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Premier King to Meet Parliament

THE CABINET WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE

Unanimously Decides That Its Constitutional Duty Is to Meet Parliament—The Official Statement of Premier King.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Premier King will remain in office and meet Parliament, which, according to his statement issued last night, will be summoned at the earliest possible date. Premier King's statement reads:
"The latest official returns having made it apparent that as the result of the general election held on October 29th none of the participating political parties would of itself have a clear majority in the House of Commons when Parliament assembles, it became my duty, as Prime Minister to acquaint His Excellency the Governor-General with the situation and to advise His Excellency as to the course which should be pursued. After several interviews with His Excellency, at which the position brought out by the recent general election was fully discussed, and all alternatives presented, I have taken the responsibility of advising His Excellency to summon Parliament for the earliest practicable date in order to ascertain the attitude of the parliamentary representatives towards the very important question raised by the numerical position of the respective political parties. His Excellency has been pleased to accept this advice."

DECISION OF THE CABINET.

"After careful consideration of the constitutional precedents and their bearing upon the situation which has arisen as the result of the general election, the Cabinet decided unanimously this afternoon that it was their constitutional duty to meet Parliament at the earliest possible moment, regard being had for legal requirements with respect to the time necessary for the return of the writs and the official gazetting of the members who have been elected."

TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING APPOINTMENTS.

"In the interval until Parliament assembles it is the intention of the Government to refrain from making appointments, beyond such as are essential for the proper carrying on of public business."

"In the present situation there are three possible courses of procedure, each of which has been carefully considered by the Cabinet:

"1.—That His Excellency be asked to grant an immediate dissolution of Parliament."

"2.—That His Excellency be asked to call upon the leader of the largest political group to form a government."

"3.—That His Excellency be asked to summon Parliament at the earliest practicable date for the purpose aforementioned."

"With respect to immediate dissolution, it was felt that it was not in the interests of the country to occasion the turmoil and expense of another general election until at least Parliament had been summoned and the people's representatives in Parliament had been afforded an opportunity of giving expression to their views."

MAJORITY ENTITLED TO RULE.

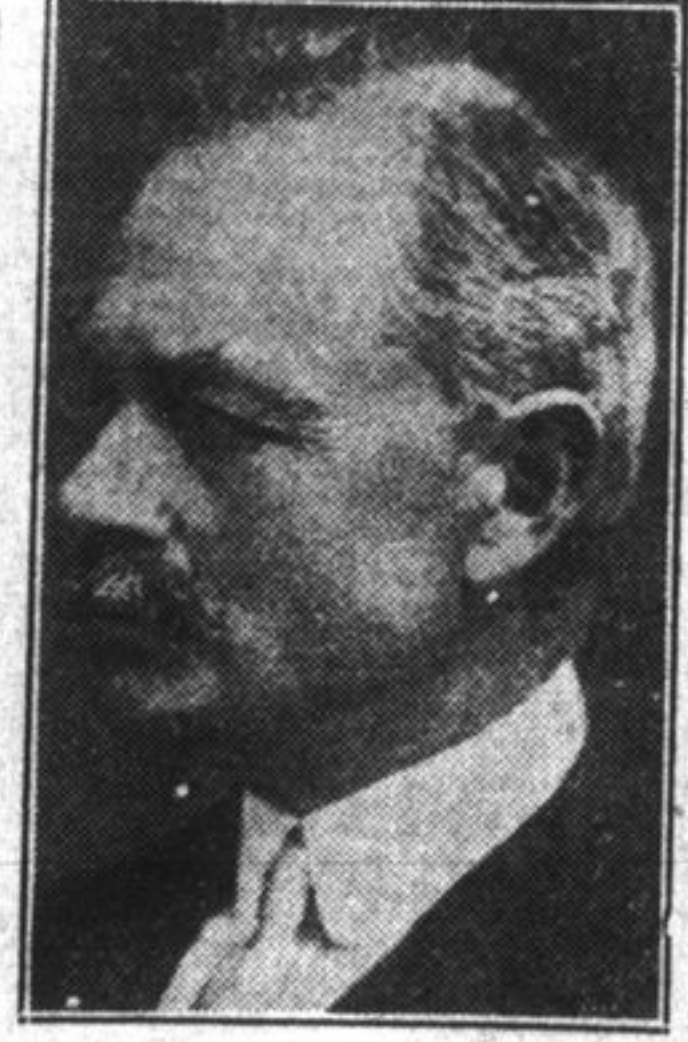
"With respect to the leader of the political party having the largest definite following in the House of Commons being called upon to form an administration, the Cabinet holds the view that responsible self-government in Canada rests upon the principle that the majority are entitled to govern; the majority meaning not a political party or group having the largest number of members, but the majority as determined by the duly elected representatives of the people in Parliament. Far from indicating that Mr. Meighen is in a position to command a majority in the newly-elected House of Commons, the results of the election appear clearly to indicate he is not in such position. I am not aware of any precedent in Great Britain or in Canada of recommending, before Parliament meets, that the leader of a party not commanding a clear majority in the House of Commons should be called upon to form a Government."

"To summon Parliament and to allow the House of Commons to disclose its attitude upon a division is a procedure warranted by constitutional precedent, and by present circumstances. To take any other course would be to fail to recognize the supreme right of the people to govern themselves in a manner which the constitution has provided, namely, expressing their will through their duly elected representatives in Parliament and in accordance with recognized parliamentary practice."

SHORTAGE OF TURKEYS.

Thanksgiving Birds Are Dear in Winnipeg District.
Winnipeg, Nov. 5.—That popular Thanksgiving bird, the turkey, will be a luxury in Winnipeg this season, according to advices from country points where farmers' wives made a hobby of raising gobblers for the city trade.
Local abattoirs and retail merchants confirm the information. The price will be around 30 cents a pound for the best dressed birds.
Adverse weather conditions in the spring is blamed for the shortage.

REBELS AGAIN TRY TO ENTER DAMASCUS
Beirut, Syria, Nov. 5.—A number of rebels are attempting to re-enter Damascus, and the French authorities are taking all precautions to prevent such an eventuality. A French column operating on the slopes of Mount Hermon (twenty miles west of Damascus) exchanged rifle shots with a band of rebels.



HIS EXCELLENCY LORD BYNG
Who has been pleased to accept Premier King's advice to call Parliament.

WELLAND CANAL TIE-UP.

Low Water Causes Worst Blockade in History.

Port Colborne, Nov. 5.—The worst blockade in the history of the Welland Canal threatens as the water on the Welland viaduct continues to drop. A total of forty steamers were tied up in the canal yesterday, due to low water, and the grounding of the two steamers, Pine Bay and Corunna, hard and fast on the aqueduct.
Every bit of water available was turned into the Welland Canal yesterday, and industrial plants in the St. Catharines section depending on canal power were forced to close, but there was still insufficient water to float the stranded vessels. The water is at present only 12 feet 9 inches deep.

CROP OF POTATOES FAR BELOW NORMAL

The Ontario Agriculture Department Issues Explanation of Mounting Prices.

Toronto, Nov. 5.—To housewives of Ontario who are worried about the advance in the price of potatoes from \$1.25 a bag (wholesale) a month ago to \$3.00 a bag, yesterday, the Ontario Department of Agriculture has issued an "official explanation" regarding the "skyrocketing" in the prices. The statement says:
"Ontario potato prices are governed by supply and demand in an area extending from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, in the east, to the middle western provinces, and as far south as the American Atlantic coast potato states. In every single area from which reports have so far been received, according to the Ontario department, every imaginable factor in potato growing has mitigated against normal production this year. The crop is away below normal."
"New York State and Michigan, which formerly were rather light buyers in the Ontario potato market, are in Ontario buying up practically all they can get. The Maritimes, which in normal years served a considerable section of the near-by American market, are as hard hit as is Ontario by the combination of adverse circumstances, and will not do much to meet the potato demands of a continent."
"There are very few potatoes in storage in Toronto, according to reports. Dealers are said to be looking this way and looking that way for shipments. Everywhere there is a great feeling of doubt as to what the next few days may bring."

ONE DAY PHEASANT SHOOT.

Cockbirds May be Taken in Two Counties Nov. 14th.

Toronto, Nov. 5.—The Department of Game and Fisheries has authorized the taking of English ring neck pheasants, cock birds only, between sunrise and sunset, on November 14th in the counties of Lincoln and Welland. There is a limit of five of such birds per person.
An open season on quail has also been declared for November 10th, 11th and 12th in the counties of Essex and Kent, the daily bag limit to be six birds per person.

ABOLISH P. R. SYSTEM.

N. S. W. Legislature Would Revert to Old System.

Sydney, N.S.W., Nov. 5.—By a vote of 46 to 24, the legislative assembly of New South Wales yesterday, gave second reading to a bill for the abolition of proportional representation and providing for reversion to the old system of single seats on the "first past the post" principle.

Soft Coal Prices High.

Providence, R.I., Nov. 4.—Dealers are asking as high as \$16 for a ton of soft coal and \$12.50 for run-of-mine. Dealers advise the purchasing of anthracite or run-of-mine, asserting that screening is costly.

A CAR COVERS 2,937 MILES IN THREE DAYS

Record Established Over the Canadian National Road.

MONTREAL TO COAST

Car Did Not Stop Running—Longest Non-Stop Run Ever Made by Engine.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 5.—All records for trans-continental travel were broken yesterday when the new Canadian National Railway's oil electric car No. 15320 arrived in Vancouver after making the trip from Montreal in three days. The trip was not only a record breaker so far as actual schedule was concerned, but it wrote a new chapter in the railway history of the world as marking the longest non-stop run ever made by an engine. During the 2,937 miles covered, the car engine not once stopped running.
The new oil-electric car, which made its initial trip across Canada has a body with an over-all length of 60 feet and is set on two four-wheel trucks. It is built to carry passengers, express and baggage. It will seat fifty-seven passengers, of which accommodation for eighteen is in the baggage compartment situated at one end of the car.

OPERATING RATIO OF C.N.R. BETTER

The C.P.R. Still Has a Lead—Reduction in Number of Employees.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Interesting comparisons of operating efficiency of the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific railways are contained in a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. These figures, which are for the month of August show that the Canadian National has improved its operating ratio more than the Canadian Pacific in the last year, but that the C.P.R. has still a considerable lead in this regard over the Government line. The operating ratio on the National for August was 89.16, as compared with 72.14 on the C.P.R. That is, it cost \$89.16 on the Canadian National to earn \$100, while on the C.P.R. it cost only \$72.14.
The National, too, showed great activity in the reduction of the number of employees and its receipts per ton mile also rose more than on the C.P.R.

Charged With Attempt On Life of Mussolini

Rome, Nov. 5.—It is semi-officially announced that former socialist Deputy Sanfanti is under arrest on a charge of preparing an attempt against the life of Premier Mussolini. The same news agency says the government is strongly considering the dissolution of the Unitarian socialist party.

THE WETS LEADING IN NEW ZEALAND

The Vote So Far is Reported as 310,596 to 277,981.

Wellington, N.Z., Nov. 5.—Prohibitionists have not yet succeeded in their efforts to make New Zealand dry. The question whether New Zealand should continue its present liquor license system, adopt a "state purchase" or government control of liquor, or swing to prohibition was voted on in the referendum during yesterday's general elections. The counting of the vote is still incomplete, but the result to date shows the prohibitionists cast 277,981 votes as against 310,596 by their opponents.

ONLY SEVEN WEDDINGS HERE IN OCTOBER.

The vital statistics for the month of October, as recorded at the office of the city clerk, Dr. W. W. Sands, are as follows:
Births, 52; deaths, 43; marriages, 7.

DIVORCES GRANTED IN THREE MONTHS

Paris, Nov. 5.—"Divorces in three months" is the alluring offer of numerous Parisian lawyers to visitors who are desirous of severing marital relations. Advertisements of the offer are printed in various newspapers. The publicity matter of the promoters of divorce will emphasize the inexpensiveness of an action in France, as compared with other countries.

The Franc Under Four Cents; New Low Record Established

Paris, Nov. 5.—The French political situation caused heavy selling of the franc this morning, and the rate, which has been gradually sliding during the last few days, touched a new low record of 122.34 to the pound sterling.

AUTOIST IS SENTENCED.

Given Year in Jail for Manslaughter at Cornwall.

Cornwall, Nov. 5.—The Fall assizes of the Supreme Court of Ontario concluded here yesterday after a two-day sitting before Mr. Justice Wright.

James Blanchard was sentenced to one year's imprisonment on being found guilty on a charge of manslaughter, resulting from an auto accident on the road east of Cornwall on the night of August 4th last, when the car driven by Blanchard ran into the Ford coupe of Mrs. W. C. McGuire, as a result of which Mrs. McGuire met instant death.

WHEN PARLIAMENT MAY BE SUMMONED

No Bye-elections Possible Until the Election Writs Are Returned.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Parliament is likely to be called for late in December or early in January. The date of the return of the writs is fixed for December 7th, but the expectation is that they will start coming in the next few days and the election results must be gassed before the successful candidates can become members of parliament. Until the election writs are returned, no bye-elections can be held to make way for any necessary Cabinet re-organization, but once a return is in from an individual constituency and the constituency again rendered vacant, the writ for a bye-election in that constituency may be issued. It is estimated that a bye-election might be held in an average constituency within thirty-five days of the issue of the new writ.

A seat will have to be found for the Prime Minister. West Middlesex is mentioned among the possibilities, although there is no official announcement, but other bye-elections are likely to be numerous. There will likely be the merging of portfolios temporarily. The retirement of Hon. T. A. Low is believed to be imminent. It is suggested that a re-arrangement of portfolios would place Hon. J. A. Robb in charge of railways as well as public works, and Hon. Charles Stewart in charge of immigration as well as of the interior department.

Mr. Meighen's Statement.

Ottawa, Nov. 5.—Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party, will issue an official statement at 5 o'clock this afternoon, dealing with Premier King's decision.

CANDLES USED IN COURT.

Electric Lights Went Out During Murder Trial.

Winnipeg, Nov. 5.—The halls of justice took on a weird appearance at the Law Courts building here yesterday when ye olde days were brought back during a murder trial. Candles had to be used to illuminate the Assize Court room.
Just as the murder trial commenced the electric lights flickered and went dead, and court officials hurriedly secured a supply of candles to keep the wheels of justice going. The illumination proved insufficient and the case was adjourned.

Free-for-All in Dublin.

Dublin, Ireland, Nov. 5.—After a meeting in Unity Hall yesterday, members of Jim Larkin's transport workers' union were attacked by an opposition crowd, shots were fired, and a free-for-all fight followed. Many were injured before the police intervened. The leaders were arrested.

Traffic is again moving in the Welland Canal today after the fourth serious tie-up during the season as the result of low water.

THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF TRADE OF ONTARIO MEETING

Delegates Are Here From All Over the Province—Civic Welcome Given by Ald. R. E. Kent and Ald. W. H. Craig—President J. G. Elliott's Address—Resolution Regarding Firearms.

The Associated Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce of Ontario met in the Council Chamber in the City Hall on Thursday morning, to hold the fourteenth annual meeting of the association. Thirty-seven delegates, representing all sections of the province, were present, and Mr. J. G. Elliott, of Kingston, president of the Association occupied the chair.

In the unavoidable absence of Mayor Angrove, Ald. R. E. Kent extended to the assembled delegates, a welcome on behalf of the city. The city was greatly honored he said. The speaker called attention to the fact that Kingston is a very old and historic city, and he expressed the hope that delegates would find some leisure to visit its many points of interest, particularly the Royal Military College, Queen's University, and the Memorial Hall. He extended the full privileges of the city.

Ald. W. H. Craig, as president of the Kingston Board of Trade, also welcomed the delegates. In the past he said, Kingston had welcomed many gatherings, but few of them approached in importance or in the number of distinguished men associated with them, the one which he was then addressing. The speaker noted that Kingston had been the meeting place of one of the first province-wide assemblies in Ontario, when Frontenac had met the Indians at the little trading post of Cataragui, in 1673. Ald. Craig hoped that the deliberations of the gathering would be productive of good results.

Vice-President Dunstan Replies.
Mr. K. J. Dunstan, of Toronto, vice-president of the association, expressed thanks to the city and to the Kingston Board of Trade, for their hospitality, and the kind welcomes extended. He declared that it was but right that the Association should meet in this city, as it was the home of Mr. J. G. Elliott, the president, whom all associated with the Boards of Trade of Ontario, had learned to respect and love, for his kindly personality, and for his untiring zeal in the affairs of the Association. Apart from that consideration, however, he said it was but

right that they should meet in a city, and to its natural advantages. The stores and main street were especially attractive, he said. He made a passing reference to the football game played in Toronto last Saturday, and congratulated Queen's University on being able to win four successive intercollegiate championships, and three successive Dominion championships. Mr. Dunstan also spoke of the men, such as Sir John A. Macdonald and Sir Richard Cartwright, who had brought honor to the city. From the present time forward, he said, that the delegates would all have a warm spot in their hearts for Kingston.
The routine business of hearing reports and appointing a nominating committee was despatched at this time. Mr. W. N. Ponton called attention to the fact that the present meeting had been advertised as the twelfth annual, whereas he believed that it was really the fourteenth meeting. Others bore out this statement and the minutes were corrected accordingly.

The President's Address.

President J. G. Elliott, in addressing the gathering, declared that there was a glorious opportunity to develop Canada for Boards of Trade and citizens in general if they had the zeal and courage. He expressed sympathy with the family of the late Mr. Taylor, of Owen Sound, a past president of the association, in the passing of that respected gentleman.
The President expressed his sincere thanks for the honor that had been done him in electing him to the presidency. He was a Board of Trade man from the feet up he declared. Boards of Trade were one of the greatest forces for the betterment of any community in which they existed, said the speaker. The city had many traditions, he said, but it was not living in the past. Commercially, he believed Kingston was the equal to any city of a similar size in the Dominion. He closed with the prediction that the city would continue to expand and develop.
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Steamer City of Kingston Launched At Davie Yards in Lauzon, Que.

The New Canadian Steamships' Vessel Christened by Miss Mary Coverdale, Daughter of the President—Mayors of Kingston, Quebec, Levis and Lauzon Present.

Quebec, Nov. 5.—In the presence of the president and other officials of the Canada Steamship Lines, the mayors of the cities of Kingston, Ont., Quebec, Levis and Lauzon, and a host of prominent marine and civic officials, the steel steamer, City of Kingston, specially built by the Davie Shipbuilding and Repairing Company in their yards at Lauzon, and destined for special freight package trade between Montreal and the Great Lakes, was officially christened and launched yesterday morning, and now awaits the installation of her engines and other machinery before proceeding to Montreal.
The event was a brilliant success, and moved smoothly from the time little Mary Coverdale, daughter of the president of the Canada Steamship Lines, broke a bottle of champagne over the bows of the vessel, and christened it the City of Kingston, until it had hit the water and was being towed alongside the drydock.
Gaily bedecked with bunting from stem to stern, the vessel presented a gallant appearance as she slid down the greased ways, entering the water cleanly, amid the cheers of those assembled on the platform of honor, and the entire staff of the Davie plant, the bunting flying in the breeze, and the hulk of the vessel glistening in the sun.

As the last stroke of the hour was echoing back from the parish church in the distance, little Miss Coverdale grasped the bottle of champagne, decorated with the colors of the Canada Steamship Lines, blue, red and white, and, with a sharp tap, broke the bottle over the freighter's bows, the bubbling liquid cascading over each side of the forefront of the steamer.
This concluded, and the vessel appropriately christened, workmen removed the blocks from under the City of Kingston, and she slowly started down the greased ways, gathering momentum and speed with each yard, until she entered the water, clearing a knife-like swath in the St. Lawrence, finally to come to rest many feet from the shore, while cheers rang out from the assembly and auto horns were blown and sirens started.

Rapid Construction.

The first plate was laid for the new vessel during the month of June, but active construction was not begun until August, which means that the steamer was assembled together in the remarkably short space of three months.
Her engines and various other machinery have yet to be installed, and this task will be carried out during the winter at the Davie yards, the City of Kingston being scheduled to enter into service with the opening of the 1926 season of navigation in Canada.
A sister ship to the City of Kingston, in all probability the City of