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Meighen Sworn In As Premier

Passage of Supply Will Likely Receive Support Of Progressive Party

Reports Are That Premier Meighen Will Hold Bye-Elections for the Return of His Cabinet Rather Than General Elections—No Plans Yet Announced by New Prime Minister.

Ottawa, June 29.—Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, was sworn in as Prime Minister of Canada at Government House shortly after 11 o'clock this morning.

Reports to-day are that if Premier Arthur Meighen secures the passage of supply in the House of Commons, he will hold bye-elections for the return of his Cabinet rather than general elections. The Prime Minister has not so far made any announcement of his plans, but in Conservative circles it is stated that they will largely depend on developments in the House during the day.

A TEMPORARY MINISTRY

Ottawa, June 29.—Proceedings opened in the House of Commons to-day with the Conservative party occupying the Government benches, while the Liberals were across the floor occupying seats held by the Opposition yesterday. Ex-Premier Mr. King had Mr. Meighen's former seat, while Sir Henry Drayton occupied that vacated by W. L. Mackenzie King. The first business was the reading of a statement by Sir Henry Drayton.

Drayton's Statement.

Immediately following the resignation of the late Government and the adjournment of the House yesterday, His Excellency the Governor-General sent for Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, leader of the Conservative party, and requested him to form a new administration. Mr. Meighen advised His Excellency last evening that he would undertake this task and was sworn in this morning as Prime Minister, Secretary of State for External Affairs and President of the Privy Council.

The Prime Minister decided to constitute a temporary ministry composed of seven members, who would be sworn in without portfolio and who would assume responsibility as acting ministers of several departments. This step has been taken and the following members have accepted office as ministers without portfolio:

- Acting Cabinet.
- Sir Henry Drayton—Finance Department and Railways Department.
- Hon. R. J. Manion—Department of Health, Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, Post Office Department, Immigration Department and Labor Department.
- Sir George Perley—Department of Secretary of State and Department of Public Works.
- Hon. H. H. Stevens—Customs Department, Department of Indian Affairs and Mines, Interior Department, Agriculture Department and Trade and Commerce Department.
- Hon. Hugh Guthrie—Department of Justice and Department of National Defence.
- Hon. W. A. Black—Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Mr. Meighen having accepted an office of ennoblement under the Crown, namely that of Prime Minister, has therefore vacated his seat and has asked me to assume the temporary duty of leading the Government in the House.

Continuing the statement said that the Government deemed it its duty to dispose of the customs report before adjournment. He added: "So soon as prorogation takes effect Mr. Meighen will immediately address himself to the task of constituting a Government in the method established by custom. The present plan is merely to meet an unusual, if not unprecedented situation."

The reading of the statement by Sir Henry Drayton was interrupted by derisive Liberal cheering. When Sir Henry had concluded, Mr. Mackenzie King, on a question of privilege, emphatically denied a report that the Governor-General had declined to sanction certain appointments recommended by the Government.

The House then proceeded with routine business and took up the customs report with amendments.

The Four Bolters Return to the Fold

Ottawa, June 29.—The four bolting Progressives, Lucas, Campbell, Bontiller and Fanshawe, who defeated the government, have returned to the Progressive fold.

They attended the Progressive caucus today, indicating the possibility of a reunion of the Progressive forces and a demand on the Meighen Government for the implementing of the western legislation now held up by the senate.

The United Farmers Win in Alberta; Brownlee Has an Increased Majority

Result in the Cities Not Yet Announced as Counting Proceeds Slowly Through the Preferential Balloting System.

Calgary, Alta., June 29.—Premier J. E. Brownlee, fighting his first campaign as leader of the United Farmers of Alberta, was returned to power with an increased majority as the result of the provincial elections yesterday. Returns had barely started coming in last night when it was plainly indicated that the electorate had endorsed the record of the U. F. A. during its first term of office and had given it a mandate for the second time. Throughout the night the advantage of the government increased and at midnight when the compilation of unofficial returns virtually ceased, the extent of the Government victory was fairly well defined.

The unknown quantity in the election was virtually narrowed down early to-day to the cities of Edmonton and Calgary where the counting of the various choices indicated through the preferential balloting system was proceeding slowly. It is not expected that the results for the cities will be known until to-night. The same situation exists in a large number of rural polls. The party standings early to-day remained unchanged from the midnight tabulation, which was as follows: Farmers 42; Liberals 9; Conservatives 5; Labor 2; Independent Labor 1; Independent 1. At dissolution the Farmers had 40 seats; Liberals 10; Labor 1; Independents 6 with 6 seats vacant.

Strong in Rural Ridings.

The Government displayed exceptional strength in the rural ridings, the premier and all members of his cabinet, with the possible exception of Hon. Alex Ross, minister of public works, being sure of election. Mr. Ross, who ran under the Labor banner in Calgary, was sixth on the list following the first count; he is expected to pull through on the counting of further preferences. Conservative representation in the legislature may reach a total of five seats, with the members coming chiefly from the cities. The Conservative party had no representation in the last legislature at the time of dissolution, although one member was returned in 1921 as an Independent Conservative in Lethbridge riding. He later resigned. The Liberal party may lose a seat or two on the basis of compilations early to-day.

Portraits Go to Toronto

For some time, the civic property committee has had under consideration the question of having the oil portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald, in Memorial Hall, retouched. The City Council, on Monday night, passed a recommendation of the committee, to have the work done, and it was a coincidence that the portrait of the great Conservative chief was taken from its frame on Tuesday morning—the morning following the big political upheaval at Ottawa.

The portrait of Sir John Macdonald, along with that of Hon. Christopher Hagerman, will be shipped to Toronto, where the work of retouching the portraits of these distinguished men will be carried out by Mr. J. Lexton Rawbon.

DEVELOPMENT OF ST. LAWRENCE POWER

Is Urged in Report of the New York State Engineer.

Albany, N.Y., June 29.—"Practical development" of the St. Lawrence River water power is urged in a report submitted by State Engineer Roy G. Finch at the request of New York State Water Power Commission on applications of the St. Lawrence Valley Power Corporation (frontier corporation) and the American Super-Power Corporation to develop and distribute power. Mr. Finch finds that a single stage development would be more desirable. The cost would be from \$207,000,000 to \$237,000,000 for either development, and would be about the same for either type. "The choice, however, is not vital, so long as the state is protected," he said.

PRELIMINARY SESSION.

Dominion church Property Investigation Opens. Ottawa, June 29.—The Dominion Church Property Commission, which is to determine the share of the non-concurring Presbyterian congregations in the property, rights and privileges of the parent church, held its preliminary meeting here yesterday. Rt. Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, of the Supreme Court of Canada, who had been agreed upon as chairman of the commission, presided at the meeting, and the other commissioners present were I. Pihlback, K.C.; Dr. Walter C. Murray and Dr. J. W. Macmillan, appointed by the United Church; Thomas McMillan, G. Howard Ferguson and Dr. Thomas Eakin, appointed by the non-concurring congregations, and Dye W. Saunders, K.C., and T. P. Galt, K.C., agreed upon by both parties. N. W. Rowell, K.C., C. W. Mason, K.C., and E. Ward Wright appeared as counsel for the United Church, and D. L. McCarthy, K.C., and Norman Macdonnell for the non-concurring congregations.

The commission dealt with organization and procedure, and adjourned to permit investigation of the matter that will come before it at its regular sittings, which will begin on September 7th. C. H. A. Armstrong was appointed as counsel to the commission.

Members of Hamilton council are said to be prepared to eliminate from the Gore, Nassmith and Scobie report the expenditure for filtration purposes.



HON. J. E. BROWNLEE

The only two women to seek election in the province received large popular votes. Hon. Irene Parbury, minister without portfolio, went on the first count at Lacombe while Mrs. McClung, Liberal, former member for Edmonton, appeared certain of election in Calgary where she stood fourth after the first choice had been counted. The voting both in cities and counties was much below the expectation of the party leaders.

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CRITICISM OF ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNOR

Liberals Claim His Excellency Did Not Follow Precedent.

IN REFUSING REQUEST

Of Ex-Premier King for Dissolution—No Proof That Meighen Can Control Majority.

Ottawa, June 29.—The action of the Governor-General in refusing dissolution to ex-premier King is the subject of wide comment. Among the Liberals there is frank criticism and assertion that His Excellency, in acting as he did, was not following established precedent. The point they take is that Mr. MacKenzie King, while Prime Minister, was his constitutional adviser, and that there has so far been no proof that Right Hon. Arthur Meighen controls a majority of the House of Commons.

It is freely predicted that there is likelihood of bitter fighting before the House prorogues. There is talk of an amendment to supply, the aim of which would be to demonstrate that Mr. Meighen has no majority in the House.

"I see no reason why we should not pass supply," said Robert Forke, Progressive leader, when asked if the Progressive group would co-operate with a Government to pass estimates. "Beyond that I can't say anything. Our party met yesterday afternoon for a few minutes but we want more light on things before we take any definite stand."

Since Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King announced resignation of his government, the rumor has been given wide circulation that he has likewise tendered his resignation as leader of the Liberal party. At Mr. King's office, it is stated that nothing is known of any such action on his part.

A. SPEAKMAN IN BED.

Progressive M.P. Is Unable to Get About Yet. Calgary, June 29.—Alfred Speakman, federal member for Red Deer, is ill in bed at his home near Red Deer and is likely to remain there for the rest of the week. When asked yesterday whether he was returning to Ottawa in view of the crisis there, Mr. Speakman said: "Governments may come, and governments may go, but my business is to get well, and this may take some time."

Trapped in His House After Saving Family

Perth, June 29.—H. E. Moore, a farmer near Maberly, eighteen miles west of here, his wife and two small children had a narrow escape from being burned to death when fire destroyed their home early Saturday morning. Trapped in the upstairs of his home, Moore dropped his wife and children to safety from an upstairs window, and himself was rescued by neighbors as, overcome by smoke, he hung across the window sill.

An Alberta Rancher Appointed to Senate

Ottawa, June 29.—Daniel D. Reilly, of High River, Alta., has been appointed to the Senate. He succeeds the late Sir James Loughheed in the Alberta vacancy. It is officially announced that the appointment, although only announced yesterday afternoon, was made last week.

Senator Reilly is a prominent rancher of the High River district. He has a ranch adjoining the Prince of Wales and is former president of the Western Canada Stockmen's Association. He has been active in stock raising for many years and is a pioneer of the district.

To Form Government



RT. HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN, Leader of the Conservative party, who has been called upon to form a new Government at Ottawa.

POLITICAL CO-OPERATION.

Without a Conditional Agreement is Perilous. London, June 29.—The Daily News thinks that the present political crisis in Canada is of exceptional constitutional interest, involving the right of the exercise of the prerogative of the Governor-General who, it says, is forced into the position of arbitrator in a party battle. The crisis, the Daily News says, also emphasizes the perils of political co-operation without a conditional agreement. "The Liberals and Progressives," the paper states, "found it difficult to form a strong Government on the basis of a mere understanding—undetermined and practically undiscussed."

PLEA BY PERCY HAM

"Not Guilty" to Twelve Charges—\$500,000 Involved. Toronto, June 29.—Percy D. Ham pleaded "not guilty" to twelve charges involving forgery and uttering false pretences when he appeared before Judge Coatsworth in the sessions yesterday afternoon. The amount of money involved exceeds half a million dollars in connection with bond selling operations.

Senator Dandurand No Longer Leader of the Senate

Ottawa, June 29.—When the Upper House opened yesterday Senator Dandurand read the same statement made by Premier King in the Commons an hour earlier. He added: "Under such circumstances I have ceased to act in this Chamber as a member of the Government that has now gone out of office."

New Gold Strike In Red Lake District

Toronto, June 29.—Special despatch to the Toronto Star today from Hudson, Ontario, reports "a new big gold strike at Red Lake."

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Fraud and Conversion Charged Against Two Brokers. Belleville, June 29.—Otto R. Hubley and Walter G. Folkins, President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively of Hubley & Co., brokers, Toronto, were sent up for trial at the next Court of Assizes on charges of fraud and conversion, after preliminary hearing before Magistrate Williams at Picton. Application was made on their behalf by F. L. Ward, their counsel, for bail, and Magistrate Williams accepted one bail bond of \$10,000 for the two. F. R. Smythe, another director, was allowed his freedom on his bond to appear at the trial. It is the belief that the two men will ask for a speedy trial before the county judge.

Clean Up of Customs.

Ottawa, June 29.—"The farm party stand for the complete clean up of the customs from coast to coast," said Miss Agnes MacPhail to the Canadian Press after this morning's caucus. There should be a judicial enquiry immediately after the adjournment of parliament. "On condition that such a dominion-wide judicial enquiry is undertaken, the farm group to which I belong will be willing of course, to facilitate the winding up of the business of the session."

Boy Killed Under Tram. Toronto, June 29.—Frank Carpenter, aged nine years, was instantly killed by a shunting engine and freight train which passed over his body yesterday. The lad was playing along the railway tracks with another boy of his own age.

HOUSES MUST BE 15 FEET FROM STREET

City Council Decides About Erection of New Residences.

BAND CONCERT GRANT

Voted Additional Money to Complete Repairs on Stone Work of City Buildings.

WHAT CITY COUNCIL DID. Decided to grant the Board of Education the sum of \$10,000, to carry on the work of alterations at Louise school, pending the sale of the old Rideau school, and passed the necessary by-law to raise the money.

Granted the sum of \$500 for band concerts, and on the suggestion of Mayor Angrove, this sum will also provide for two community dances to be held on the market square.

Decided to have Mr. J. Loxton Rawbon, of Toronto, a former Kingstonian, retouch the oil paintings of Sir John A. Macdonald and Hon. Christopher Hagerman, in Memorial Hall, the work to cost \$550.

In order to give protection to houses already erected, decided that all houses constructed in the future, must be fifteen feet from the street line.

Voted an additional \$1,000 to complete repairs on the stone work on the city buildings.

Referred to the Board of Works the question of the city's share in the cost of dredging the Queen street slip.

Granted the application of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, to construct a pavement on Ontario street, 150 feet from the La Salle causeway, westerly to a point with the west end of the stone fence at a cost per cubic yard to be named by the city engineer. The government will pay for the pavement.

Held Special Meeting. The City Council held a special meeting on Monday night and cleaned off quite a slate of business accumulating since the last session.

The all-important matter of granting the Board of Education the sum of \$10,000, to carry out the proposed alterations to Louise school, pending the sale of the old Rideau school, was carried without one word of discussion and the necessary by-law for the raising of the money was also put through. The matter came before the council in a recommendation from the finance committee.

The finance committee also recommended that the sum of \$1,000 be provided to complete repairs on the stone work at the city buildings, and this recommendation was also adopted.

A letter was received from McCarty Bros., who have the contract for the repairs on the city buildings, in which they gave a report on the work carried out, stating that the sum of \$6,000 voted by council for this work had been used up and that it would require an additional \$1,000 to complete all the necessary work.

Mayor Angrove drew the attention of council to a very dangerous spot over the police station door. It had been estimated that it would take about \$250 to do this piece of work.

Ald. Kent stated that he had inspected this part of the building and that it certainly needed attention.

In reply to a question put by Ald. Boyd, the Mayor stated that about \$11,000 or \$12,000 had already been expended on the repairs to the building.

Ald. Boyd stated that if the council of twenty years ago had expended money in this work, it would not have been necessary to do so much work now, but he felt that it was money well spent in keeping up the buildings.

To Dredge Slip. A communication from the Department of Public Works, regarding the dredging of the Queen street slip was referred to the Board of Works, with power to act. The present government agreed to pay one-half the cost, and it is proposed to have the city pay a share, also Messrs. Sowards and Crawford, who use the slip. The Public Utilities Commission has already voted a sum not to exceed \$500 for the work.

A request from the Saffers' Home and Friendly Mission, for a grant, was referred to the finance committee.

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