

New Election Possible as PC's Edge Liberals

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Vote Results In Stalemate; Score: 110-103

By JOHN LeBLANC
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Parliament faced a stalemate in the Commons today, but a turnover of the government to the Progressive Conservatives appeared likely as the result of Monday's general election.

John Diefenbaker's Opposition party came up with the biggest block of seats but lacked a clear majority, and a new election within the year loomed as a distinct possibility.

The 61-year-old Conservative leader would need the support of smaller House parties to carry on. How long this could last was problematical. Social Credit Leader Low said his party would co-operate with whatever government is formed until "it becomes desirable to have an election to break the stalemate."

CCF Leader Coldwell said his group will not merge with any party but will be guided by what

legislation a minority government sponsors.

Meanwhile, with the results in three seats still undecided, Mr. Diefenbaker held 110 of the 265 Commons seats against 103 for the Liberals, in power for 22 years.

The Canadian Press party standing when vote counting ended for the night:

Elected:	1957	1958
PC	110	51
Lib	103	170
CCF	24	23
SC	19	15
Ind.	2	3
Ind-L	2	2
Lib-Lab	1	1
Ind-PC	1	0
Doubtful	2	0
Deferred	1	0
Total	265	265

(Doubtful seats: Yukon, Moose Jaw-Lake Centre, Deferred: Wellington South.)

NON-COMMITTAL

Prime Minister St. Laurent was non-committal on his future course Monday night, but it appeared almost certain he would decide to resign and recommend to Governor-General Massey that Mr. Diefenbaker be called on to form the government.

For the 75-year-old prime minister, it was the end of a House majority which he had led since taking office in 1948. It was apparently the end, too, of 22 years of Liberal rule that began under the late Prime Minister King.

All parties made gains at the expense of the Liberals as the latter's 168-seat representation was drastically slashed.

The CCF went ahead to at least 24 seats from 22, and the Social Crediters went to at least 19 from 15.

One seat was not at stake in the election. That was Ontario's Wellington South, where voting was deferred a month because of the death last week of Henry Hosking, the Liberal member.

As a record number of electors turned out Monday, the Conservatives made gains in every province. Their greatest field was Ontario, where they took 60 of 85 seats to boost their representation from that province, by 28. They took 17 of the big block of 18 seats in the Toronto area.

SWEEP P.E.I.

They swept all Prince Edward Island's four seats for a gain of three and effected a major turnover in Nova Scotia by turning a representation of one into 10 and eliminating Cape Breton South's Clive Gillis, only CCF member east of Manitoba at the end of the last Parliament.

There was a possibility that the

VETERAN HOWE LOSES TO FRESHMAN CCF'ER

Fisher Winner In Record Vote

"Perhaps I have reached an age when I should have retired without trying for a sixth time." It was Clarence Decatur Howe speaking, and he had just conceded the Port Arthur federal government seat he held for 22 years to Douglas M. Fisher, CCF candidate, last night.

Trade minister, deputy prime minister, and the man who was acknowledged to be the most influential in the country, had been defeated in his sixth and what he said would be his last federal election.

He was beaten by a young, vigorous CCF'er who entered politics actively a mere nine months ago.

For Doug Fisher, 38, teacher at the Port Arthur Collegiate Institute, it was a great victory. It was a great loss for Mr. Howe.

At noon today, with 211 of 219 polls heard from, the unofficial standings were:
Fisher: 11,649
Howe: 10,096
Vigars: 4,955

Port Arthur city vote was a record 76.2 percent, for the last four elections or 15,396 votes cast out of a possible 20,346. Of these, Fisher won 7,486; Howe, 5,387, and Vigars, 2,623. Since light rural polls were not in at noon today, percentage of the rural vote could not be calculated.

(A poll-by-poll listing of results appears inside today's paper.) CCF candidate Fisher smashed the traditional Port Arthur Howeism just as Progressive Conservative candidates overcame traditional Canadian Liberalism. But Fisher's win particularly will go down as one of the great upsets in Canadian political history.

The first indication of Fisher's unprecedented win came minutes after the polls had closed in the Port Arthur riding, at 6:04 p.m., when results of the advance poll came into the returning office.

From there on it became increasingly evident that the man who had the nerve to believe a full week before the election he would beat Mr. Howe, was actually going to beat him.

The advance poll read: Fisher, 42; Howe, 28; and Ina Vigars, Conservative candidate, 10. This first poll had set the precedent for the 219 to follow. It was extraordinarily indicative of the outcome.

At 9:30 p.m., the climax of the election had long since past, and the question became by what majority would Fisher enjoy the boom on the aging trade minister.

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Royal Visit Set in Fall, Prince Says

DORTMUND, Germany (AP)—Prince Philip smashed royal protocol today by announcing in a remote part of Germany that he and Queen Elizabeth will visit Canada in the fall, at which time the Queen will officially open a session of Parliament.

The statement, confirming widespread reports the Queen would cross the Atlantic in the autumn, was made as her prince consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, paid a quick visit to Canadian troops stationed near this Ruhr city.

The duke told the troops: "As you probably know, we—the Queen and I—are going to Canada in the autumn. The Queen has been invited to open Parliament."

A burst of laughter greeted Philip's remark that "we do not know who will be prime minister of Canada when we get there."

LIBERAL INVITATION

But, he added, "we were invited by Mr. St. Laurent."

Mr. St. Laurent's Liberal government was swept from power by the Progressive Conservatives in an upset election Monday.

Although Philip made no mention of a visit to the United States, sources in London said the royal couple will go to the U.S. after the opening of Parliament. A Buckingham Palace announcement is expected shortly.

The Canadian troops, dressed in fatigues and track suits, broke into three cheers when Philip concluded his brief speech, delivered during a driving rain at the Royal Canadian Regiment base at Fort York, 20 miles from Dortmund.

Previously government informants had reported the arguments for and against another royal visit this year were so finely balanced that Prime Minister Macmillan and his ministers were leaving it to the Queen herself to decide if she felt she wanted to go.

The Queen and Prince Philip already have made state visits this year to Portugal, France and Denmark.



VICTORY WAS PILING UP

Keenly watching returns pouring into the returning office last night which unfolded his decisive upset victory in Port Arthur riding is CCF candidate Douglas M. Fisher. He had already been given a resounding majority in the city and was waiting for district points to report. Seated is returning officer Joseph McCormack.

Big Choice Thursday On Government Party

By C. R. BLACKBURN
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA (CP)—At a cabinet council expected to be held Thursday Prime Minister St. Laurent will face the decision of whether to attempt to carry on government without a majority in the House of Commons or turn the task over to Progressive Conservative Leader John Diefenbaker who also lacks a majority.

Monday's Dominion election gave Mr. Diefenbaker the largest group in the Commons and put the Liberals in second place with half Mr. St. Laurent's cabinet suffering personal defeat.

In the light of this situation it seems certain Mr. St. Laurent will tender his resignation to Governor-General Massey and suggest that he call on Mr. Diefenbaker.

It would be a difficult decision for Mr. Diefenbaker. He could not carry on without support from one of the smaller parties.

He might decline and leave Mr. St. Laurent to face Parliament where the Liberals could be defeated on the first vote, to be followed by dissolution and the immediate calling of a new election.

On the other hand, Mr. Diefenbaker could form a government, meet Parliament and hope to carry on with the support of the smaller groups for a breathing spell until the people have recovered from the effects of the campaign just closed.

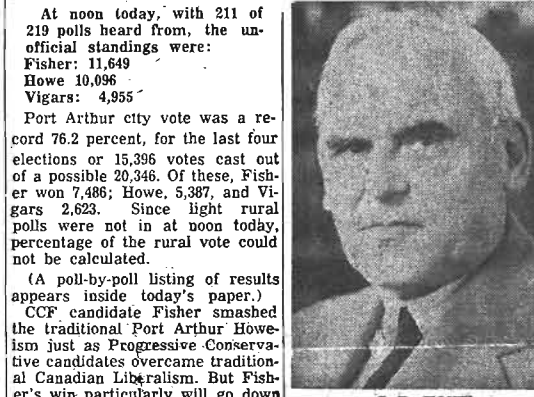
In that event Mr. Diefenbaker would have an opportunity to present a legislative program in line with campaign promises and with features the smaller groups would find difficult to oppose.

An important phase of the discussions Mr. St. Laurent will have with the governor—general, and probably with Mr. Diefenbaker, has to do with Canada's representation at the conference of Commonwealth prime ministers in London, June 26.

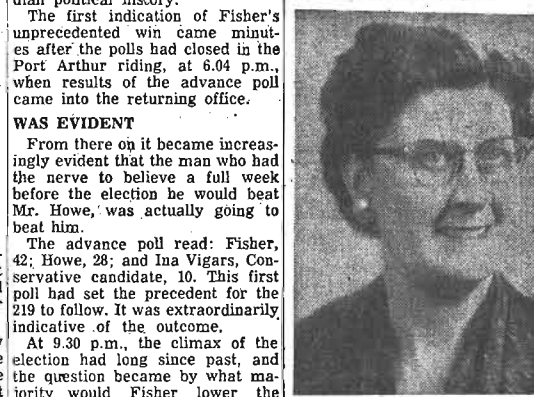
This might influence the timing of the changeover and if it is delayed until after the conference Mr. St. Laurent could invite Mr. Diefenbaker to accompany him.

When the leaders of the four parties made their statements late Monday night the results were so close that they were non-committal as to their immediate plans.

But Mr. St. Laurent said he would return at once to Ottawa to take whatever steps the final results indicated should be taken in the best interests of all concerned.



C. D. HOWE ... after 22 years



INA VIGARS ... in the fight

WIDNALL STRONG CONTENDER

McIvor Wins Victory But Contest is Close

Well, Old Dan — Fort William's grand old man of the federal government, has done it again! Last night in one of the most exciting local elections on record, Rev. Dan McIvor, 84, Liberal candidate for Fort William for the past 22 years, again became the people's popular choice for the sixth time.

It was a skin-of-the-teeth election all the way, with Arthur Widnall, Progressive Conservative candidate, trailing by anywhere from 600 to a slim 200 votes behind the Liberal candidate. It was almost a reversal of the 1953 election in which allocmers conceded the election to Rev. McIvor early in the tabulation when he obtained his greatest following of 52 per cent of the total vote.

Celebrating his victory in a jubilant appearance, Rev. McIvor congratulated the people of Fort William on their good sense. He said: "You electors have been on trial all day, and you have measured up admirably." He expressed regret that his former running mate C. D. Howe, Liberal candidate for Fort Arthur would not be with him this next year.

TRY AGAIN
Arthur Widnall also congratulated his fellow candidates and expressed disappointment in some sections of the city where he worked hard for their welfare. "From the results of this election," he said, "I will no doubt be seeking your support again in the very near future." In addition he stated that the campaign was a wonderful experience which made him a bigger and better Canadian.

Candidate Michael Chicorli also thanked his workers and conceded the election at about 8:50 p.m. Things were pretty close for the two major contenders all through the election as the first returns indicated only a slender 200 votes separating Mr. Widnall and Rev. McIvor. At the 60-poll level, Mr. McIvor led by about 600 votes



REV. DAN McIVOR, M.P.

which moved back again to a lead of between 400 and 500 where it remained for the evening. At the final count, Mr. McIvor led by 516 votes with one rural poll not heard from.

With only one small rural poll yet to be heard from, the final combined results of city and rural voting was: McIvor, 8,405; Widnall, 7,879; and Chicorli, 5,893.

LEAD OF 348
Final city result disclosed 4,435 votes for Chicorli, 6,394 for McIvor and 5,596 for Widnall — a lead of 348 votes for the elder statesman.

Rural result showed 1,458 for Chicorli, 1,471 for McIvor and 1,283 for Widnall, thus widening Rev. McIvor's lead by 168 more votes.

Of a riding total of 28,206 voters, 22,711 persons turned out in warm weather which deteriorated to rainstorms in the evening. This is about 78 per cent of total eligible

vote with 73.3 per cent of the city voters turning out.

In the city, the advance poll for once was not a good indication of the way of the voters' minds. Chicorli and Rev. McIvor polled a tie with 37 votes each, while Mr. Widnall was the big winner with a total of 59 votes.

In the various city wards, voting took on definite trend appearances. Ward one, the north end of the city voted solidly for Rev. McIvor as did ward four in the south end. In these areas the runners-up split pretty evenly.

A decisive victory was scored by Arthur Widnall in the two other wards of the city, situated in the central areas and representing about 48 per cent of the total population. This area almost swung the election in the Progressive Conservative candidate's direction.

Mr. Widnall was successful in taking 49 out of 58 central city polls with Mr. McIvor taking the remainder.

TIE SIX POLLS
Rurally, six polls were tied between either Chicorli and McIvor or the latter and Widnall. Of this area, McIvor retained his steady lead taking 14 of the 37 polls, with Chicorli runner-up with 12 and Widnall taking five. Of the total, six polls experienced ties.

Of the major townships, Chicorli took four out of seven Neebing polls — the largest township, and three out of four polls in the second largest, Oliver township. Total eligible rural voters—5,573 with 4,212 voting.

All in all it was a hard-fought, closely-run election with voting proceeding steadily all day and a strong surge of votes coming in between three and six p.m., when workers were released from their jobs to have an opportunity to vote. Early trends indicated final results and a fine representation of voters turned out in the city.

Last but not least, not one candidate lost his deposit.



SOMEHOW THE DRIVER ESCAPED

Robert Page of Fort William received only slight shock when this truck he was driving came in collision with a CPR train yesterday near the Lakeshore Rd. The truck was smashed to the tune of \$2,500 but Page needed only a check-up which showed nothing serious wrong.

—Staff Photo

Fisher Credits Win To Simple Formula

A big, easy going school teacher who has shown he has a way both with Port Arthur's teenage students and their electorate parents, employed a forceful campaign to put over a simple formula for victory in his fight against the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe.

For Douglas M. Fisher, B.A., B.L.S., married with three sons, it worked to perfection.

Mr. Fisher, who says he has always been "fascinated" by politics, had been associated with the CCF party here for only nine months when he entered the campaign against Mr. Howe.

In one of the great upsets in Canadian political history, he accomplished his unprecedented feat by following this advice:

"Concentrate as strongly as you can on presenting the issue of parliamentary freedom."

CREDITS LIBERAL

It was offered by a man Mr. Fisher refers to as one of the "greatest experts in the world on Liberalism," Frank H. Underhill, curator of Laurier House, the Liberal shrine in Ottawa.

Mr. Fisher said he received the tip from Underhill last summer. "I tried to keep it in mind." He was a former "star pupil" of Underhill's.

Born in Sloux Lookout, Mr. Fisher went to Fort William in 1932, receiving his junior matriculation at Fort William Collegiate Institute. Having worked in the mines at Pickel Lake for two years, he joined the army in 1941, serving for more than four years.

He was overseas for 30 months, with an armoured car regiment, the 12th Motor Brigade.

In 1946 Doug Fisher entered the University of Toronto, graduating with a B.A. in honors history, and later with a Bachelor of Library Science degree. In 1950 he went to the University of London, studying archives administration (government organization).

Completing this course in 1951, he then spent two years in the library of Queen's University, Kingston, before returning to the Lakehead and the Lakehead Technical Institute, where he was librarian for two years, organizing the Forest Research Library.

He has taught English and history at Fort Arthur Collegiate for the past two years, while still maintaining the LTI library.

In an interview with the News-Chronicle Monday night before the final returns were in but after it was evident he was the winner, the man who defeated C. D. Howe in his first attempt at political office said several factors were pertinent to his election.

He won out over C. D. Howe because Port Arthur voters are interested in "personality and vigor."

TWO MISTAKES

And Howe made two bad mistakes in the last two days of the elec-



DOUGLAS M. FISHER M.P.
... "star pupil"

tion, said the new member: "He applied Communist smear" and said his conqueror, Howe suggested the unions were using force on their members to vote CCF.

Fisher said he knew a week ago he would relegate Howe to the position of citizen.

"I was positive that I'd take the city of Port Arthur, and I thought I'd take the bush camps," he said. "I knew Howe would take the small towns.

"But I, knew if I led by 2,000 votes in Port Arthur, I had it."

Of Port Arthur's 20,346 eligible voters, 76.2 percent cast ballots. And unofficially, 7,486 of these went to Fisher, 5,387 to Howe, and the remaining 2,623 to Conservative candidate Ina Vigers.

Fisher's majority was 99 more than the 2,000 he said he needed in Port Arthur.

Other returns show he accurately predicted results in the rest of the riding, Ontario's largest, where 18,475 persons were eligible to vote.

One of his first aims, Fisher said, will be to unite the CCF riding in Port Arthur more strongly and learn the needs of the riding.

"I want to do what the provincial member (George Wardrope) has tried to do," he said. "And that is represent everyone in the riding irrespective of party."

He wants to go after increased research by government sponsored agencies into booster TV stations primarily to enable TV to reach into the bush communities of Northwestern Ontario.

Fisher admits that TV played a large part in the success of his campaign, having made 11 appearances altogether.

He wants to learn "where Port Arthur stands on the seaway," adding that he "tends" to agree with Manitoba government criticism of Lakehead harbor facilities.

He plans to get solidly behind the Lakehead's new College of Arts and Science, now under construction.

And, like every other non-Liberal candidate in the election, he wants to see another boost in old age pensions.

CCF PIVOTAL

Although Fisher has signed a one-year contract with the Port Arthur Board of Education for the school year beginning in September, he anticipates no difficulty in being released from it.

The new member made two predictions: "I feel the CCF will be the most important group in the House because of its pivotal position." With the Liberals and Conservatives' near equal strength, the CCF is in a position to pivot its weight to either party.

He forecast also that C. D. Howe would be appointed Canadian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

Mr. Fisher said he thought his election would do much to elevate "the prestige of the teaching profession at the Lakehead."

"It was after all," he said unabashedly, "one of the greatest political upsets in the history of Canada."

Will Continue PM Indicates

QUEBEC (CP)—Prime Minister St. Laurent indicated Monday night he will remain in the next Parliament whether he continues as prime minister or becomes Opposition leader.

He said he would take his part in the new parliament whatever the decision of the voters.

"I shall return to Ottawa as soon as possible to get the official reports of what has taken place today throughout the country and will decide there with my (cabinet) colleagues the course we shall take."

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standings might be altered. Possible recounts could do this, and the armed services vote could make a change, though it usually follows the same pattern as the civilian balloting. Servicemen vote for candidates running in their home ridings.

The civilian vote was well over the 1949 record of 5,846,766. With 90 per cent of the polls reported, a Canadian Press tabulation showed 5,871,136.

It appeared certain, too, that the percentage of voters balloting would exceed the 1953 figure of 67.1 per cent but would not reach the levels of 75.4 and 74.1 in 1945 and 1949.

As the Conservative tide rolled across the country under the im-

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