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THE RIDING OF WEST HASTINGS TURNS LIBERAL

E. GUSS PORTER DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY OF 495

Charles E. Hanna, Liberal, Is Victorious in This Old Tory Constituency—Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor, Is Vindicated.

Belleville, Nov. 26.—West Hastings riding, which has returned a Conservative member to Ottawa ever since confederation, with but one break, has gone Liberal by a majority of more than 400. Yesterday the electors defeated E. Guss Porter, who has represented the constituency in parliament for nearly twenty-four years, and returned Charles Edward Hanna, Liberal candidate, giving him a lead of 495 votes over his Conservative opponent. In the election of 1921 Mr. Porter was returned by a majority of 1,171.

The polling yesterday came at the end of a campaign such as Hastings has never before witnessed. The bye-election was caused by the resignation of his seat by Mr. Porter, following his failure to substantiate charges he brought in the House of Commons against Mr. Murdock. He accused the minister of labor of having broken his oath of office and of having withdrawn his savings from the Home Bank in consequence of information alleged to have been secured as a member of the cabinet.

The voters of West Hastings have endorsed the decision reached by the House of Commons, which voted the charges to be unfounded. Hon. James Murdock himself played a prominent part in the campaign and the result is hailed as a vindication of his honor and the judgment of parliament.

The Liberal campaign, which was directed by Hon. T. A. Low, and George N. Gordon, member for West Peterboro, was participated in by the prime minister and several members of the cabinet, while the Conservative candidate had the assistance of Right Hon. Arthur Meighen and practically the entire body of his front bench supporters in the House of Commons. Other parliamentarians who also addressed meetings during the campaign included Senator Gideon Robertson, Hon. Edmund Bristol and Senator McCoig.

HANNA CARRIED BELLEVILLE.

Polling was the heaviest yesterday in the riding's history. In Belleville 8,139 voters went to the polls, 800 more than had ever voted in the city before. The Liberal candidate was given 3,370 of these votes, while 2,796 went to Mr. Porter. The voting showed that the railroaders, who form a large and important element of the citizenship of Belleville, had cast their votes practically unanimously for the Liberal candidate. In the railwaymen's section of the city, Charles Hanna secured his biggest leads. He carried an advance poll here by 88 to 48 and by 27 to 23 in Trenton. In addition to these majorities he secured in Belleville and Trenton, the Liberal candidate carried the rural sections in the north and south of the riding.

Mr. Porter's display of strength was made in the second tier of townships, in Rawdon and Huntington, and in the villages of Frankford and Stirling.

SUMMARY OF MAJORITIES.

The totals for the other municipalities in the riding are not available but the majorities are as follows:

For Hanna—Belleville city, 611; Trenton, 170; township of Sidney, 104; township of Farraday, 123; township of Woolston, 1; township of Herschel, 81; Bangor, Wicklow and McClure, 174.

For Porter—Village of Bancroft, 13; village of Stirling, 66; village of Marmora, 103; village of Delora, 82; township of Rawdon, 195; township of Huntington, 300.

The townships of Marmora and Lake are tied.

The west riding of Hastings is a traditional Conservative stronghold. Since 1867 (confederation year) until 1904, when the old constituency was merged into the present riding, there was only one brief break in the steady record of Tory triumphs. Mr. Porter has represented Hastings West since its present boundaries were established in the election of 1904. His Conservative majorities since that time have always been in four figures. They were as follows:

In 1908, Conservative majority 1,161; in 1911, Conservative majority 1,771; in 1917, Conservative majority 1,625; in 1921, Conservative majority 1,171.

From 1888 to 1901 the riding was represented by H. Corby, Conservative. The only Liberal returned in West Hastings from confederation until yesterday was James Brown, who held the riding for one term, from 1878 to 1882.

Mrs. Robinson Proposed Plot

Against Indian Prince—Newton Was To Take Role of the Husband.

London, Nov. 26.—The direct charge that Mrs. C. E. Robinson, who is the chief witness for her husband in the latter's suit against the Midland Bank for £125,000, had proposed that she be discovered in a room with the mysterious "Mr. A.," the unnamed Indian prince who has caused the present trial to be a sensation, was made late yesterday afternoon, when Montague Noel Newton, frequently mentioned by previous witnesses in the trial, suddenly appeared as a witness and detailed his connection with the Robinsons' affairs with the Eastern potentate.

Robinson is suing for a sum which he alleges the bank owes him on account of a settlement with the mysterious "Mr. A.," whose alleged indiscretions with Mrs. Robinson had been discovered by her husband. Newton, on the witness stand, declared that Mrs. Robinson told him in November, 1915, that the Eastern prince was "enormously wealthy." It was suggested, Newton testified, that he should take the

part of her husband in an apartment room scene, "because her own husband didn't look like the husband of a society lady, and, anyhow, in all the business they had done between them, he (the husband) always preferred a back seat."

The witness said that he agreed to Mrs. Robinson's proposal. There were to be five persons in the affair, including himself, Robinson and wife, the Eastern potentate's aide-de-camp, who is known in the case as "Mr. G.," and a Mrs. Bevan, who was Mrs. Robinson's confidante.

When Mrs. Robinson first proposed the idea, Newton added, she told him that the prince's aide-de-camp had called and told her of "Mr. A.'s" wealth, and the aide-de-camp's part was later revealed when he inspected Newton and approved of him in the role of the injured husband.

G. R. Raymer, Hamilton, charged at Chatham with manslaughter in causing the death of William Mitchell on the Guelph-Mount Forest Road, was arraigned at Guelph.

Hamilton Chinese go to jail for playing fan tan, and declare they are persecuted.

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OUR ADS WILL HELP YOU



HON. JAMES MURDOCK
Whose honor is vindicated by the result of the West Hastings bye-election.

ONTARIO'S NATIVE WINE VERY STRONG

Some Seized in Toronto Home Was 28.82 Per Cent. Proof, But Exempt.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—"It is quite permissible to get an aristocratic drunk on, apparently," commented Magistrate Brunton yesterday from the bench, dismissing a charge brought against Peter Perkott, of New Toronto, under the Ontario Temperance Act. Wine seized in Perkott's home, where a dozen men were having a party, proved to contain 26.82 per cent. proof spirits, but, being native wine, it was exempted from the provisions of the act.

GRAHAM RE-ELECTED REEVE OF TOWNSHIP

There Will Be a Contest for Councillors—Five Nominations Running.

Christopher J. Graham has been re-elected reeve of the township of Kingston by acclamation. H. S. McIvor and G. A. B. Clarke were nominated, but they withdrew from the fight.

There will be a fight for the position of deputy reeve. W. E. Cordukes, the present holder of the office, is being opposed by R. C. Hawkey.

G. A. B. Clarke, A. E. Weller, Wilbert Aylesworth, R. E. Harpelle and John Silver are running for the position of councillor. Three councillors are to be elected.

C. J. Graham has been a member of the Kingston township council for three years, having served one year as councillor, one year as deputy reeve and last year as reeve.

Byron Gordon, who was a member of this year's council, was nominated but stated that he would not be around the council board this coming year if he had to fight for the office.

WOULD HAVE GAMES OF CHANCE AT FAIRS

Just as They Are Allowed at Church Bazaars—Appeal to Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—A large deputation of representatives of various exhibition associations, from every province in the Dominion, waited upon Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of justice, and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, minister of agriculture, yesterday morning.

The chief request made was for an amendment to the criminal code permitting the use of wheels of fortune and games of chance at all exhibitions, and granting the same rights in this respect as are now enjoyed at church bazaars. It is understood that the deputation also suggested an advance in the Government grant to "D" fairs, which are now fixed at \$3,750.

Early consideration was promised by the cabinet representatives, and it was intimated that favorable consideration may be given in regard to the desired amendment to the present legislation, in order to assist the exhibitions in the conduct of their fairs.

Prince of Wales will exhibit stock at Chicago Live Stock Show. Anglo-German trade negotiations are to be resumed in London. Ontario live stock enter winter in good condition with plenty of feed.

Wine of Colchicum Caused Death Of Mary And Margaret Morrison

Report of Chemists And Doctors Given to the Press—Deceased Girls Drank 32 Times the Maximum Dose.

The following statement was handed to the Whig on Wednesday afternoon, in connection with the deaths of Miss Mary and Miss Margaret Morrison, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Morrison: Kingston, Nov. 26.—It was at first thought that the deceased Morrison girls had drunk Wine of Ipecac from an unlabelled bottle in their father's dispensary. Further chemical analysis on the small residue in the bottle from which the girls had partaken revealed the fact that the wine was Wine of Colchicum. This was confirmed by the chemical analysis of another bottle, identical in appearance and contents, found on the same shelf and also unlabelled. The reason the bottles were unlabelled was because they were purchased approximately 20 years ago, and in the intervening time the labels had dropped off.

The active principle of Wine of Colchicum is Colchicin and the wine (port) contains 20 per cent. by volume of this deadly alkaloid. The therapeutic dose used in gout and rheumatism is 5 to 30 drops, and it is estimated that the girls took about a wineglass each. This would represent about 32 times the maximum dose. This was well beyond a fatal dose. Symptoms of poisoning by this drug are delayed, but once appearing no amount of medical treatment can control them.

(Signed) Wm. Gibson, M.D. W. T. Connell, M.D. Arthur Nelsh, Ph. D. (Chemist) A. P. Lothrop, Ph. D. (Chemist)

Now That Liberals Have Won West Hastings There Is Hope For Capturing Frontenac Riding

If West Hastings can be won by the Liberals, there is hope for Frontenac yet. Which reminds us that this is the day the Frontenac Tories meet in Kingston to choose a candidate. It is surely a blue Wednesday for them.

It's a safe bet that no other Conservative will open up his constituency by resigning until he is obliged to.

The pitcher that goes too often to the well gets broken at last. If you doubt it, asked E. Guss Porter, ex-M.P.

Prosperity is rapidly returning to Canada, thanks to the sane and sensible policy pursued by the Mackenzie King government. We are much better off than almost any other country under the sun. West Hastings realized it, and voted accordingly.

Kingston to Belleville: "Shake. We are proud of you."

Those Tory newspapers which have been telling their readers of the wonderful qualities of leadership possessed by Arthur Meighen

Still Another Shortage Is Reported In the Township of Kingston Funds

Stated That Auditor Muir Will Be Asked to Make a Report at the Next Meeting of the Council.

Ratepayers in the township of Kingston have been making enquiries during the past few days in connection with another reported shortage in the funds of the township. It will be remembered that during the summer months, when the council for the township engaged A. H. Muir, city auditor, to make an examination of the books of the municipality, it was discovered that there was a shortage of about \$3,600. The council was able to secure the amount of money which had not been accounted for.

From what the Whig can learn, there is some cause for the ratepayers to ask questions. On Monday afternoon, Henry S. McIvor, nominated for the position of reeve of the township, and when speaking at the Catorauqui nominations about municipal affairs, stated that there was another reported shortage in the funds of the township. When he made these remarks the members of the township council, who were present on the platform, did not ask him to deny this statement and for that reason it is believed there must be something to it.

A. H. Muir, auditor, it is understood is the man who was responsible for finding of the second shortage. Mr. Muir when spoken to by the Whig stated that he had nothing whatever to give out. It is expected that at the next meeting of

Marcus Tauster, taken back to New York from North Bay, pleaded guilty on four counts in connection with the failure of a bank.

Christmas trees may now be imported into the United States, free of duty, according to a recent decision of the United States Treasury.

LIBERALS NOW IN MAJORITY IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

They Have 118 Members With Hanna's Victory Over Porter in West Hastings—Comment By Premier King At Ottawa.

Ottawa, Nov. 26.—There is jubilation in Government circles over the West Hastings bye-election result. To convert into the Liberal column a riding that has a record equaling that of the safest Toronto seats, and to turn the majority of 1,171 which E. Guss Porter had in the 1921 Federal general election into a Liberal majority, though comparatively small, for Charles E. Hanna, the Liberal standard-bearer, is enough to turn solidly set hearts, and these heads are turned today.

The result, too, makes a real change in the line-up in the House of Commons. Including the Speaker, and also including Temiscouata, the Quebec riding for which two Liberals and no Conservatives are running in the bye-election, made necessary by the death of Charles A. Gauthier, the standing in the House now is:

Liberals, 118.
Conservatives, 51.
Progressives, 64.
Labor, 2.

This gives the Liberals an actual majority of one, whereas in the past three sessions of parliament they have been in a nominal minority.

The Premier's Comment. "The Liberal victory in West Hastings today presents a singular parallel to the Liberal victory in St. Antoine Division of Montreal two months ago," said Premier King in commenting on the government victory in West Hastings last night. "St. Antoine was regarded as the stronghold of Conservatism in the Province of Quebec, West Hastings in Ontario. In the case of each the bye-election was occasioned by the resignation of the sitting member to test popular feeling toward the present administration. In Montreal the issue was avowedly that of the Government's fiscal policy. In West Hastings the Rt. Hon. Mr. Meighen and his associates sought to make the fiscal issue even more conspicuous than the moral issue involved.

"In West Hastings, the battle ground, according to his statement, was chosen by the Opposition Leader himself. It was thought that, as West Hastings had been Conservative since Confederation, and had never been represented in the Parliament of Canada by a Liberal member, the seat had only to be opened to permit of a score being made against the Government. Under the circumstances, it will be difficult for the Opposition to explain the result. Today's victory is an emphatic expression of the confidence on the part of the electors in the government and its policies. Having regard to the moral issue, which the government kept constantly to the fore, Mr. Hanna's victory over Mr. Porter will be hailed with delight as the expression of a wholesome sentiment on the part

of Canadian citizens against hypocrisy and hypocritical behavior in our public life."

Belleville Rejoices. Belleville, Nov. 26.—When Belleville last night realized the almost unbelievable fact that the Liberal candidate and a popular citizen had carried the constituency, the thousands who thronged the streets gave way to a demonstration which has not been equalled since the momentous day when the guns ceased firing in France. The young member-elect, as soon as he made his appearance, was hoisted to the shoulders of his friends and borne along the main street of the city. He had no opportunity formally to voice his thanks to the electors, so dense was the crowd which blocked the streets in front of the city hall. A meeting had been arranged for in this building, but the hall was so jammed that all attempts to carry out a set programme were abandoned. Mr. Hanna was hoisted to the roof of a motor bus, and a parade was formed. The Argyll Light Infantry Band, of which Mr. Hanna is a member, led the way as the triumphant procession paraded the town. He was then whisked away by auto to Trenton, where a repetition of the jubilant scenes was witnessed.

He visited other parts of the riding in the vicinity, and his progress was a triumph. Until midnight the streets were thronged here. Although Mr. Hanna had left the city to visit other parts of his constituency, the scenes were most unusual. Joy was unconfined, and people forgot that they did not know one another, and strangers greeted one another as if lifelong friends, under the impetus of the election.

Majority Little Changed. Belleville, Nov. 26.—Returns being reported today from scattered districts will not materially alter the majority of between four and five hundred given Charles Hanna, Liberal candidate over his Conservative opponent, Guss Porter in West Hastings bye-election yesterday. Trenton, which last night was reported as favoring Hanna by 170, was found today to give him a majority of 111. In the northern section of the constituency with complete returns in from Herschell township, Hanna had gained forty votes.

Mr. Murdock's Statement. Ottawa, Nov. 26.—The charge made against me in House of Commons on May 22nd last, and later developments in connection therewith, also the bye-election just held in West Hastings, was believed to be in May last, and is now proved to have been directly the result of an attempt at personal vindictive retaliation by the leader of the opposition," declares Hon. James Murdock, minister of labor in a written statement handed out this morning.

The Situation Is Much Easier

Though the New Egyptian Cabinet May Accept the Remaining British Demands.

London, Nov. 26.—Field Marshal Allenby, British high commissioner in Egypt, informed the British government to-day, that the situation in Egypt was much easier as the result of the respite since the resignation of the Zaghoul cabinet. The possibility of riots in Cairo and other centres, he said, was greatly reduced. It was said Lord Allenby believes that Zivar Pasha will accept the remaining British demands or open direct negotiations with Great Britain for the settlement of the differences existing. The evacuation of Sudan is being

continued by units of the Egyptian army.

Egypt's Protest.

Geneva, Nov. 26.—A telegram of protest against British action in Egypt, following the assassination of the sirdar, Sir Lee Stack, was received to-day by the secretary of the League of Nations from the Egyptian parliament under the signature of the president of that body. It indicates that a similar communication has been forwarded to all world parliaments. The telegram does not request intervention by the league.

BRITISH WARSHIPS SAIL FOR EGYPT

Valetta, Malta, Nov. 26.—
The British dreadnoughts Iron Duke and Malaya sailed from Malta yesterday for Egypt.
The steamship Magian took on board the East Lancashire Regiment, and is proceeding to Alexandria.
The evacuation of Sudan is being