweedie, while returning from his summer cottage at Burnt Church, in his auto, had his face cut by a bear which used its claws.

May Sign Next Week. London, Aug. 1.—The Vienna Neue Presse a semi-official newspaper, says a settlement of the Moroccan question has been practically accomplished. Only a few formalities remain to be agreed upon.

The Berlin correspondent of the Paris Journal says it is reported there that a conversation between Germany and France in regard to Morocco will be signed next week.

More Bass for the River. Water town, N.Y., Aug. 1.—Congressman Mott has received notice that bass fingerlings for the St. Lawrence river will be distributed early in August. Arrangements have been made by the bureau of fisheries to send a special car to Clayton containing a large allotment. This distribution is being made at the solicitation of the Anglers Association of the St. Lawrence. Mr. Mott secured a distribution of small-mouth bass in the St. Lawrence earlier in the season.

May Open at St. Thomas. Ottawa, Aug. 1.—It is stated that Laurier may open his campaign in St. Thomas, on Tuesday, August 3rd, and that he intends to devote considerable time to a tour of Ontario.

PITH OF THE NEWS

The Very Latest Cullied From all Over the World. Charles Pottier will run in the labor interests in St. Thomas. A purse of gold was presented to Rev. G. M. Ross, Toronto, who is returning to China.

The U.P.R. is preparing to market vast shipments of Rocky Mountain coal in Pacific states. Farnham, Que., lost \$300,000 in an incendiary fire which destroyed seventy-five houses, stores, etc.

Henri Bourassa says he will not be a candidate in the election campaign, but will support Mr. Monk. Aphell boiling over caused serious loss by fire to plants of Union Construction Co. and Ottawa Stone & Brick Co. at Ottawa.

Sugar was again advanced ten cents yesterday, making the fourth consecutive advance of similar proportions since July 11th last.

The merger of C. W. Lindsay, limited, of Montreal, with the Nordheimer Piano & Music Co., of Toronto, is under way.

An Austrian named Dametz Fali-bocca completed a circuit at Toronto by placing his hand against a wall after throwing water on a blazing ceiling and was killed.

WHAT CAUSED THE FIRE? Defective Wiring Or Use of Matches by Inmates.

Hamilton, Aug. 1.—Inspector Rogers said, this afternoon, that defective electric wiring had caused the asylum fire and that the loss would be \$15,000.

Despite Inspector Rogers' statement there is some talk of inmates having secured matches and started the fire. This will be investigated at the inquest which Coroner McNicol opened this afternoon.

DROWNED IN THE RIVER BELOW GANANOQUE

Alexander Harris the Victim--Motor Boat Caught Fire at 3 A. M.

Gananoque, Aug. 1.—A sad drowning fatality occurred a few miles south of Gananoque, about 3 a.m. Alexander Harris, an employee of the Spring and Axle company, in a motor launch with Thomas Hague, Ralph Jacques, Ernest Smith and William Dempster, left, about eleven o'clock last evening, and on returning, at 3 a.m., Harris lit a match to light his pipe when in the deep channel between Huckleberry and Leek Islands. An explosion followed and the boat took fire. Hague could not swim and clung to the burning boat. Jacques, Dempster, Smith and Harris were also considerably burned. They swam towards the nearest land, Huckleberry Island. The three fellows got there safely, but Harris did not. The cries of the three brought assistance from Kalaria, and Hague was saved from the burning boat. Search was made for Harris without avail. This morning parties from town left with grappling irons and drags to search the channel, which is sixty to eighty feet deep, and are still engaged.

CITY WATER WAGON.

Figured in Case at the Police Court. A city water wagon figured in a case at police court, Tuesday morning. A driver of the wagon accused a city cabman of using abusive language towards him. The "cabby" denied the charge, and the magistrate dismissed the case. There were no witnesses. From the evidence, it appeared that the two had trouble, owing to the fact that some water from the water wagon was sprinkled on the cab.

Two holiday drunks were in the line-up. One was given his liberty and the other was fined one dollar and costs, or ten days.

A Lad Run Over.

Lane Philips, six-year-old son of John Philips, Bagot street, was run over by a horse in front of Finkle's livery, Tuesday afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock. The lad was riding along the board walk on a little bicycle, and a horse came out of the livery and knocked him over, cutting his head pretty badly. He was attended by Dr. D. E. Mouldell.

GERMAN SOLDIERS CROSS FRENCH FRONTIER

Two Arrested--Cut Telegraph Wires and Broke Telegraph Posts.

Paris, August 1.—A despatch to the Journal from Nancy says that six German soldiers yesterday crossed the French frontier from Lorraine, and that two of them were arrested by French soldiers and taken to the prison at Longwy, in the province of Meurthe. According to the despatch, the Germans had cut the telegraph wires and broken down several telegraph posts.

Inland Revenue Collections. Collections at the inland revenue office for July: Spirits, \$4,550.07; malt, \$1,069.28; tobacco and cigars, \$1,665.52; bonded factory (vinegar), \$264.94; methyl spirits, \$27.22; other receipts, \$27.25; total collection, \$7,594.28.

Togo to Visit Canada.

London, Aug. 1.—Admiral Togo is to visit Canada, and will sail from Victoria, B.C., August 29th.

SLANDER FIGHT

Is to Be Waged by the Conservatives.

SILLY YARN SENT OUT REGARDING HON. MR. FIELDING AND HON. MR. OLIVER.

The Old Scandals of 1908 are to be Revived in View of the Weakness of the Arguments Against Reciprocity.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—Outside of the very evident and absolute confidence of the liberals as compared with the frankly expressed doubt and hesitancy of the conservatives in regard to the result of the opposition to escape making reciprocity the real issue of the campaign, to drag in extraneous issues, and to run the fight along the usual lines of insinuation and scandal-mongering, Mr. Borden's election manifesto, with its significant lack of emphasis on the reciprocity question and its over-emphasis on the insinuations against Hon. Mr. Oliver, is a first indication of this. The word went out, Monday, that the opposition press to make the whole administration of the government the object of attack, and the old scandals of 1908 are to be revived. An impression on the country in the campaign of 1908 was to be originally re-exploited in the platform, press and party literature propaganda.

All this, of course, is merely an indication of the weakness of the anti-reciprocity argument, although this is the issue on which the election was forced. One of the first developments of this plan of campaign is characteristically insane and ludicrous. A story was sent out, Monday, that the opposition press declaring that there had been a fictitious encounter in the council chamber between Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Oliver because of the latter's resentment at the former's insistence upon dissolving parliament forthwith in order to hold the elections on the reciprocity issue as speedily as possible, despite the protests of the minister of the interior that parliament should be kept in session a week or two longer while the charges against him were cleared up.

The anomaly of the two opposing arguments that, on the one hand, parliament was hastily dissolved in order to block the investigation, and that, on the other hand, the man who presumably had most to fear from the investigation was fighting to have it held, is patent.

The moral of the whole situation is that the opposition, after fighting for four or five months to get an election on reciprocity, are now palpably squirming to evade the issue and talk about something else. It is significant that any election bets now being made are all on the basis of the size of the liberal majority. The only uncertainty as to the result seems to be as to whether the majority will be larger than it is at present, or whether each party will about hold its own.

AT ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL.

Service on Sunday Enjoyed by the Homecomers.

The services at St. George's cathedral were welcomed brightly and heartily on Sunday. At the offertory, at 10:30 a.m., B. S. Harvey sang the beautiful solo, "The Homeland," repeating it at evensong by special request. On all sides the remark was heard: "It is good to get home again to the service at St. George's. Somehow it seems heartier and better all round than anywhere else."

Canon Starr preached at matins on the potency of memories and the need for ideals and in a few thoughtful sentences drew his hearers' attention to woman's place as the safeguard of the honor and sanctity of the home.

At evening the fourth of the series of talks on some facts regarding the Church of England was given by the preacher whose his subject was the place of the church in the Christian creed in the "Holy Catholic Church" standing between the "I believe in the Holy Ghost" and the clause touching "the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the life everlasting."

Had Her Foot Crushed.

Mary Duffa, aged eleven years, daughter of Mrs. John Duffa of Gananoque, had her right foot severely crushed in the shafting of a motor boat, on Sunday. She was removed to the general hospital, in Kingston, and is doing nicely, under the care of Dr. A. R. B. Williamson.

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Died in Toronto.

Mrs. Margaret Whitcomb died in Toronto, on Sunday morning. She was a sister of Mrs. S. Cockburn, sr., and Mrs. M. Clarke. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, at Catedral cemetery.

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Take the steamer America, 2:30 p.m. for the most complete tour of the islands, 50c. Boston lettuce, at Carnovsky's.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

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DIED.

MARTIN—In Kingston, on July 31st, 1911, Sarah E. Wilson, beloved wife of C. H. Martin, in her 62nd year. Funeral from her father's residence, 29 Colborne Street, at 2 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Funeral private.

WHITCOMB—At Toronto, on Sunday morning, July 30th, 1911, Margaret Peterson, widow of the late Jas. Whitcomb, of Kingston. Funeral took place Monday afternoon to Catedral cemetery.

KEEGAN—In Kingston, July 31st, 1911, John Keegan, aged 35 years. Funeral will take place from his late residence, 238 Johnson Street, Wednesday, at 9:30 a.m., at St. Mary's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

SOMERVILLE—In Kingston, July 29th, 1911, Katherine, wife of Frederick Somerville, aged 27 years, 6 months and 24 days. Funeral, which was private, took place this morning from the residence of her brother-in-law (William Purdie), 25 Charles Street, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass was sung for the happy repose of her soul.

McGILL—In Westbrooke, on Sunday, July 30th, 1911, Margaret McGill, the eldest daughter of the late Daniel McGill, of the Township of Kingston. Funeral from the residence of her brother-in-law (George W. Smith), Westbrooke, on Wednesday, August 2nd, at 10:30 a.m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

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