

# THE BRITISH ELECTIONS

## How the Struggle is Progressing Throughout Great Britain.

London cable: Complete returns of Wednesday's elections show that the Liberal and Labor parties gained no seats as an offset to the Unionist gain of 13.

Of the 47 pollings to day, only 12 were declared to-night, of which two show Unionist gains.

The net Unionist gain is now 60. Conservative partisans claim 61, but the official organs on both sides seem to agree on 60. The confusion arises from several members of Parliament who are contesting having changed sides.

Sixty-seven seats are to be filled to-morrow. They were held in the last Parliament by 47 Liberals, 15 Unionists, three Nationalists and two Laborites. Thirteen of the Unionist's gains were in county seats, one in Scotland and one in Wales. If the Unionists gain 22 of the 168 remaining seats, the Government will be dependent upon the votes of the Nationalists to legislate.

### THE POPULAR VOTE.

Summarizing the popular vote cast on Wednesday as compared with the vote cast in the same districts in 1906, the Liberals show a decrease of over 2,000. The Unionists made a gain of over 96,000. The Labor party made a gain of over 10,000 votes, while the Socialist vote shows a falling off of 1,200.

The popular vote of the twelve districts holding elections yesterday and which were declared to-night was: Unionists, 52,925; Liberals, 26,207; Labor, 35,429, as compared with 44,044 Unionists, 24,823 Liberals, and 28,857 Labor votes in the last election.

### HARDIE AND URE ELECTED.

James Keir Hardie, the leader of the Labor party in the House, retains his Welsh seat in Merthyr-Tydvil, increasing his majority of 2,000 in 1906 to over 9,000 in the present election. The constituency returns two members, and a Liberal, E. Jones, headed the poll. The majority of the Liberal over the Unionist was 11,050, as against 5,000 in 1906. The majority was the greatest secured by any Government candidate, and rivals that of Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Conservative leader, in the City of London.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, retains his seat for Berwick-on-Tweed by a handsome majority, while the Scottish electors of Linlithgowshire gave an answer to Mr. Balfour's allegation of a "frigid, calculated lie" against the Rt. Hon. Alexander Ure, increasing the previously large majority of the Lord Advocate for Scotland by another thousand.

The Rt. Hon. Herbert Samuel, Under-Secretary to the Home Department, who increased his majority in the Cleveland division of North Yorkshire by 1,200, was the father of the "children's charter" of 1906. His bill was a very advanced measure for the protection of children of tender years. He also framed the clauses which prevent children being sent to public houses for liquor and prohibit parents from taking children into licensed places.

Mr. W. L. A. B. Burdett-Coutts, who held Westminster for the Unionists, is the son of an American, and adopted his present name by Royal license when he married the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts in 1881. His condemnation of the army hospitals in South Africa led to a large scheme of reform in the army medical service.

Robert Vernon Harcourt, who held Montrose Burghs in the Liberal interest, is the second son of the late Sir William Vernon Harcourt, and a brother of the Rt. Hon. Lewis Harcourt, First Commissioner of Works in the Asquith Administration.

### SOCIALISM AND TARIFF REFORM.

London cable: The secretary of the Tariff Reform League issued a proclamation to-night, saying: "To-day's Unionist victory conclusively proves that free trade is losing its hold on the country. We attribute our non-success in the artisan districts, not to free trade, but to the alliance of the Socialistic party with the Radicals. The political fight of the future will be between tariff reform and socialism."

It seems probable, as things are going, that the Irish party will hold a very strong hand in the next Parliament. They voted against the whiskey tax of the budget. Should they do this again they could defeat the Government, in which case the Liberals would resign.

The probability is that the Government will be driven to make some bargain with the Irish party on home rule or some other concession in order to secure at least Irish abstention. Opinion to-day is that another election may be expected within a year.

### NO SEPARATION OF IRELAND.

Premier Asquith, speaking at Ladybank Junction to-day, said he was not going to say anything until the situation became more developed, except to repeat that with the exception of Birmingham, Liverpool and one or two other isolated cases, the whole great centres of industry had given an emphatic verdict in favor of free trade.

Asked whether he would accede to Mr. Redmond's demand for separation, Mr. Asquith said he did not believe there was any such demand. At any rate, he would not accede to it.

Mr. Lloyd-George, at Anglesea, remarked that he had become somewhat hoarse in cursing the Philistines, who also had been cursing him.

Referring to the elections, he said it was very important that the Liberals should have not merely a majority, but a great majority. The Unionists were treating this election in the nature of a referendum. They would not merely count the number of seats won, but the number of heads as well. They would not count what was in the heads. Victory with real weight behind it was wanted to lift disestablishment and a good land bill above the powers of the Lords.

At Bangor the Chancellor said: "I am quite confident about the result. After all the standard of 1906 is quite an abnormal one. Under no possible conditions could we expect to keep quite up to that standard. Judged by the standards of 1885 and the Unionist victories of 1886 and 1900, we shall have a very good working majority."

### PEERS MAKING GOOD.

London, Friday morning.—(Globe cable)—The Lords and the landed gentry are still a mighty power in rural England. That lesson has been driven home by the first big batch of county results declared, the Liberals having lost thirteen seats in rapid succession, and the losses are unrelieved by a single gain. Deep anxiety is felt in official Liberal circles, for if the day's ratio of losses in the counties continues the Liberals will hold office, but Redmond will wield power.

The peers made a poor showing, on the whole, on the platform, but they are making good at the polls. Reports from the districts in which their country houses are thickly strewn show that every available motor car, every carriage, and even the lordly four-in-hands were used to convey the Conservative voters to the polls. Everywhere in the home counties the Unionist vote has been greatly increased. Where the Liberals hold their seats their majorities have been cut down.

The tariff reformers did not poll the vote they expected in the boroughs, even with the strenuous aid of the licensed trade. In rural England the "Wild Peers" found their most effective ally in the church, some of the clergy going to strange lengths to show their detestation of anything that savors of reform. The Rev. L. D. Thomas, vicar of St. John's Church, Plumstead, has sent out cards announcing a special thanksgiving service and Te Deum on Sunday for the timely deliverance of Woolwich, where Will Crooks was defeated, and Plumstead from the hands of Socialists and Sabbath day breakers.

At an early hour this morning few of Thursday's pollings had been declared, but the Liberal slump in the home counties continues, while the north still increases the Liberal majorities. The members elected as far as heard from number 382; Liberals and Labor have 165, the Nationalists 53, and the Conservatives 164, making the majority against the Lords 54. The Conservatives believe that another election is inevitable within a year. There is intense excitement in London, and vast crowds gather wherever the bulletins are shown.

Henniker Heaton, whom Canadians know as an ardent postal reformer, won out in Canterbury in a three-cornered fight, in which his opponents were another Conservative and a Liberal—Stewart Lyon.

### ALMOST GOT DUCKING.

London cable: "Suffragette missionaries," who were sent to Carnarvonshire, the constituency of Mr. Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, to worry him in his campaign, barely escaped a ducking to-day at Carnarvon-town.

The chancellor is held in the highest esteem there, and when, notwithstanding a kindly warning from the police, the women began to abuse him from a wagonette in the public square, the crowd began to run the wagonette towards a public fountain amid wild shouts of "duck them."

The women were terribly frightened and appealed to the police, who rescued them and escorted them to the police station.

The townfolk then went to the suffragettes' local office, which was defended by the police. The gang broke in the rear, ransacked the rooms and carried off the flags, decorations and other things, which were torn into shreds.

The King Edward Hotel at Kenora narrowly escaped destruction by fire, as the result of defective wiring. The building and outbuildings were damaged to the extent of six thousand dollars.

# SAYS BETTING IS NO EVIL.

Orpen in Favor of Anything on the Square.

Says Bookmaking is a Certain Business, and Compares It to Broking.

There is No Such Thing as a Professional Bookmaker in Canada.

An Ottawa despatch: The Commons Special Committee on the anti-gambling bill this morning, continued the hearing of evidence from the exponents of the horse and race meet interests. Mr. Abe Orpen, was represented by Mr. H. H. Dewar, K. C., on behalf of the Metropolitan Racing Association. Mr. W. E. Haney, K. C., made a thorough examination of racetrack methods in general, and of the methods of the Metropolitan racetrack in particular.

In answer to Mr. Raney's question, Mr. Orpen admitted that he owned the controlling stock in the Metropolitan concern, that he had been in the racing business for 20 years, and that he had been a bookmaker for 15 years. "Bookmaking is handling figures so as to work out a percentage for the bookmakers," was the definition advanced by Mr. Orpen, who compared this business to that of the broker.

Mr. Raney inquired into the mysteries of pool-selling, the Pari-mutuel, the poolroom and handbookman. Of the latter, Mr. Orpen considered Toronto to have but three or four, with perhaps 20 of the illegitimate kind. He explained that there were no professional bookmakers in Canada who followed the business the year round. He considered bookmaking and the handbook business bad only when carried to excess.

"In other words, you approve of betting, bookmaking and pool-selling, if it is honestly done?" asked Mr. Raney.

"Yes, I approve of anything on the square," was the answer.

Mr. Orpen stated that the Metropolitan was not yet the Canadian Racing Association, but that such application had been made. Mr. Orpen had never heard of handbooking in Canada until after the Hughes law in New York.

Mr. McCarthy brought out the fact that a bookmaker, like a broker, cannot lose if he sticks to his legitimate business. This was placing him in an honorable position as a lawyer, a grocer, or a doctor. Mr. Orpen favored race meets at the Woodbine of 30 days a season, 15 in the spring and 15 in the fall. Mr. Orpen admitted that the recent legislation had made him quit the handbook business.

He urged that the law be changed so as to allow betting, and betting in comfort. "Let us make bets without getting our clothes torn off; either make it betting in comfort or cut it out."

Mr. Orpen said that bookmaking was a business requiring training and judgment. It did not involve taking any chances beyond those involved in any legitimate business, such as insurance. "I took some large bets," said the witness, "but I virtually re-insured a risk by laying out the money with other bookmakers. The odds on a horse are fixed by the public and not by the bookmaker."

Mr. Orpen said that he had written the like, Mr. Orpen declared that he had only known four or five cases in twenty years. A jockey would hardly dare to take such a risk, and where such a thing happened it was not a scheme put up by the bookmaker to defraud the public, but was a scheme put up by some members of the public to beat the bookmaker.

Mr. Hartley Dewar, K. C., entered his appearance as counsel for the Metropolitan Racing Association. Both Mr. Orpen and Mr. Gannon believed racing essential for the development of the trotting horse, in which Canada is pre-eminent. The committee adjourned until next Wednesday.

### RAILWAY MEN

Ask For Increases of Wages and Other Things.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Every trainman in Canada is awaiting the outcome of a secret conference now taking place in this city between the representatives of the men and the general managers of the different systems. Every train man will be vitally affected by the outcome of this conference.

Although the increases asked for are not on a percentage basis, it may be said in a general way that they vary from 10 to 20 per cent. over the present wages. On many of the runs the increase sought is as high as 20 per cent., but the majority of cases do not come up to that.

Even more important to the railwayman is the demand that pay on all lines be uniform. This means that a conductor on a given line, doing the same work as a conductor on another line, will be given the same pay. This is to apply to trainmen on all passenger and freight trains, and is a reform that the men are most anxious to have put in operation. This will mean that the man on a small line will receive the same pay as a man doing similar work on one of the large trunk lines.

Not only are the trainmen affected by this conference, but all yard men are also vitally interested; in fact, all men belonging to the brotherhood or any of the affiliated societies.

The uniform scale of wages now being asked for by the men was adopted at the meeting of the brotherhood in Boston on October 19th last. The schedule was there drawn up and approved.

Marriage is merely a process by which an ideal is changed into a reality.

# DEPUTATIONS

Wait on Premier Whitney and Hon. Mr. Hanna.

Mr. Hanna.

Toronto despatch: A deputation consisting of the executive of the Canadian Embalmers' Association, waited on Sir James Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna this morning. They asked that the Government should appoint a board of examiners whose duty should be to issue certificates after examination to undertakers. In the event of improper conduct by the licensee these certificates could be revoked, and the board at all times exercise a supervisory power over the business. The deputation consisted of Alderman Greenwood, of Stratford, president; A. R. Coltart, Sarnia; J. H. Robinson, Hamilton; J. C. VanCamp, Toronto, and E. A. Trowern, from the Retail Merchants' Association. It was introduced by W. D. McPherson, M. P.

Sir James gave the deputation a favorable hearing, and promised to place the matter in the hands of the Private Bills Committee during the coming session.

### LICENSE INSPECTORS.

A deputation from the license inspectors of the Province waited on Hon. W. J. Hanna this morning, asking for higher salaries. Mr. Frank Field, K. C., of Coburg, was the chief spokesman of the deputation, and Mr. Eads Saunders, K. C., chief of the license department, was with the Minister. An increase of the minimum salary of \$400 to \$600 was asked.

Hon. Mr. Hanna talked the matter over with the deputation without making any promises.

### LABOR MEN.

Toronto despatch: The Ontario Executive Committee of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada waited on Premier Whitney and the members of his Cabinet at the Parliament buildings this afternoon to present the congress annual requests for legislation in the interests of the wage workers. The usual promise of consideration was made by the Premier.

### TO BE ARRESTED.

Priest Interfered With Winnipeg Magistrate's Order.

Winnipeg, Jan. 24.—Rev. Father Kowalski, a Polish priest, has run foul of the courts here by attempting to usurp authority. Some months ago one of his congregation was arrested charged with the murder of a woman. He pleaded guilty and promised to marry his victim. He gave a money guarantee, but the marriage has hung fire ever since, the time having been extended by the Magistrate according as representations were made that some unforeseen hitch had occurred. Lately, however, he became convinced that no marriage was contemplated and ordered an explanation. The man then appeared and informed him that he had nothing to do with the matter, as the priest had accepted the settlement which he had made with the girl, to whom he paid \$90 to release him from his obligation. He also paid the priest one hundred dollars for effecting this settlement. He was at once arrested, and a warrant has been issued for the priest on a charge of compounding a felony.

### STOP CHIMES.

Stratford Woman's Nerves Shattered by Church Bell.

Toronto despatch: It is not the "curfew," but the chimes of nine bells that peal out every quarter hour from the belfry of St. James' Episcopal Church, Stratford, that must not ring to-night, or any night for a week. Mr. Justice Clute has made an order granting a temporary injunction until Wednesday next, restraining the wardens of that church from ringing the chimes which they installed last summer, and set ringing by a clock they put in a month ago, since which time Miss Catherine Jessie Fraser, living opposite the church, has, according to her affidavit, and that of her physician, Dr. Donald B. Fraser, lost her good health, and been reduced to a state of nervous collapse through sleeplessness. The writ is issued against J. L. Bradshaw and R. H. Pearson, the wardens, and W. T. Cluff, the incumbent. The affidavits state that the ringing of the chimes at night was the cause of annoyance to a number of people in the neighborhood.

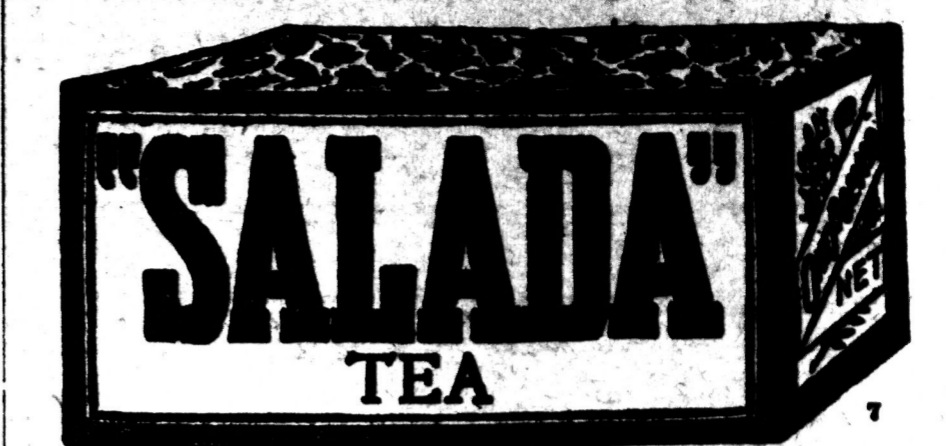
Miss Fraser's lawyer, Mr. G. G. McPherson, states that after he had written to the wardens asking that the ringing of the bells at night be discontinued Mr. Cluff visited him, saying he "had come to call his bluff," but Mr. McPherson told him it was a matter too serious for joking or bluffing. Mr. Cluff offered to cease the ringing for a while, but the lawyer said that, while Miss Fraser would be thankful for a temporary cessation, nothing would do but a permanent discontinuance. In her affidavit she states that a petition signed by twenty-eight persons residing in the neighborhood was presented to the wardens, asking for the chimes to be stopped at night.

### THE CHIN CHOW.

British Firm Gets Contract to Build Road.

Peking, Jan. 24.—An imperial rescript is issued approving the preliminary agreement signed at Mukden on October 2 by the British and American representatives and the Viceroy of Manchuria for the construction of the Chin Chow Aigun Railway in Manchuria. It was agreed that the road should be built by the Paulling Company, British contractors. American engineers and a proportionate share of American materials are to be used. The ultimate cost of the road is estimated at from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

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### News in Brief

A royal decree has been issued creating an inheritance tax in Spain.

Mr. Ma Wah has been appointed to work among the Chinese in Toronto.

Ten thousand Italians are needed for railway construction work in British Columbia.

Mr. W. H. Leach, a former commercial traveller, died at his home on Parliament street, Toronto.

The British Columbia Legislature was opened on Thursday, and Mr. D. M. Eberts was elected Speaker.

Robert Gee, a farmer about 60 years of age, dropped dead at his home, at Tamworth, Ont., from heart failure.

Sir George E. Drummond passed a good night, and his condition shows a slight improvement, although still regarded as serious.

A prosecution is to be instituted against the owners of the Goodwin mine, arising out of the death of Frank Shepherd last Saturday.

John Sando, for 23 years collector of customs at Niagara-on-the-Lake, died of Bright's disease. He was born in old Niagara 63 years ago.

The strike of workmen engaged in the construction of the army arsenal at Ferris, Spain, has been settled through a compromise.

Mr. Bakers Cameron, B. A., has resigned as secretary of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to join a business firm.

Notice of motion has been given at the Toronto Board of Education for the retirement of Inspector Hughes and the appointment of a superintendent of education.

At the Brockville Police Court F. Stagner, druggist, pleaded guilty to a charge of selling liquor without a license. It was his first offence, and a fine of \$100 and costs was imposed.

Mr. R. G. Cuthbertson, who was elected Reeve of Blandford, has disclaimed the seat, and the Clerk of the township has taken steps for the holding of a new election.

Savings deposits in Canadian banks at the end of the year were almost five hundred millions, a record level. Total deposits in Canadian banks were over \$835,000,000. Business loans were \$392,000,000.

The Russian Minister of War has received a report of the arrival in Riep-pin, Plosts Province, of Lieut. Shikutak, after a trial ride of 2,403 miles without change of horses. Both horse and rider finished in excellent condition.

At Bradwardine, Man., the Windsor Hotel was burned, resulting in a loss of twelve thousand dollars. The proprietor and fifteen guests, who were all in bed, had a very narrow escape, the majority getting out only in their night robes.

Formal announcement is made by Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould of the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie, to Anthony J. Drezel, jun., eldest son of Anthony J. Drezel, of Philadelphia. Miss Gould is one of the richest debutantes in New York society.

At the annual meeting the Orillia Board of Trade elected the following officers: President, C. H. Hale; Vice-President, T. H. Grant; Secretary, O. C. Smith; Treasurer, D. C. Thomson. The reports showed a year of marked progress. The board has over one hundred members.

In the London police court "Princess Dahedenah," who calls herself a palmist and phrenologist, and who says her home is on the Grand River reserve, near Bradford, was fined \$50 and costs for posting as a fortune teller. It was said by the police that the "princess" was making about \$12 an hour when her proceedings were stopped. Her counsel gave notice of appeal.

A remarkable phenomenon appeared in the western sky at Winnipeg, when a comet of the first class suddenly appeared shortly after sundown. It had a tail measuring twenty-two degrees, equal to about thirty-five million miles.

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