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THE NORTHWEST PROVINCES AND REDISTRIBUTION.

The question of redistribution of seats before the coming election is occupying a good deal of attention in the newspapers owing to this being the census year, and the possibility of a general election being brought on before a redistribution bill can be passed.

This view of the case leaves out of account the highly important fact that the representation of the Northwest has been twice increased since the census of 1901 was taken, while the representation of the other Provinces of the Dominion has been only once readjusted in that time.

Down to 1903 when the readjustment of the representation was made on the census taken in 1901 the representation of Manitoba and the Northwest stood as follows: Manitoba... 7 members N. W. Territories... 4 members

The readjustment made in 1903 increased the representation of Manitoba and the Territories to— Manitoba... 10 members N. W. Territories... 10 members

The creation of the new Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1905 and the census of the three prairie Provinces taken in 1906 was followed by a further increase of representation authorized by Parliament at the session of 1906-7, allotted to the three Provinces as follows:

Manitoba... 10 members Saskatchewan... 10 members Alberta... 7 members

It is not quite clear that there was proper constitutional authority for this second increase in the representation of one section of the Dominion, to the exclusion of other sections, between two decennial censuses.

The point must be regarded as of some importance. The Northwest Provinces have been for five years past enjoying the full representation allotted them on a special census taken in 1906, while all the other Provinces are represented according to their population as shown by the census of 1901.

In view of the facts above set forth it cannot be claimed that the prairie Provinces will suffer any very great hardship if the election is brought on before the redistribution bill is passed. Moreover it is to be borne in mind that Quebec, the pivot Province for purposes of readjusting the representation, has increased its population largely within the past decade.

Parliament. I do not know—none of us know—whether it will ever come. We do not even know whether it ought to come, but, at any rate, you have something very much like an Imperial Cabinet, a Cabinet of Imperial statesmen, sitting in temporary session, and conducting themselves with dignity, with mutual sympathy and forbearance, and with a successful attempt to reconcile the spirit of autonomy and nationalism with the broader conception of Imperial unity.

This may pass for an effective answer to those who fear that the Empire will split into fragments if their own particular theories are not forthwith adopted. And we note that the Montreal Gazette, one of the ablest and sanest of the Opposition journals in Canada, has the fairness to say that while the Conference of 1911 will be remembered chiefly for the proposals it has declined, "it is not a bad thing that such should be the case."

NOTES. An Ottawa despatch tells that a proposition may be made by the Government to the Opposition to allow the reciprocity agreement to pass conditionally upon its not taking effect until a year hence, and an election to be held in the meantime.

ought to be accepted. It would give time to pass the redistribution bill, the necessary supplies and hold a general election in the interim. There is no immediate hurry about reciprocity taking effect, and by the plan proposed the people would have a chance to say whether they want it or not.

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ARTICLE II.

If, by reason of unprovoked attack or aggressive action wherever that neither of them will, without arising, on the part of any power or powers, either high contracting party should be involved in war in defence of its territorial rights of special interests mentioned in the preamble of this agreement, the other high contracting party will at once come to the assistance of the ally, and will conduct the war in common, and make peace in mutual agreement with it.

ARTICLE III.

The high contracting parties agree that neither of them will, without consulting the other, enter into separate arrangements with another power to the prejudice of the object described in the preamble of this agreement.

ARTICLE IV.

Should either high contracting party include a treaty of arbitration with third power, it is agreed that nothing in the agreement shall entail upon such contracting party an obligation to go to war with the power with which such treaty of arbitration is in force.

ARTICLE V.

The conditions under which armed assistance shall be afforded by either power to the other in the circumstances mentioned in the present agreement, and the means by which such assistance is to be made available, will be arranged by the naval and military authorities of the high contracting parties, who will from time to time consult one another more fully and frankly upon all questions of mutual interest.

ARTICLE VI.

The present agreement shall come into effect immediately after the date of its signature, and remain in force for ten years from that date. In case neither of the high contracting parties should have notified twelve months before the expiration of the said ten years the intention of terminating it, it shall remain binding until the expiration of one year from the day on which either of the high contracting parties shall have denounced it. But if, when the date fixed for its expiration arrives, either party is actually engaged in war, the alliance shall, ipso facto, continue until peace is concluded. If faith whereof, the undersigned duly authorized by their respective governments, have signed this agreement and have affixed thereto their seals. Done in duplicate at London, the 13th day of July, 1911.

ITALIAN IGNORANCE HINDERS AUTHORITIES.

CHIASSO, Switzerland, July 18.—The Italian government is encountering great difficulty in Sicily, where the cholera has appeared in grave form.

Overcoming the hostility of the people against the doctors and officials, the Red Cross workers who have often been attacked by peasantry, have been obliged to depart the Veto Bill without deviation but

from the villages where their presence is greatly needed.

Superstition has reached such a point in some of the rural districts that several of the mayors who went to Rome to be present at the unveiling of the monument to Victor Emmanuel have been unable to return to their posts, the villagers, believing that they had gone to the capital to bring back germs of infection.

GRAIN GROWERS INTERVIEW C. P. R. ABOUT LABORERS.

WINNIPEG, July 18.—The executive of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association has taken action in the matter of securing a sufficient number of farm laborers for the season. Yesterday a number of the members of the executive met officials of the Canadian Pacific and the entire question was discussed.

One of the suggestions made by the farmers was that they should have an official in Winnipeg with a staff of assistants to supervise the distribution of the men so that every portion of the Province would get its share. In the past there has been a failure each year in the distribution and the difficulties in this matter are such that they will never be fully overcome. The Canadian Pacific officials, however, agreed with this plan as necessary to prevent too many harvesters going north to Alberta and Saskatchewan.

BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL IN VICTORIA OF \$1,500,000.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 18.—The largest real estate deal in the history of Victoria was consummated last week, when George Barby, actor-liaison, purchased from Kirby, Oldfield & Gardiner, of Winnipeg, the property known as the Uplands farm at Cadboro, for \$1,500,000.

THE ASSOCIATED CANADIAN CLUBS.

ST JOHN, July 20.—At yesterday afternoon's session of the association of Canadian Clubs the following officers were elected: Hon. President, Chas. R. McCullough, Hamilton. President, Dr. Wm. Crockett, Fredericton, N. B. Vice President for Nova Scotia, B. McGillivray, Halifax. Vice President for New Brunswick, H. A. Porter, St. John, N. B. Hon. Secretary, Amos O'Brien, Moncton, N. B. The next convention will be held at Fredericton.

KILLED WHILE STANDING AT TELEPHONE.

ROCKVILLE, Conn., July 18.—Arthur H. Ramage, of Hartford, 25 years old, was killed by an electric shock as he stood at a telephone early today in the local sub-station of the Connecticut company through which high power wires ran. It is supposed that the wires became crossed with those of the telephone so that when the young man answered the bell he received the heavy current. Charles Loiner, a trolley conductor who went to his assistance, received a shock which threw him across the room, but suffered no serious harm.

UNIONIST PAPER'S OPINION REGARDING VETO BILL.

LONDON, July 20.—The Daily Telegraph, Unionist paper, in an editorial, says not only that the House of Commons will pass the third reading of the Veto Bill without deviation but

that when the government bill is returned to the upper chamber of the Lords amendments they will pass that also for the reason "that there is really no practicable choice," and "because it would form an evil and dangerous precedent to bring the Crown into the struggle and it would be impossible for the King to withhold his consent if the ministers requested the creation of peers."

AGED HALIFAX MAN LOST IN THE WOODS.

HALIFAX, July 18.—D. H. Whiston, a retired business man of Halifax, who is living in the suburbs, is lost in the woods. A big crowd of neighbors has searched for him since 5 o'clock, but up to 10.30 no trace had been found. Whiston is 78 years old.

At 3 o'clock he went into the woods with a dog. At 5 the dog returned but not the man. A bad marsh is in the rear of the woods where Whiston entered and it is feared that he has been caught in this or that he has fallen and is either hurt or dead.

LATEST REPORT ON RECIPROcity.

OTTAWA, July 20.—A report is in circulation that a proposition will shortly come from the Government that the Opposition will allow the reciprocity agreement to pass with the understanding that it shall not come into force for twelve months and in the meantime the people will have an opportunity of expressing their opinion upon it after redistribution.

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