

ASKING FOR A RECOUNT

OF BALLOTS CAST ON THE REFERENDUM

Citizen's Liberty League Solicitor Writes to the Attorney-General With Regard to the Matter.

The following letter, dated Toronto, October 23rd, has been sent by the solicitor of the Citizen's Liberty League to I. B. Lucas, K.C. Dear Sir: Referring to the conference that Mr. Bill, of the Citizen's Liberty League, and I had to-day with you and A. M. Dymond, K.C., I write to you again to you the questions point out again to you the questions discussed at our interview. Under the Order-in-Council of September 24th, 1919, the Citizen's Liberty League was appointed the representative of the affirmative side of the questions being voted upon under the Referendum Act, and being thus placed in the position of a candidate, should have been furnished by the deputy returning officers with a certificate from each polling subdivision or polling place in the province showing what ballot were cast for the affirmative side and what ballots were cast for the negative side, and show also the number of ballots rejected at each polling subdivision or polling place. This was not done, except in a few instances, and as was drawn to your attention to-day, the statements received were most confusing. It is impossible to say from them what number of persons voted for the affirmative, and what number of persons for the negative. The form furnished by the government to the returning officers and by the returning officers to the deputy returning officers has provision in two columns for filling in the number of the votes cast. At the top of the one column is the word "for" and at the top of the other the word "against", and in the certificate received on the government form from the deputy returning officer for polling place 42a, South West Toronto, the total would appear to be on Question 1, 83 "for" and 146 "against," and so on with reference to the other three questions asked under the Referendum. It is impossible to say what "for" means, or what "against" means, and further we would draw attention to the fact that the form under the Election Act has not in it any such words.

It has come to the knowledge of the Citizen's Liberty League, as was stated to you today, that shortly prior to October 20th telegrams were sent by the government to the returning officers in the province intimating that this Form 21 was incorrect in that the word "yes" should be in the place of the word "for" and the word "no" in place of the word "against" where they appear in the form supplied. Apparently from information obtained the deputy returning officers were not aware, at least in some instances, that an error existed in the Form 21 as supplied by the government for the purpose of making their returns of voting in their polling subdivision or polling places with the result that errors undoubtedly have taken place in the computation of the votes in many of the polling subdivisions and polling places throughout the entire province and it is impossible now to say what was the vote on the different questions asked under the Referendum Act. The information received indicates that the error was discovered too late to possibly advise all deputy returning officers.

The government stated that they desire to have a true mandate from the electors on the different questions asked, and the Citizen's Liberty League, irrespective of other considerations, feels that the returns made by the deputy returning officers of the votes in the polling subdivisions and polling places may not be at all the correct vote given on the different questions asked, and that the only possible way to rectify the error made in the form, is to have a recount of the votes in each and every polling subdivision and polling place through out the entire province. The Citizen's Liberty League, therefore, consider that the only proper action for the government to take is to have a recount of the ballots cast at every polling place throughout the province. Yours very truly, T. L. Monahan, Solicitor for the Citizen's Liberty League.

HERTZOG IS CRITICIZED FOR HIS UTTERANCE

Referee to Free State Constitution as "Scrap of Paper" Is Scored.

Bloemfontein, South Africa, Oct. 25.—The Unionist caucus which opened here yesterday, is important as giving a glimpse of the future political possibilities in South Africa. Alluding to General Hertzog's reference of the constitution of the Union as a "scrap of paper," Sir Thomas Smartt declared that no members of the national convention were more responsible for Union than Hertzog and other Free State representatives who gave explicit promises of good faith which the Unionists meant to see maintained at their face value. (Loud cheers.) Sir Thomas thought General Hertzog's dismissal from the cabinet and subsequent events had so warped his mind that he didn't know what he had promised in 1909. Surely General Hertzog would not have brought his son to see the signals of the Union if he thought it would be a scrap of paper a few years later.

Referring to the new status of the Dominions he emphasized the fact that it brought new responsibilities to the first of which should be imperial preference. Sir Thomas also touched on the high cost of living and advocated control of the trusts. He forecast a wheat shortage and expressed the opinion that the Government should take over the wheat supply in the interests of the public.

THE POPE CONDEMNS IMMEDIATE REFORMS

Urges Formation of League of Catholic Women to Fight Indecent Fashions.

Rome, Oct. 25.—"On the domestic hearth woman is queen," said Pope Benedict today in answering an address presented to him by the women's unions. The Pontiff added that changed times had given woman the functions and rights she did not possess in former times and enlarged the field of her activities, but that no alteration in man's opinion or novelty of things or of events could separate woman from her high mission, from the family, which was her natural center.

Pope Benedict praised the growing determination of the Catholic woman to dedicate herself to the education of youth and the betterment of the family school. "The Catholic woman," said the Pontiff, "besides feeling it her duty to be virtuous, must feel it her duty to appear such in the fashion of her clothes, repudiating those exaggerations of fashions which show the corruption of those who designed them and bringing an evil contribution to the general corruption of manners—fashions contrary to that modesty which should be the fairest ornament of the Christian woman." The Pontiff strongly urged the formation of a league of Catholic women to fight what he termed the indecency of fashion, not only in their own clothing but also in that of persons or families who approach them.

Nursing Sister Decorated. Nursing Sister C. A. Donnelly, late of the C.A.M.C., who was decorated Saturday morning by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, received the Royal Red Cross medal for her outstanding work during the hospital raids at Etaples. Sister Donnelly went overseas in April, 1915, and was in the actual theatre of war till January, 1919. Besides this she was mentioned in Sir Douglas Haig's despatches. At present Sister Donnelly is occupying a very responsible position at Calderwood hospital. Miss Donnelly's home is in Kingston. She is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ferguson, Brock street.

Guilty of Killing Nun. (Canadian Press Despatch) Leland, Mich., Oct. 25.—Mrs. Stanislaw Lychinsky, charged with the slaying twelve years ago at Leaside, near here of Sister Mary John, a Felician nun, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury in the circuit court here this morning.

MAN WHO FLEW OVER OCEAN

TOLD HIS STORY AT THE GRAND FRIDAY NIGHT.

Sir Arthur Whitten Brown On a Lecturing Tour—The Thrilling Story of His Flight Over the Atlantic.

It was the privilege of the citizens of Kingston at the Grand Opera House Friday night, to see Lieut. Sir Arthur Whitten Brown, the man who flew with Capt. Alcock from Newfoundland to Ireland in fifteen hours, fifty-seven minutes in the Vickers Vimy-Rolls aeroplane, capturing the London Daily Mail's prize of \$50,000 for the first non-stop flight, and a title into the bargain. Sir Arthur is now on a lecturing tour and it is a great pleasure to hear from his own lips the story of perhaps the greatest achievement in modern times. Columbus took nearly three months to make the same journey, a distance of 1,960 miles but it was made in the air at an average rate of speed of 120 miles per hour, and Alcock and Brown are the only two men who ever stood in America and Europe on the same day.

In opening his lecture, which was illustrated with slides and moving pictures, the speaker said that the \$50,000 prize had been offered in 1913 but the coming of the war had delayed the attempt, although at the same time it was the necessity of the war that developed improvements in the machines and produced the men that made the great flight over the Atlantic a possibility. After telling of being engaged to pilot the flight in company with Alcock, the story is confined to preparations for the trip, and its accomplishment. The machine was of the land type. It was begun on March 13th, reached Newfoundland on May 13th. It was the 13th machine of its class and a number of men in the party was thirteen, but while it was planned to start on June 13th, they did not get away until 4.20 p.m. June 14th.

The pictures showing the assembling of the machine were most interesting. It was unpacked from a large number of packing cases and owing to the inability to secure suitable housing had to be built up in the open. Later a suitable field was found near St. Johns and a shed was built for it. Sir Arthur Brown's account of the actual flight was most thrilling. Except for two very brief intervals they were completely enveloped in clouds and fog and the sea were hidden from view. On one occasion they were in great danger of plunging into the ocean. One engine lost its exhaust pipe but otherwise everything worked perfectly and a successful landing was made near the Cliffside wireless station, but though the ground appeared suitable for landing it proved to be an Irish bog and the nose of the machine was burned in it. They would have continued the flight straight on to England, but owing to the weather and a loss of the clouds that enveloped the tops of mountains and hills they did not wish to incur the risks involved. They were given a grand reception in Ireland and England. The whole world was stirred by the exploit, for, excepting the attempt made previously by Hawker and Grieve, no event was ever watched with greater interest by the people of two continents.

In concluding his address, the speaker stated that it was most likely that the airplane would ever again be used in trans-Atlantic flight as it was not suitable for such a journey. The dirigible such as the R-34 would be used. The airplane, however, was suitable for land service and provided a perfectly safe means of transportation. He gave moving pictures of the London-Amsterdam service now in constant operation, and urged the Kingston people to get interested and establish air routes between the chief cities in Canada.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Local Notes and Items of General Interest. A lot of times advice, once followed, means trouble. Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hazlett, Frontenac street, are home from Sorel, Que. A big crowd of people came in from the surrounding country on Saturday morning, to see the Prince of Wales. The market was rather poorly attended on Saturday. The reception to the Prince of Wales was the big attraction. All the whistles and bells in the city worked overtime as the Prince and his party arrived at the Grand Trunk station. The Weather Man promised rain for Saturday, but when Mayor Newman told him about the visit of the Prince he sent along fine weather. Five members of the Salvation Army band from Ottawa came to Kingston to help out the local army band for the "doings" at the cricket field Saturday. The Women's Canadian Club annual fee of \$1 is now due. Membership tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Kennedy at the public library. The lectures for the winter are now being planned, and there is prospect of an attractive programme.

POLITICAL SITUATION IS STILL UNCHANGED

The Labor Members-Elect of the Legislature Are Meeting in Hamilton.

Toronto, Oct. 25.—Activity in political situation in Ontario over the week-end is centred largely in the gathering at Hamilton this afternoon, of the eleven labor candidates to the legislature. The U.F.O.'s, Conservative and Liberal have suspended their conferences till next week, although various committees of each are busy on important questions of leadership and policy entrusted to them. The Hamilton labor meeting this afternoon is expected to develop plans for a strong and energetic policy that will make itself a factor in provincial legislation, whether the Laborites decide to throw in their lot with the O.P.O. or sing an avril chorus as in independent minority.

From the executive offices at the Legislative buildings where the Hearst Government still holds the reins of office today, comes no intimation of a probable line of action and nothing is expected to be decided upon until the U. F. O. meets their leader next week and announces the Liberal's also have adopted the slogan "Wait and See."

FARMERS THREATEN THE PRUNING KNIFE

And the Ontario Agriculture College Is One of Their Marks.

A prominent United Farmer of Kingston township, when interviewed upon the policy of the province, stated that it was not likely to unite with any group unless it was the Labor group. If the U.F.O. formed a government it was going to use the pruning knife freely, and cut out all graft and unnecessary expenditures. Dr. Croelman of the Ontario Agricultural College would be one of the first to go, he declared. As an instance of wasteful expenditure he had been prepared at a cost of \$18,600, but beyond the days of the month, which every farmer obtained free in a patent medicine literature, it was of little value. "This is a good month to oil the harness," "This is a good month to sow oats," etc., etc., were examples of the application to agriculture, facts that every farmer in the province knew perfectly well. He also criticized many features of the work of the Department of Agriculture, and the memory of the late Mr. G. H. Ross, who had been ordered to political expediency. These things were going to be changed.

FAREWELL AT MALLORYTOWN.

For Mr. and Mrs. Saunders, Leaving for Japan. Mallorytown, Oct. 24.—Monday was a very stirring day in Mallorytown. It was necessary for the village to have two polling booths in the hall. The ladies were much in evidence as poll clerks, scrutineers and voters. Everything was pleasant and the new voters were treated with the greatest respect by the men. The results were most gratifying to the Referendum Committee, the Front of Youngs giving 461 "Noes" to all the questions, and only 110 straight "Yes" to all the questions. One gratifying feature was the front of Youngs giving 144 votes out of 144-votes cast only one was spoiled.

A mass meeting of the Temperance forces was held in the Oddfellow's hall on Thursday evening. W. Rogers of Brockville, was one of the speakers. A farewell meeting for Dr. and Mrs. Saunders was held at Sherwood Springs, on Monday night. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the doctor and his wife, who are leaving for their daughter in Japan, were presented with a well-filled purse. The people of this vicinity will never forget the Doctor's self sacrificing work for them at the time of the "Flu."

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Polly left on Saturday for their home in Midland. Miss Rhoda Avery, of Calgary, is visiting her old friends here. Mrs. Jack has been spending a few days at her old home here. Services at both church were well attended Sunday. The men who have been working on this section of the highway have finished their work, and gone to Escott Mills, just at present, the stone on the road makes unpleasant driving, but in a short time it will be fine road.

A large gang of men are employed on the G.T.R. track. They are "At Home" at the Lansdowne Fair Buildings. The Trustees of the Consolidated School will purchase a site for the new building, which they intend having ready by Sept. 1st, 1920. Plans for the building are now being prepared. In the meantime the Mallorytown Principal has a class doing high school work.

Varsity Defeated Queen's. The intercollegiate soccer game played here Saturday morning was won by Varsity who defeated Queen's by two goals to one. Varsity win the intercollegiate championship by 5 to 3. McGill did not enter a team.

President Wilson's cabinet met in special session Saturday morning to consider the strike of half a million bituminous coal miners called for next Saturday. Field Marshal Count Seiki Teruchi, former Premier of Japan, whose death was reported in Tokio, Friday, is still alive, his physicians announce. The Prince of Wales had a long railway jaunt for his visit to Kingston. He was in Windsor on Friday. Bandits entered the State Deposit bank at Beaver Falls, Pa., Friday afternoon. Instantly killed Director Sakatida, and seriously wounded his brother.

It was recommended in the United States house Friday that Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, be denied a seat in the house, as he is under indictment for espionage. All Russians in Finland able to carry arms have been mobilized in compliance with the request of General Fudelnitch. King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, of the Belgians, arrived in New York Friday afternoon, having crossed the continent and back in twenty days.

CANANOQUE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Oct. 25 (Under the auspices of the Catholic Literary and Athletic club's largely attended and enjoyable "Progressive Euchre" was held in their club room in the McParland block last evening and drew out quite a large assemblage.

Philip Heasler, front of Leeds and Lansdowne township, near Gananoque Junction, disposed of his farm stock and implements by public auction on Thursday afternoon, the sale being largely attended. Mr. and Mrs. Heasler may locate in town.

A series of weekly dances was inaugurated by the local branch of the G.W.V.A. on Thursday evening when a large attendance turned out for the first of the series in the Oddfellow's Hall. The funeral of the late Jonathan Abrams, a well-known and highly respected resident of Front of Leeds and Lansdowne township, near Maple Grove, who passed away in Kingston General Hospital where he had been undergoing treatment for some time, was held from his late home to Gananoque cemetery on Thursday afternoon.

News From Elgin.

Elgin, Oct. 21.—Mrs. M. Kirat, has returned from Brockville. Mrs. W. M. Kelly and son have gone to New York city to visit her husband. H. Buck has moved his family to Brockville. Mr. Halladay, Calgary, is renewing acquaintances in the village. Mr. and Mrs. William Powell, Moose Jaw, are visiting relatives. Miss Lizzie Hunter has accepted a position in Montreal. Dr. Bracken and family were guests in the village last week. Miss Gladys Sexton, Queen's Kingston, were guests of relatives. At the recent prohibition vote taken in the village, 642 voted No. and 142 yes. C. J. Penneck motored to Smith's Falls this week. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith and Miss Smith motored to Lansdowne and were guests of relatives. Miss M. Knapp is holidaying at her home in Newboro. Gerald Coon has gone to accept a situation at Oshawa for the winter.

Late Miss Kendrick, Delta.

Delta, Oct. 24.—On Thursday, October 23, Miss Mary Kendrick, one of the most highly esteemed residents of Delta, passed to her reward. The deceased was born in Lansdowne 75 years ago, where she spent the greater part of her life. Deep regret is expressed on every hand at the loss the village has sustained and the memory of her devoted and radiant life is as an ointment poured forth. Miss Kendrick was a very ardent member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, where the funeral service will be held by Rev. Mr. Code, on Saturday at 10 a.m. The remains will be laid to rest in Oak Leaf cemetery. There is one sister, Miss J. Kendrick, and two brothers, Euseby and George, left to mourn.

Crow Lake Items.

Oct. 23.—Some of the farmers have just finished potato digging. The crop is poor. J. E. McEwen has brightened his store with a coat of paint. The new church is also being painted by W. Weatherhead. Westport is painter. The W.W.S. is having a box social to raise funds to finish the inside of the church. Mrs. Berry, Innisfail, Alta., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. Reynolds, for a few days. Harold Reynolds visited his sister, Mrs. A. Quinn, at Fermoyle last week. H. Hazen has gone to Oshawa to do carpenter work.

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