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## The Liberals Expect to Win 125 Ridings at the Federal Elections

### EAGERNESS ON THE PART OF LEADING LIBERALS TO BECOME CANDIDATES IN COMING FIGHT

**"We Can Sweep the Country on This Issue," Hon. Ernest Lapointe Declares—The Issue Is That of Keeping Canada a Dominion Instead of Turning It Back Into a Colony.**

(Special to The British Whig.)  
Ottawa, July 8.—"We can sweep the country with this issue," was the declaration last week by Hon. Ernest Lapointe after a Liberal caucus. That is no idle prediction, because already news is coming in to Liberal headquarters from various parts of a real scramble, not only on the part of the rank and file to get out and fight on this issue as they never fought on any previous issue, but also on the part of advocates of Liberal principles to be candidates in this fight.

From Ontario points, especially, where good fighters are all that is needed to wrest a good portion of that province from the control of Toryism there comes news of good men offering themselves as standard-bearers. Hon. John C. Elliott, a high class campaigner, has been in Western Ontario in the last three or four days and reports a great fighting spirit and an eagerness on the part of leading Liberals to become candidates.

### Soviet May Cause A War Over India

Calcutta, July 8.—War within the present generation is likely to occur over India if Soviet government continues its present policy with relation to that country. Col. M. Saunders, director of military operations of the British army in India, believes. Col. Saunders, lecturing on the defense of India, paid special attention to the "Soviet menace."

**Succeeds Prof. McNaughton.**  
Toronto, July 8.—Prof. Gilbert Norwood, of University College, Cardiff, is appointed to succeed Prof. John MacNaughton in the headship of the classics department at University College. Prof. Norwood was professor of Greek at Cardiff since 1905.

**A Victim of Tetanus.**  
Toronto, July 8.—Edward Frost, aged six, died on Wednesday from poisoning that set in when his leg was cut on a broken lilac bush a week ago.

### Lord Byng's Action Far Transcends Canadian Politics, Says Noted Scholar

London, July 8.—"Lord Byng, in refusing the dissolution of parliament advised by Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King, has challenged effectively the doctrine of equality in the status of the Dominions and the United Kingdom, and has relegated Canada decisively to colonial status which we believed she had outgrown."

**STEAMER ON REEF; ALL ABOARD SAVED.**  
London, July 8.—A Lloyd's despatch from Melbourne, Australia, says the steamer Cooma has gone ashore on the north reef of Queensland. Passengers and crew were saved.

### Three Conservative Premiers Are Meeting in Montreal

Montreal, July 8.—Premier Meighen arrived in the city today. Premier Rhodes of Nova Scotia, and Premier Baxter, of New Brunswick, are also in town. It is understood that the three premiers and Senator L'Esperance, Conservative organizer in Quebec, will have a conference on the political situation.

**Too Late to Stabilize.**  
Paris, July 8.—Finance Minister Callaux told the chamber of deputies today that the government had no intention of stabilizing the franc at the present low level, but that it proposed first of all to rebuild confidence and then to stabilize the franc later at a better level. The franc was quoted at a new low level of 39-01 to the dollar today.

**Got Five Years Extra.**  
Auburn, N. Y., July 8.—Ransom D. Stone, an inmate of Auburn Prison, was given an additional five years behind the bars when he pleaded guilty to escape from a convict road camp in Niles on June 12th. Stone was captured in Canada, and is now back in prison, serving out a four-year term for forgery.

**Killed By Explosion.**  
Parry Sound, July 8.—While engaged in blasting operations in connection with a road construction by the Northern development branch of the Ontario Government, Thomas Fraser, Parry Sound, was instantly killed by an explosion of dynamite yesterday.

### Prof. Bruce Saw Some Fighting Between Moors and Spaniards

**Tells About a Moorish Dinner—Attended International Geological Congress in Madrid—Twenty-eight Countries Were Represented.**

"It's alright once as an experience but I wouldn't care for it often," said Prof. E. L. Bruce, speaking about a Moorish dinner of which the delegates to the International Geological Congress at Madrid, Spain, partook while they were in Morocco. Prof. Bruce, who was the delegate to the Congress of the Royal Society of Canada, was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Bruce and Miss Edna Chown. Dr. and Mrs. Bruce just returned to the city on Wednesday. Miss Chown was in New York for a few days.

**Opened by King Alfonso.**  
The congress in Madrid was formally opened by King Alfonso, an honorary president of the congress. A few days later King Alfonso and Queen Victoria gave a formal reception to the delegates and their wives. On this occasion the king and queen and other members of the royal family mingled with the guests and the queen was particularly interested in the Canadians. There were also a number of other functions held in Madrid during the week of the congress.

**Ten Canadians at Congress.**  
At the International Geological Congress there were ten Canadians including Prof. Bruce and 23 countries were represented by 300 geologists. The actual meetings of the congress occupy a week and during that time geologists from all parts of the world read papers on geological subjects. A very important feature of the congress however is the study made by the visiting geologists of the mineral deposits and formation of the country in which they are meeting. For this purpose side trips and excursions are made to various sections.

Two weeks before the convention opened, Prof. Bruce with Mrs. Bruce and Miss Chown and along with a number of other geologists went to southern Spain and northern Africa. While in Africa they were close enough to see some of the fighting between the Moors and the Spaniards in Morocco. On this trip they visited the iron deposits at Uxion, which are worked by the Spaniards with Arab labor to such good advantage that they are able to export iron ore to the United States. Returning to Spain they visited the cities of Malaga and Seville.

### WILL BORDEN BE MEMBER OF NEW CABINET?

**Henri Bourassa Says This Is One of the Tory Bombs.**

### MAY ENTER SENATE

**And Become the Conservative Leader There, Is One of the Ottawa Reports.**

Montreal, July 8.—"Le Devoir," organ of Henri Bourassa, former M. P. for Labelle, last evening gave prominence to the following:  
"According to what can be learned, one of the bombs which the Conservatives are preparing to launch is the re-entry of Sir Robert Borden, former prime minister of Canada from 1911 to 1919, into active politics in order to assist Mr. Meighen with his counsel and direction during the forthcoming electoral campaign."

"It has been said that Mr. Meighen will nominate Sir Robert Borden to the Senate, to represent one of the constituencies of Nova Scotia, and it has even been added that the former prime minister will become Conservative leader in the Senate, thus taking the place of Senator Robertson, former Conservative Minister of Labor in the Meighen Cabinet prior to the 1921 elections."

### The Liberal Party Campaign To Be Based Upon Constitutional Issue

Ottawa, July 8.—Liberals are preparing to press their campaign on the constitutional issue. If returned, they have, it is understood, two proposals in view:  
(1)—Fall session of Parliament for the voting of supply;  
(2)—Appointment of commissioners to examine the constitutionality of the acts of the Meighen administration.  
The constitutional question, it is intimated, will be the keynote of the Liberal campaign. Liberal headquarters issued a statement yesterday afternoon declaring that Premier Meighen "constitutes now all that can be designated as the Government of Canada in whatever pertains to Canada's domestic, international and imperial affairs."

### HEAVY RAINS FALL IN PRAIRIE DISTRICTS

**One and a Quarter Inch Fall Is Reported From Saskatoon, Sask.**  
Saskatoon, July 8.—Rain which fell in Saskatoon yesterday morning broke all existing records for heaviness. .95 inch falling in forty minutes. In one five-minute period over one-sixth of an inch fell. A total of 1.4 inches was recorded before the clouds broke, gutters were filled, sidewalks submerged and lawns flooded by the downpour, which was accompanied by a heavy electrical display.

### AGREEMENT TO AVOID THREE-CORNERED FIGHTS

**Said to Be Discussed by Robert Forke and Winnipeg Liberal President.**  
Winnipeg, July 8.—The Manitoba Free Press evening bulletin carries the following news page story:  
"Tentative suggestions regarding a possible Liberal-Progressive arrangement throughout Manitoba to avoid three-cornered contests at the forthcoming federal election were subject of discussion between Robert Forke, leader of the Progressive party at Ottawa, and P. C. Hamilton, president of the Manitoba Liberal Association, Tuesday night. It became known today."

"While neither principal would comment on the nature of the proposals mooted at the meeting, it developed this morning that two lines of attack were suggested. Under the first the Liberals would waive right to contest any seat won by a Progressive at last election; the Progressives in turn waiving claim to contest certain seats which returned Conservatives last October. It is understood that Liberal claims were made to oppose Premier Meighen in Portage la Prairie."

"No definite agreement was entered into, it was stated authoritatively, but the proposals set forth were discussed with a view to possible action and agreement at a later date."

### LIBERAL CANDIDATES

**Hon. G. N. Gordon and Hon. T. A. Low May Run Again.**  
Toronto, July 8.—Two former Liberal Cabinet Ministers from Ontario who were defeated in October, 1925, will be in the running at the approaching federal election, it was stated today. Hon. George N. Gordon, former Deputy Speaker of the House, and Minister of Immigration, will contest Peterboro, while Hon. Thomas A. Low, former Minister of Trade and Commerce, will contest Renfrew.

**Hon. E. C. Drury, former Premier of Ontario, is expected again to contest North Simcoe against W. A. Boyd, Conservative whip.**

### URGE ENGLISH PAPERS NOT TO INTERFERE

**In the Way of Criticism of Canadian Political Affairs at Present.**

London, July 8.—The political situation in Canada is still engaging the earnest consideration of the Cabinet and has been discussed at some length at their meetings, with Lord Balfour and Lord Birkenhead providing opinions on the constitutional and legal aspects of the question of Lord Byng's actions. The Ministers have emphasized and private members have intimated to newspaper friends that it is advisable to refrain from any comment which might in any way injure the susceptibilities of Canadians and add to the difficulties of the present position. A "sympathetic silence" is what is most needed now, is what members of the House of Commons have been told.

### THE CABINET IS REPORTED ABOUT CHOSEN

**Personnel of Meighen Government May Be Announced Friday.**

### DATE OF THE ELECTION

**Still Given as About September 15th—Speculation as to the Allotment of Portfolios.**

Ottawa, July 8.—Only Right Hon. Arthur Meighen knows the names of the men so far selected for the new Government. The Prime Minister is keeping his own counsel, and even his associates of the acting ministry are not acquainted with all his decisions.  
After a meeting of the acting cabinet yesterday afternoon the Prime Minister confirmed the report that the announcement of the new Government and the date of election would be made in a day or so. It is understood that the announcement only awaits final decisions on two or three cabinet appointments and that it will issue about Friday.  
Meanwhile, there is only speculation as to the allotment of portfolios. It is thought that Mr. Patenaude and Senator Lesperance will be included in the cabinet, the former probably being given the portfolio of Public Works. There will likely be a third minister from Quebec.  
It is suggested that J. D. Chaplin of Lincoln may be a new minister, perhaps being given charge of the Trade and Commerce Department. Another Ontario man mentioned is G. E. Nicholson, member for Algoma in the recent Parliament.

W. A. Bishop, of Halifax, is slated for the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries. He has been very close to Mr. Meighen throughout the past session and is one of his most respected advisers.  
There seems little doubt that Hon. S. F. Tolmie will return to the portfolio of Agriculture. Hon. Hugh Guthrie may be Minister of Defence, while Hon. H. B. Bennett is almost certain to be Minister of Justice. Hon. H. H. Stevens probably will be entrusted with the task of continuing to clean up the Customs Department. Hon. R. J. Manion may take either the Immigration Department or the Postmaster-Generalship. Hon. Robert Rogers is mentioned for the Interior Department. George Jones, an outstanding member from New Brunswick for some years, may be one of the new men raised to cabinet rank.

No departure has yet been made from the selection of Wednesday, September 15th, as the date of the elections, and should a change be made before the formal announcement it will not alter the date more than a day or so.

### News in Condensed Form Off the Wires

**Mrs. Joseph Dornesky, ninety, oldest resident of Manitowoc, Wis., is dead.**  
Tipping over a kettle of boiling water, an eight-month-old child in Chicago receives fatal burns.  
Viscount and Lady Willingdon will sail for Canada about the middle of September.  
Yegmen entered the Pere Marquette station, Dresden, forced the safe, and got away with \$100.  
London citizens are aroused over the prevalence of the speed demon. Better protection will be asked.  
Labor members fight the British Government's coal importations. Vote to pay the coal bills was put through.  
Forty persons were killed, most of them Spanish soldiers, when tribesman invaded Beni Guel in Morocco.  
Irvine Stewart, fourteen, died at Woodbury, N.J., from tetanus developing from explosion of blank cartridges.  
Three men were fined and sentenced to six months at Akron, Ohio, for driving automobiles while drunk.  
Her face terribly lacerated by ferocious dog, Lorraine Trues, of Glendora, Pa., may lose sight of her left eye.  
The two-year-old daughter of Ralph Robinson of Parkhill, Ont., slept between the rails as a train passed over her.  
Hon. John S. Martin, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, is now mentioned as a probable selection for the Meighen cabinet.  
A conflict is looming in the United States over the proposal of some Labor leaders to send a commission to Russia to study the Soviet.  
Arthur Watt was drowned when a punt in which he was crossing the Welland Ship Canal was overturned by the wash from a steamer.  
Kent council has been informed that a stop traffic system throughout the county cannot be put in force until the department has evolved a uniform system.  
Brantford Hydro Commission will in future apply a charge to residents on the basis of the type of connection instead of floor space. The rate for street lighting will be lowered fifty cents a lamp.

### FORKE PUTS BLAME UPON MR. MEIGHEN

**Says Responsibility for Misapprehension Must Rest Upon the Premier.**

Winnipeg, July 8.—"The responsibility for any misapprehension entertained by His Excellency the Governor-General as to what would be the attitude of myself and other Progressive members toward the new Prime Minister and his 'shadow cabinet' must rest upon Mr. Meighen along with the responsibility for the dissolution of Parliament before the fruits of its labors in the past session were garnered." Robert Forke, late House leader of the Progressive group, said in a signed statement here yesterday.  
The statement denies that any assurance of Progressive support of the new Meighen ministry had been given either to Baron Byng or to Lt. Hon. Arthur Meighen before the latter was sworn in as Prime Minister, and he had never been asked for such assurance.  
John D. 67 Years Old.  
Tarrytown, N.Y., July 8.—John D. Rockefeller is quietly celebrating his eighty-seventh birthday today.