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## Heavy Vote Is Being Polled In The Prince Albert, Sask., Bye-Election

### FINE WEATHER FOR ELECTION IN THE WEST

The Roads Are Good in the Rural Districts.

### 138 POLLING PLACES

In Vote of October 29 Liberal and Progressive Polled 7,908 and Conservative 2,443.

Prince Albert, Sask., Feb. 15.—A heavy vote will be cast in the Prince Albert bye-election in which Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King is opposed by David L. Burgess, Independent, according to indications early to-day. Many were on hand when the city polls opened, and reports from the rural districts stated that the early vote was unusually large. The roads are good, despite a light fall of snow in many sections of the constituency during the night. The weather is bright and clear to-day, and the temperature slight above zero.

The vote in the three-cornered contest of Oct. 29th was: Charles McDonald, Liberal, 5,301; J. J. Diebaker, Conservative, 2,443; Andrew Knox, Progressive, 3,067. This represented approximately 80 per cent. of the registered vote of the city, and approximately 50 per cent. of the registered vote of the rural polling division. The farm population was extremely busy at the time. Heavy rains had held up threshing for weeks, and fine weather barely preceded polling day. Conditions now are ideal for bringing out a large vote. The country roads are in splendid condition.

The intense campaign conducted on behalf of both candidates has created interest in every corner of the riding. With the concluding meetings Saturday night, the Liberal speakers completed a tour which included every urban and rural centre. The Independent campaign was not so extensive, but has taken in every urban centre and touched on widely distributed rural points.

There are 138 polling stations. Arrangements have been made to have the official vote compiled in four days, with the expectation that the writ will be mailed to Ottawa before the end of the week.

### ONE MINER KILLED; THIRTY-FIVE BURNED

When Explosion Took Place in Powhatan Mine at Bellaire, Ohio.

Bellaire, Ohio, Feb. 15.—One miner was killed, nineteen others were injured, one perhaps fatally, at the Powhatan mine, sixteen miles south of here this morning. Six hundred other men in the mine escaped uninjured. An explosion at the foot of the main shaft occurred. One body was taken out of the mine and thirty-five men, badly burned, were carried out.

### GUN EXPLODES AND BOY'S HAND INJURED

Charge Went Through It—Effort Being Made to Save Fingers.

William Bewos of 14 Chestnut street suffered a severe injury to his left hand on Saturday afternoon, when a gun, with which he was shooting, exploded. The boy was shooting on Barrieffield common and it is thought that snow got in the gun and caused the explosion. The charge went through the centre part of his hand and an effort is being made to save the fingers. Following the accident the boy was taken to the General Hospital where Dr. M. J. Morrison and Dr. S. A. Keyes gave him medical attention.

### NORMAN R. GIBSON

Appointed Chief Engineer of Niagara Falls Power Company. Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 15.—Norman R. Gibson, graduate of the University of Toronto in 1904, has been appointed Chief Engineer of the Niagara Falls Power Company, with which he had been employed since 1916. Mr. Gibson has been active in large projects in this city and Windsor. He succeeds the late John L. Hopper.

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What Is a Farm Product? There may be very wide difference of opinion as to what is a farm product. Wheat, no doubt, is a farm product. Is flour? Strictly speaking it certainly is not. The farmer is anxious for a high price for his wheat. He is interested in buying flour at a low price. Butter, on the other hand, is sometimes made on the farm. The farmer, at least, is not very often a purchaser of butter, he is interested in a high price for that commodity. There are many items which are on the border line. Then there are articles such as wheat of which we produce such quantities for export that a duty upon imported wheat would be of little value so far as possible benefit to the farmer is concerned. A slightly different condition occurs in a case like tobacco, we grow quite a bit of tobacco. We import much more. A duty may benefit the grower. A duty adds to the price for the users.

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state to be re-exported again. It also contains hides, skins and wool. Much of these importations consist of qualities not produced in Canada. There are a great number of other articles not strictly competing with Canadian farm products. My own estimate is that we import approximately \$46,000,000, or about 45c a month for every man, woman and child in the country, of farm products which could, by a wild stretch of the imagination, be said to be competitive with Canadian farm products. Let me list them briefly and examine the items: (1) Fruits—\$5,000,000 approximately (this includes apples, \$368,031). We export over \$6,000,000 worth of apples alone and the main importations are of early fruit, which is not really in competition with our own product. Of course it is conceivable that a duty could be imposed so high that apples might be brought from Nova Scotia to Plasher Creek instead of from Spokane, but it would be the climax of absurdity. Included in the list is strawberries and many other fruits where our season is late, the American import early and thus the American import does not really compete with ours, or, if so, it injures our market very slightly, if at all.

Our Winter Vegetables. Then we have nearly \$5,000,000 worth of vegetables. Theoretically I suppose all this could be purchased in glass houses in Canada, but the suggestion is merely grotesque. We ought to face realities. We have a charming and delightful climate. I do not think there is a doubt of that. Nevertheless it has its disadvantages. The production of vegetables in the winter is restricted. If we want to remove the disadvantage existing in that regard then lower, not raise, the duty and thus overcome one of the disadvantages of a cold winter.

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### FIVE LIVES ARE LOST IN A CHESHIRE FIRE

Through Attempting to Save Priceless Art Treasures—Few Saved.

Chester, Eng., Feb. 15.—Five lives were lost in a fire which destroyed Sir Philip Grey Egerton's ancestral home at Oulton Park, Tarporley, Cheshire, on Saturday night. The victims of the fire were Mrs. J. H. Spans, Miss B. Lloyd, head housemaid, Fred Crank, aged eighteen, game keeper, and H. White, aged eighteen, farm laborer, and Joseph Hunt, member of the Tarporley volunteer fire brigade. Mr. Hunt leaves a widow and seven children.

The five perished in the flames in attempting to save priceless art treasures including paintings by Rubens and other old masters, and a number of tapestries. Despite the sacrifice of life very few of the treasures were saved.

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### SIMPSON'S COUNSEL TALKS WITH RED RYAN

Endeavoring to Establish an Alibi for His Client in Bank Robbery.

On Saturday afternoon, the Toronto solicitor acting in the interests of Gordon Simpson, who is charged with breaking in a bank in Toronto after his escape from the Port Arthur penitentiary, in September, 1925, had an interview with "Red" Ryan. Permission was obtained from the Minister of Justice for the interview. Although nothing official was announced, it is understood that the interview lasted for some time. Simpson is trying to establish an alibi, claiming that he was not with "Red" Ryan when the robbery was committed.

Driving the U. S. Grain Business to Winnipeg. Chicago, Feb. 15.—Arthur W. Catten, a prominent grain operator, believes that "government interference has demoralized the grain markets," and is driving this country's business to Winnipeg. "Misunderstanding of the function that speculation performs has led to a series of rulings which, instead of helping matters for the farmer, makes them worse," Mr. Catten said to-day.

The many friends of Mrs. George Henderson, Earl street, will be pleased to hear that she is improving after a very serious illness.

### JAILED FOR RIPPING EMPLOYER'S TROUSERS

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—Angered because he had been dismissed, Albert Manning, a farm hand near Winkler, Man., ripped his employer's Sunday trousers to shreds. He was fined and ordered to replace the trousers, but falling both, was sent to the provincial jail for two months to "cool off."

### GREATER SAVINGS. And Less Speculation in Canada During Past Year.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Savings deposits held in Canadian banks were approximately eighty-one million dollars greater at the end of 1925 than at the close of 1924. The bank statement for December, just issued through the finance department, shows savings deposits held by Canadian banks on December 31st last at \$1,318,875,483. A year ago they totalled \$1,237,611,369. Call loans held in Canada decreased by over seven million dollars during the month of December last, and call loans held outside the Dominion increased by approximately ten millions.

### Turkey's Cost of Living Increases 50 Per Cent.

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—Turkey, like Russia, is nationalizing production. It already has made government monopolies of tobacco, cigarettes, paper, benzine, kerosene, sugar and matches. Now it has decided to nationalize the manufacture, importation and sale of whiskey, wine, beer and other alcoholic drinks. The Ankara government also announces a tax of from 10 to 30 per cent. on all food or drink served in public places. This, with other taxes, will increase the cost of living in Turkey 50 per cent.

### IMMATURE WHISKEY PROBE IS POSSIBLE

Release From Distilleries of New Alcohol Menace to The Public.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The practice of permitting, by order-in-council, the release from distilleries for consumption "for general purposes" of whiskey immediately after manufacture, is likely to be thrashed out at further length before the committee which is now engaged in probing the administration of the customs and excise department.

Evidence adduced Friday has created considerable disquiet from various viewpoints. Prohibitionists in parliament are of the opinion that while all alcohol is bad, immature alcohol is not only bad, but is a brain poison and a foster father of crime. They hold that the release of alcohol "for consumption" immediately after manufacture is a menace to public health and morals. Members who are not prohibitionists are also said to object to such release on the grounds of health.

### ANTHRACITE AT \$15.

Retailers Make Price Prediction for Three Weeks' Time.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Within three weeks domestic anthracite can be bought for \$15 a ton, local retailers said.

Most of the operators' and miners' representatives had left for their homes by noon, although John L. Lewis, miners' leader will remain here until tomorrow.

Promotion of George Simpson. Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The promotion of George Simpson, former associate editor of Debates and Reporter, to the position of Editor of Debates and Chief of Reporting Staff, House of Commons, left vacant by the recent retirement of Colin Campbell, who held the post for many years, is announced. Earl C. Young, formerly Hansard reporter in the House of Commons, is promoted to the position of associate editor of Debates and Reporter.

### A Whig Classified Ad. Sells a Cow

One advertisement, one sale. This proved to be the case of Mr. H. C. Webber, Regent street, who had a cow for sale. Shortly after the advertisement appeared in The Whig, Mr. Webber made a sale, and so the advertisement appeared only in the one issue. This is the way to do business. The Whig is "carrying on" from day to day, with a first-class service. Give the Classified Page a trial.

### ITALY'S DEBT ANNUITY PAID BY A LOTTERY

Riots Break Out When a Peasant's Prophecies Fail.

### GOVERNMENT BENEFITS

By 100,000,000 Lire in Lottery Spree—An Example of Mob Psychology.

Rome, Feb. 15.—Ignazio Torraca, a poor and almost illiterate resident of the town of San Ferdinando, in the province of Puglia, Saturday, unloosened the purse strings of Italian citizens and handed over to the government a sum of money estimated to be sufficient to pay one year's annuity on the war debt to the United States.

In other words, the government won at the official lottery booths throughout the nation between 100,000,000 and 125,000,000 lire because millions of Italians put faith in Torraca's predictions, which failed to come true.

Behind this simple statement lies an amazing story of how mob psychology, fanned by credulity and carefully arranged publicity, sent the entire Italian nation on a gambling spree—unprecedented in history.

### Tips Off The Nation.

A week ago stories trickled into the big cities describing how Torraca through a secret process of divination, inherited on his father's deathbed, had tipped off friends, poor residents of San Ferdinando, as to the winning numbers of the official lottery. His predictions being so uncannily accurate that the entire countryside had become enriched.

Newspaper men by the score hastened to San Ferdinando and the larger dailies printed interviews and stories running to eight and ten columns. Afterward Torraca announced that he would predict the winning numbers in this week's lottery. He kept the nation in suspense until Friday night, when he made public several "sure winners."

All day long Saturday the lottery booths in virtually every city of the nation were besieged by fortune hunters. Police and carabinieri were called out to control the mob which, after the booths were closed, smashed the windows and started small riots.

### Troops Guard Tipster.

Dispatches from Turin, Milan, Naples and Bari say, success after success, that Torraca had not been witnessed since the rioting in the days immediately following the World War. At Naples alone 20,000,000 lire were wagered, and at Bari 12,000,000.

Announcement of the failure of the "sure thing" numbers was transmitted by telegraph and radio, and in some places the newspapers issued special editions.

Meanwhile Torraca is being heavily guarded by carabinieri against the popular wrath, especially since the rumor has been started that he was subsidized in his activities by governmental authorities. It is believed he will be escorted to a secret hiding place.

### NAMED BANK INSPECTOR.

John R. Littlepond Goes to Penny Bank Staff.

London, Ont., Feb. 15.—John R. Littlepond, a member of the public school teaching staff at Simcoe street school, has been named to the new position of provincial inspector of the Penny bank system.

The office has been created by the department of education in an effort to create greater interest in Penny bank savings and incidentally to generally direct its affairs throughout the province. The system has grown by leaps and bounds in the past few years until today Penny bank deposits are made by the most isolated rural school classes.

### INVESTIGATING DEATH.

Of Aged Livery Man at Sutton Last Wednesday.

### CLUB FORMED TO PREVENT DIVORCE

Trenton, N.J., Feb. 15.—With its primary object declared to be to prevent the growing "divorce evil" in Canada and the United States, incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State Martin Saturday for "The First Year Club," an organization which will work without profit.

### WILL PRESENT A LIFE SAVING MEDAL BY RADIO

Sir Henry Thornton to Make Address from ONRO at Ottawa.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—For the first time in the history of the world, the official presentation of a medal granted for life-saving will be made by radio, when on Wednesday night February 17th at 9.30 o'clock, Sir Henry Thornton, chairman and president of the C.N.R., speaking from ONRO, Ottawa, will present the medal of the Royal Humane Society of Canada to Mrs. P. G. Polblank, a resident of O'Brien, a small community in the hinterland of Quebec, for saving the life of a child. In the home of Mrs. Polblank at O'Brien, a receiving set has been installed and she and the principal residents of the community will be gathered there when the presentation is being made. An official of the company will make the trip to O'Brien with the medal, and as Sir Henry actually utters the words of presentation, the decoration will be handed to Mrs. Polblank, who is the wife of an official of the C.N.R.

### BUDGET EXPECTED EARLY THIS SESSION

The Liberals Want Better Supervision of Grants to New Ontario.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—It is thought that there will be comparatively few speakers, after the leaders, to participate in the debate on the Speech from the Throne in the Legislature. They consequently expect that the budget will come down early in the session. This will mean an early start for the committees, and in all probability the deliberations of the Public Accounts Committee, and the Private Bills Committee will command more interest than the session of the Legislature itself.

It is learned from Liberal sources that demands will be made for a more rigid form of supervision by the House respecting expenditures of special grants and votes for New Ontario under the authority of Northern Development Act and the Northwestern Ontario Development Act.

Complaint is made that after the House votes the \$5,000,000 required under these Acts almost every year, there is no control over where it is spent. It might all be apportioned to one or a group of favored localities at the discretion of the Minister, with the result that other portions are "starved" of the benefits to be derived from good roads and other developments.

The Presbyterian amendments to the Church Union Bill will also be before this Committee and will probably be the occasion of a dispute reminiscent of last year.

### QUERY BY H. C. HOCKEN.

Liquor Shipment to Mexico to Be Aired in House.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Information concerning "a shipment of whiskey from Walkerville, Ont., to one Watson, Ensenada, Mexico, and the cancellation of the bond given in connection therewith," is asked of the Government in notice which H. C. Hocken, Conservative, of Toronto (West Centre), has given of his intention of asking for an order of the House for documents and papers in the case.

### \$10,000,000 DONATION.

Gift to Egypt by Rockefeller Announced by Brested.

Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 15.—The gift of \$10,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., of New York, to King Feud and the Egyptian people for the establishment of a great museum and archaeological institute at Cairo, is announced by Prof. James H. Brested, acting as the representative of Mr. Rockefeller here.

President Lewis of the Miners Union is severely criticised over the strike settlement.

Inspector Walter Duncan is reported to have resigned his customs appointment. The Government of the South African Union has decided to design a new Union flag.

### KILLED WHEN CAR CRASHED INTO A DITCH

Harold Naylor, Belleville, the Victim of Accident.

### STIRLING BOY KILLED

When He Was Pitched Out of a Cutter By a Runaway Horse.

Belleville, Feb. 15.—Harold Naylor was almost instantly killed at 3 o'clock this morning when a car in which he was riding, and which was being driven by William H. Gilbert, Sr., overturned and crashed into the ditch about half way between Belleville and Trenton. The party in the automobile was returning from Trenton when the tragedy occurred. The other occupants of the car, one of whom was Mrs. Naylor, Harold's wife, escaped with the exception of the driver, who was injured.

### Boy Meets Death.

Belleville, Feb. 15.—Ted Gould, son of R. E. Gould, cartage man, of Stirling, was killed on Saturday when he was pitched out of a cutter by a runaway horse and landed on his head. The horse took fright when the boy jumped into the rear part of the cutter.

### WARRANT FOR ARREST OF EARL OF CRAVEN

U.S. Immigration Inspectors Say He Admits Guilt of Moral Turpitude.

New York, Feb. 15.—A warrant for the arrest of the Earl of Craven was requested by telegraph yesterday by Henry H. Curran, Commissioner of immigration from the Department of Labor. The Earl admitted to immigration inspectors that prior to his entry to this country he had committed adultery with the Countess of Cathcart, who is now held at Ellis Island on a similar charge. He is liable to be deported.

When the Earl came to this country some time ago with his wife, no question was raised as to his right to enter. On the Countess' arrival several days ago, however, inspectors asked her the usual question as to whether she had ever been convicted or admitted a crime involving "moral turpitude." She answered this question, "Yes," whereas the Earl had answered "No," according to immigration authorities. She explained to inspectors that she had eloped from the home of her elderly husband with the Earl of Craven and that he had been mentioned as co-respondent in her divorce. She said that after the elopement the Earl had returned to his wife and later came with her to America. She said that her own journey to America was in no way connected with a desire to see the Earl of Craven, but was entirely for the purpose of disposing of her literary product. In an interview at Ellis Island the Countess stated that she saw no reason why she should be barred from the country, when the Earl of Craven, who was equally guilty, had been admitted. It was after this that immigration inspectors located the Earl at the home of his uncle here and obtained his admission of elopement with the Countess.

### The Earl in Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—The Earl of Craven was staying at a local hotel in Montreal to-day. He refused to be interviewed. A warrant has been issued in New York for the arrest of the earl on a charge of evading immigration regulations.

### Bandit Kills Confectioner And Then Rifles the Till

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 15.—John Degras, aged forty-six, proprietor of a confectionery and soft drink store, was shot and almost instantly killed last night by an unknown bandit who, with a companion, held up the establishment. After the shooting, the men calmly rifled the cash register of about \$20 and escaped.

It costs Quebec province 14.64 cents a day to feed each prisoner lodged in the Montreal jail during 1925, the annual report shows.