



Clouded Political Atmosphere At Capital Shows Signs Of Clearing

FULL SUPPORT LIKELY FROM FORKE PARTY

Progressives All Expected to Vote for Government Programme.

A SEAT FOR MASSEY May Be Found in West—Massey Credited With Saving West From Suicide.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The political atmosphere which during the week past has been cloudy and uncertain, shows decided signs of clearing. While five Progressives voted for the Melgion non-confidence amendment, it is hard to see how any Progressive can vote against the government's present programme of legislation, and for any amendment to the address, which Mr. Melgion can possibly offer. The nature of such an amendment is a matter of conjecture. Mr. Melgion cannot a second time move a mere want of confidence motion; he must produce something constructive as an alternative to the government's programme.

On February 15th Premier King will undoubtedly be back in the house. In fact there is every reason to believe that he will receive an acclamation on February 1st, the day of nomination in Prince Albert, where he will run.

Tories on Rampage.

In the meantime Conservatives are engaged in charges of graft, corruption, and other evil doing against the Government. They have also stated that the recent visit of Liberals "clinging to power" is a means of aiding to surrender the departmental list to a succeeding ministry. To this statement, made by H. H. Stevens, Hon. James Robt. in the House remarked quibblingly: "My honorable friend has either said too much or too little." But Mr. Stevens had no definite charge to make.

As a matter of fact the Government has for months past been itself engaged in investigating certain irregularities in the customs preventive service and already one man has been dismissed for malfeasance. No attempt has been made by the ministry to condone such wrongdoing. During the past four years, it may be noted, not one charge of graft or corruption was levelled against the ministry.

Find Massey Seat in West.

In Robert Forke's brief contribution to the recent parliamentary debate, he stressed the need of co-operation between those who had substantially the same points of view.

It is said that there will shortly be a striking instance of co-operation by the withdrawal of some Progressive member in favor of Mr. Vincent Massey.

In well-informed circles much credit is being given to Mr. Massey for having checked the outbreak of Conservative anarchy in the Progressive group. As a diplomat he has routed all the exponents of the old school of Rogers. If the west gives him a seat, it will be as a reward for having saved the west from suicide and having given it, despite one of its members, a place in the political sun.

"The Government," said a Liberal member, "has been well justified in its faith in Mr. Massey's political perspicacity."

PREMIER SHOULD WIN

The Prince Albert seat, says Sir Clifford Sifton.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—"Premier King should carry the Prince Albert riding," said Sir Clifford Sifton on Saturday. "I do not know what arrangements have been made, but it seems to me quite likely that the Progressives will not contest the seat." Sir Clifford spoke of the conditions which exist in the riding. "There is practically no Tory vote," he said, "the majority of the people are either Liberals or Progressives. The population is very scattered and there are many French-speaking half-breeds in the northern section. The Prime Minister should receive all support from the outlying parts in the constituency."

Rev. George Loughton, of the Central United (Congregational) Church, Winnipeg, has accepted the invitation to become pastor of St. James (Methodist) United Church, Montreal, in June next.

Weather Probabilities.

From Tuesday becoming much colder, with local snowflurries.

POLICE KEEP ORDER IN TORONTO CHURCH

Toronto, Jan. 13.—The police kept order at a Toronto Baptist church yesterday, when the pastor, Rev. George W. Allen, insisted upon preaching after being dismissed.

TUXEDOS FOR WOMEN ON DISPLAY IN PARIS

Economical Dress at \$80 Up—Follow the Lines of the Men's Style.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Tuxedos for women.

They are here, and were exhibited Saturday, privately, by a famous couturier of the Rue de La Paix who succeeded in disposing immediately of a half dozen to two Americans.

The female tuxedo follows largely the lines of the men's, but with more ornamentation and richness of material.

The first model shown was called the "En Soiree," with the coat cut exactly as a man's and made of black velvet bordered with satin. The waistcoat is like the male counterpart, but instead of trousers, a skirt of black, bordered with velvet, was shown. A lace frill at the throat replaced the collar of the masculine suit.

The second tuxedo, the "Monsieur Beaucaire," was striking in comparison to the "En Soiree," for it was done in violet velvet with a white silk waistcoat. And the third, called "Yes Sir," was made of blue serge.

The tuxedo is economical, according to the exhibitor, who stated the new design could be had from eighty dollars up.

A LOT OF EXPLAINING WILL BE REQUIRED

On Part of Five Progressives Who Voted for Melgion Amendment.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 13.—A powerful lot of explaining will have to be done by the three Saskatchewan Progressives who voted in favor of the Melgion amendment. The action of the trio—Messrs. M. N. Campbell of Mackenzie, A. M. Carmichael of Kenderley and W. R. Fansher or Last Mountain—has occasioned surprise among their constituents who are at a loss to understand why they went out of their way to jeopardize the carrying into effect of the King programme.

In these constituencies as in Saskatchewan ridings generally, the general feeling irrespective of party affiliation is strongly in favor of doing everything possible to give effect to the legislative programme outlined in the speech from the throne.

For the three men to express themselves as disgruntled with the opposition offered to them by members of the Saskatchewan cabinet is generally considered a lame excuse for opposing a government offering to implement a programme that the most optimistic Progressive did not anticipate a few weeks before the House of Commons met.

THE PAROLE BOARD MAY BE READJUSTED

Considerable Friction Is Said to Exist Between Board and Government.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—While in the past it has been whispered that there was a certain amount of friction between the Provincial Secretary's Department and the Ontario Parole Board, it was learned today that a recommendation had gone forward to the Minister of the Department and Premier Ferguson urging a readjustment of the Board or its complete abolition.

At the present time the Board is composed of 10 members and efforts are being made to have this number reduced to five, a suggestion that is said to meet the approval of certain members of the Board and Premier Ferguson.

The issue had gone so far as to urge, from some sources, the complete abolition of the board, but such a step is not considered likely.

Friction between the board and the department is said to have been increased as a result of gaspaches from Burwash prison quoting prisoners as stating that they would rather finish their full term than appear before the board. Dr. A. E. Layzell, chief officer of the board, it is understood raised some objection to this statement with the Provincial Secretary.

VISIT TO WEST NECESSARY TO KNOW CANADA

Lady Byng's Address to Ottawa Women's Canadian Club.

A GREAT INSPIRATION Was Her Excellency's First View of the Rockies—Visited Many Western Settlers.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—"No one has any right to speak with authority of Canada who has only seen the East," was an opinion earnestly expressed by Lady Byng of Vimy, when, on Saturday, she addressed a gathering of nearly four hundred women, assembled at luncheon in the Canadian Club. Her Excellency regretted that there were those who visited Canada, landing at Quebec, coming on to Montreal, visiting in Ottawa and Toronto, who have gone away giving their views on Canada. "That is not fair to Canada," emphatically stated Her Excellency.

Her Excellency spoke throughout with intensity of feeling and was heard with attention by the large audience. There were present the wives of Senators and members of Parliament, in Ottawa at present, to whom the courtesy of the club was extended.

Perhaps the most potent address which Her Excellency has given during her residence in Canada was that of Saturday. "My Impressions of the West" was the subject announced, and Lady Byng commenced by telling how she and His Excellency Lord Blythe have covered over eighty thousand miles of the Dominion by boat or train, and, in addition, have gone eight or nine thousand more by motor car. "I feel I have some plea to come to speak to you on Canada," said Her Excellency, who here interjected her remarks of the unfairness to Canada of those who tell of this country, but have only seen the East. "I come as a sort of advertising agent to beg of you, who can, to go West and visit there."

Lady Byng told her audience of her first view of the Rockies. "It was so great an inspiration, I cannot convey the beauty and wonder of that undulating line rising out of the mists, that endless, unending chain of marvellous mountains, and the valleys below in colors of aquamarine and emerald." And here the wife of Canada's Governor-General interjected: "I do so regret that people who can afford it will go to the South of France and some seaside resort, rather than view the beauties of their own Canadian Rockies."

Wives Want to Stay

"The question of settlers is the vital question in Canada just now," continued Her Excellency, "and you don't want those races that will not fit in mentally with the Anglo-Saxon stock. What you want I think you will get from the Old Country." Her Excellency is an authority on the land settlement scheme, which she is confident has worked admirably. "People used to say that the Soldier Settlement scheme failed. I find it not so. I went and saw the settlers on their farms. On every trip which His Excellency and I took in the West, we divided our forces, and each visited settlers (not only soldiers). We went sometimes two hundred or more miles from the railways."

"It was most interesting. The first year I visited English wives of Canadian settlers. Mrs. Jean Muldrew always arranged that I should go. I saw the wives alone, and they said entirely what was in their minds. There was not one of them who wanted to go back. They were homesick, naturally; who wouldn't be away from their own folk? but they wanted to stay. Let me here tell you that when the women want to stay, that means that the men stay. The woman's attitude is the pivotal point of the settlement scheme. Get your women happy, and the family stays; but otherwise no."

Strawberry Plants Grow in Mild Alaskan Weather

Seward, Alaska, Jan. 13.—Strawberry plants and grape crops are growing in the mild, spring-like weather here. At this time last year rotary snowplow crews were fighting snow slides. It was raining today and there was almost no snow on the railroad, except in the high mountain passes.

Because of the lack of snow for sleds, the contractors have been unable to fill their orders.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Brussels, Jan. 13.—Cardinal Mercier's condition was so serious to-day that his doctors requested that even his secretary be unable to retain food for forty-eight hours.

Lady Queenbury Weds Native of Bathurst, N.B.

London, Jan. 13.—Sir James Hamet Dunn, of the London firm of Dunn, Foster and Co., a native of Bathurst, N.B., and Lady Queenbury, were married to-day before the mayor of the First Arrondissement of Paris. Lady Queenbury was divorced by the Marquis of Queensbury in June last year. Sir James, who is in his 52nd year, has been a resident of London some years.

Cigar Ignites Gasoline Tank And Nine Persons Are Killed

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Disaster resulted in the Moabit district today when a workman's cigar ignited a tank of gasoline. Nine persons were killed and thirty injured. There was great damage to property.

TERRIFIC TORNADO Many Lives Lost in Great Storm in Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Jan. 13.—Many lives have been lost in a terrific tornado which swept the country Saturday and yesterday. Huge damage is reported and communications and public utilities are completely disorganized. The extent of the losses cannot be determined for several days.

Late Yesterday Afternoon the Storm Was Still Raging

GAVE UP SEAT FROM PATRIOTIC MOTIVES

Charles McDonald of Prince Albert, Sask., Is a Wealthy Liberal.

Toronto, Jan. 13.—"Charles McDonald who has given up his Prince Albert seat to permit Premier King to re-enter Parliament, is not only the hero of the hour in Ottawa Liberal circles, but will probably wear his halo on his laurels for many years to come," says a special despatch from Ottawa to the Toronto Star.

"An interview with the man himself confirms the opinion expressed by his numerous Saskatchewan friends that he is a thoroughly disinterested, patriotic, rather than partisan, action. It was not done for any quid pro quo," continues the Star.

"Mr. McDonald, once, single-handed, captured two murderers. Obviously, he is a dangerous man to insult. This little wire six-foot Scotsman has more muscle than flesh to spare."

"He came from Aberdeenshire as a child and hardened his youthful muscles around Renfrew as a lumberjack and log runner, amid scenes such as Ralph Connor describes in 'The Man from Glengarry.' He went from drives to drugist in the days when pharmacy was no annex to a soda fountain. He went west to Prince Albert in 1897 and by prescriptions rather than real estate divisions built up a fortune which enabled him to retire a few years ago with a comfortable affluence."

"I admit that I did not want to come to Ottawa. Now that I am here, I fully realize what an honor and opportunity it is. It is not true that I am giving away something. I put no value on. My reluctance to come was due to the necessity of my wife living in Vancouver, and my own dislike to hanging around hotels like a bachelor."

SEVERAL WERE DROWNED.

Street Car Plunged Into Ohio River at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 13.—It is believed that several persons were drowned here last night when a street car plunged into the Ohio river. A number of passengers have been taken from the car and rushed to hospitals.

You'll Find It On Whig's Classified Page.

To look the city over for "just the place you desire" for a house is easy—and profitable if you look at the available places for sale and to rent through The Whig Classified Page.

There are rooms, flats, apartments and comfortable homes vacant. Turn to the Classified Section and you are sure to find "just what you are looking for."

ROBBERS BUSY EARLY MONDAY IN NEW YORK

Take \$50,000 in Alcohol and \$100,000 in Jewels.

GAG THE WATCHMEN

Of Warehouse and Jewel Company—Thirty-Four Injured in Brooklyn Train Collision.

New York, Jan. 13.—Working leisurely through the night with electric drills and crowbars, eight robbers cut through the thirty-inch brick and steel walls of an alcohol warehouse early to-day, and escaped with alcohol valued at \$50,000 after overpowering and gagging the watchman. The alcohol was loaded on trucks.

Robbed Jewellery Safe.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 13.—The safe of Van Housen Charles Company, jewellers, was blown early to-day by robbers who over-powered, gagged and bound the watchman and escaped with money and jewels valued at many thousand dollars. No official estimate of the loss has been made but it is believed the loss may approximate \$100,000.

Thirty-four Injured.

New York, Jan. 13.—Thirty-four persons were injured to-day in a collision between two Brooklyn-Manhattan trains on the Williamsburg bridge in a heavy fog. Twenty of these were moved to hospitals.

FARMERS WANT MILLIONS

Grand Schemes for Storage and Handling of Staple.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A bill to appropriate \$100,000,000 for the Government to buy wheat, store it in bonded elevators, and sell it to stabilize prices for the farmer, was introduced in the House today by Representative Little, Republican, Kansas.

An appropriation of \$200,000,000 would be made for the creation of a Federal Agricultural Marketing Board to handle corn, wheat and cotton under a bill introduced to-day by Senator Frazier, Republican, North Dakota.

Work Together.

Paris, Jan. 13.—Realizing that the country would not tolerate another ministerial crisis, even a partial one, the members of the Left Cartel on the Chamber of Deputies' Finance Committee have lost courage in their proposal to defeat the financial project of Minister of Finance Doumer. When their courage failed it required very little persuasion by Premier Briand to lead them to collaborate with the Government in preparing a financial measure which will find the widest possible acceptance.

Rubber From California.

New York, Jan. 13.—Cultivation of rubber on a large scale in the United States, principally in California, is foreseen in Wall street through the reorganization of the Inter-Continental Rubber Co., which has been experimenting profitably on the Pacific coast for years with the Guayule shrub. Prominent financiers are reported to be back of the plan.

Would Abolish Stamp Taxes.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—Abolition of all stamp taxes on commercial documents will be urged upon the Dominion Government by the Winnipeg Board of Trade. The preamble of a resolution adopted by that body points out that the stamp tax on commercial papers, involves considerable "burden and nuisance" to business houses, out of all proportion to the revenue derived.

Paper Reaches 105th Year.

Brookville, Jan. 13.—The Brookville Recorder newspaper Saturday completed an uninterrupted publication of 105 years without change of title. It was founded in 1821 by Chaucery Beach, an itinerant printer, as the first newspaper in Upper Canada east of Kingston, and is today the sole survivor of all of its contemporaries at that period.

The Best Mother.

Constantinople, Jan. 13.—Madama Janet Pasha, wife of Turkey's Premier, has been chosen Turkey's "best mother" by the Turkish Women's Union because of the prominent part she has played in politics and in aiding her husband's work in the interest of peace. She is the mother of four children.

Bandits Attack and Rob Missionary and Family

Amoy, China, Jan. 13.—Nineteen bandits attacked Rev. Henry Poppen and family, missionaries of the Reformed Church of America, travelling from Amoy to Lung Yen Chow, and robbed them of all valuables in their possession. One servant was shot and wounded. The party otherwise was not harmed.

MINERS DISCUSSED BIBLE AND PRAYED

While Held in Death Trap—Only Two of Twenty-one Survived.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 13.—When things looked darkest for the 21 men entombed in an air lock following an explosion in the Jamieson Coal and Coke Company Mine, near here, their upmost thought was of God and a greater portion of the 13 hours they spent in their underground prison was devoted to discussion of the Bible and in prayer.

This was revealed by John H. (Jock) McNeil, 60-year-old compressor engineer, who with Lee Petty, a foreman, supervised the construction of the banded barricade to protect the little band from the mine gases which were fatal to nineteen of their fellow-workers.

"Every single man was a perfect Christian gentleman during the long ordeal," said McNeil, who explained that although some of the miners could hardly understand what the others said, because of the varied nationalities represented, all seemed to comprehend the situation and unite when appeals were made for Divine guidance and aid."

TO CONSIDER THE AWARD.

Of National Wages Board, on Railwaymen's Question.

London, Jan. 13.—A vital meeting of members of the National Union of Railwaymen will be held at the end of this week to consider the recent award of the national wages board on the wage question that has been under investigation for some time, and which has threatened to develop into a serious dispute between railway workers and railway companies. The award is said to be a compromise that has left matters in much the same state as they were before the inquiry was held.

Escaped Through Window Of Their Burning Home

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.—Trapped in their burning home, Jacob Walters and his four children, escaped through a window on Sunday. All were injured when out by glass, but none seriously.

DIES IN HIS OFFICE.

Sudden Passing of a Railway Official at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, Jan. 13.—Returning to-day on an early morning train from Detroit where he had been on business, Charles L. Singer, district passenger agent of the Michigan Central Railway, was taken suddenly ill and expired in his office. Angina pectoris was the cause of death.

THE COMMONS AGAIN TAKES UP DEBATE

Conservative Leader Expected to Move Another Want-of-Confidence Motion.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The House of Commons assembled again this afternoon when the debate on the speech from the Throne will begin. The week-end passed quietly. The Conservative leader is expected to move a direct want of confidence amendment, which will again bring on a battle for political supremacy.

The question of a contest in Prince Albert, where Premier King will seek a seat in the Commons at bye-election on February 15th, has not been decided. This morning, Hon. Vincent Massey, minister without portfolio, in the Mackenzie King Government, was in conference with Robert Forke, Progressive leader, and it is thought that the Prince Albert bye-election was discussed.

Good Fishing.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 13.—The total market value of fishing operations off the Nova Scotia coast during 1925, together with by-products will exceed \$10,000,000, according to official statistics made public today. The total value for 1924 was \$9,776,250.

Mrs. C. H. Dickie Dead.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13.—Mrs. C. H. Dickie, wife of the federal member of Parliament for Nanaimo riding, died suddenly here on Saturday night.

LITTLE GIRLS DASHED INTO SMALL CREEK

When They Were Tobogganing on Bank of Loughboro Lake.

SMALL CHILD RESCUED

By Two Companions Who Carried Her to Shore—Ice Snow Caused Miscalculation.

Three small Battersea girls, Frances Carlton, Iona Clark and Flora Spraves, none of them over ten years of age, while enjoying themselves tobogganing down one of the hills which forms the banks of the outlet from Loughboro Lake into Dog Lake, found that the toboggan on which they were taking their first trip down, was rapidly gaining momentum and finding that it would be impossible to stop themselves before they were plunged into the rapid water of the creek, attracted the attention of a neighbor in time to see them floundering about in the water.

The water in this place is not very deep, although it was over the head of the smallest child, who was saved from drowning by the prompt action of the older children. In spite of the swift current they carried her to shore. The children on reaching the shore were taken care of by the neighbor, who had already arrived on the scene attracted by the cries of the children; and it was not long before they arrived home safe and sound, although all the children are suffering from shock and chill.

The children had often tobogganed there before, but the icy condition of the surface of the snow caused them to miscalculate the distance which they would go.

THROWN FROM CAKE OF ICE INTO WATER

Carmon Hartley Had Narrow Escape From Drowning at Loughboro Lake.

While cutting ice on Loughboro Lake, Carmon Hartley had a very narrow escape from drowning when a cake of ice, which he was poling, suddenly turned over, throwing him into the icy waters. On coming up he found that he was several feet from the edge of the ice and it was only by chance that he struck out in the right direction and reach the hole.

There his comrades helped him out. Mr. Hartley is presently suffering from chill and is confined to his home.

THE KIWANIS CLUB HAS LIVELY DEBATE

Favor Juvenile Court, But There is a Marked Division of Opinion.

After a session of discussion which took up nearly an hour of the time for the meeting today at noon, the Kiwanis Club passed a resolution approving of the establishment of a juvenile court for the city of Kingston. The motion was passed after a very lively debate. Leading members of the club took issue with one another on the question.

Two Ottawa Workmen Succumb to Burns

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Two workmen, who were severely burned as a result of an explosion in the J. R. Booth Ltd., heating plant last Friday, are dead. The first to succumb was Jean Baptiste Morissette, aged forty-four, who died Sunday afternoon. The other injured man, Joseph Le Sage, aged fifty-one years, died early this morning.