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SOCIAL CREDIT SWEEP

Aberhart Party Carries Country Constituencies By Majorities Over All

Alberta's new government will be Social Credit. Going to the polls in record numbers on Thursday after one of the most bitter and hard fought campaigns in the history of the province, followers of William Aberhart, B.A., Calgary's evangelical school principal, piled up majorities in almost every constituency in Alberta. In their striking bid for political power they completely annihilated the U.F.A. government of the last 14 years, numbering Premier R. G. Reid and every member of his cabinet among the fallen, and at the same time wiping out the Conservative, Labor and Independent members of the last legislature and leaving the Liberals with their ranks shattered. The landslide was devastating and when the compilation of returns was completed for the night the records showed 31 Social Credit members elected and 29 others leading in their constituencies, a total of 60 out of 63 seats.

Out of the other seats Liberals had elected one, W. R. Howson, K.C., Alberta Liberal leader, polling the highest

And there is no doubt as to their being favorable. Although it had been expected that the Social Credit candidates would be strong in the dried out areas of the province, the swing in the north and the more settled and prosperous sections was unexpected. The move-

Liberal Chief Heads Poll



Returns By Constituencies

Constituency	No. of Polls	
Acadia	63	57 polls out of 63 give—U.F.A., 538; Lib., 267; S.C., 1595.
Alexandra	27	24 polls out of 27 give—U.F.A., 781; Lib. 534; Con. 177; Com, 143; S.C. 2257
Athabasca	41	34 polls out of 41 give—Lib., 763; Cons., 296; S.C., 1590.
Beaver River	51	30 polls out of 51 give—U.F.A., 363; Lib., 488; Cons., 113; S.C., 1254.
Bow Valley	32	29 polls out of 32 give—U.F.A., 231; Lib., 567; Ind., 313; S.C., 1669.
Camrose	49	49 polls out of 49 give—U.F.A., 1027; Lib., 1396; S.C., 4317.
Clover Bar	44	38 polls out of 44 give—U.F.A., 801; Lib., 964; Cons., 249; S.C., 2228.
Cardston	25	25 polls out of 25 give—U.F.A., 564; Lib., 430; S.C., 2078.
Cochrane	28	28 polls out of 28 give—U.F.A., 590; Lib., 625; Cons., 341; S.C., 1865.
Coronation	55	54 polls out of 55 give—U.F.A., 839; Lib., 599; S.C., 2598.
Cypress	53	40 polls out of 53 give—U.F.A., 485; Lib., 611; Ind., 47; S.C., 1442.
Didsbury	30	29 polls out of 29 give—U.F.A., 603; Lib., 608; Cons., 301; S.C., 2704.
Drumheller	16	16 polls out of 16 give—Lib., 341; Comm., 330; Ind., 772; S.C., 2146.
Edson	51	43 polls out of 51 give—Lib., 1499; Lab., 1402; S.C., 1876.
Empress	33	32 polls out of 33 give—U.F.A., 512; Lib., 652; Ind., 48; S.C., 1463.
Gleichen	24	24 polls out of 24 give—U.F.A., 895; Lib., 569; Cons., 439; S.C., 2095.

Howson Victory Decisive

W. R. Howson, Alberta Liberal leader, was the only candidate in Edmonton to be elected on the first count on Thursday night, and indications early today are that his surplus ballots, when their second choice is distributed, will carry George H. Van Allen into the ranks of the elected and will also materially assist Gerald O'Connor, another Liberal candidate.

Although under the proportional representation system of voting it is yet too early to make a definite statement indications at 6 a.m. were that these three Liberals would be elected, with two Social Credit candidates in S. A. G. Barnes and Dr. W. S. Hall and a possible Conservative candidate, either D. M. Duggan, K.C., the leader, or Dr. W. A. Atkinson.

MAY BE SPLIT

However the vagaries of second choices may upset this prediction and the Edmonton seats may be split three-three among the Liberals and Social Credit candidates.

Labor was definitely out of the running in all six seats and the majority of the Conservative candidates were also considered out.

Communist and Independent

is possible to make the necessary arrangements was indicated by Premier Reid on Thursday night. Receiving the returns in the parliament buildings along with members of the cabinet the defeat of the U.F.A. administration was conceded by the premier at 10 p.m.

"The people have spoken and the U.F.A. government will prepare to step out as quickly as possible to meet the will of the people," he said. Asked to comment on the results, he had nothing to add.

"What can one say?" he asked. "The will of the people has spoken."

"Then you concede a Social Credit victory?" he was asked. "I would say there is no doubt of it judging by the present returns," he replied, and even as he spoke the loss of another two U.F.A. seats was recorded.

Asked direct when his government would be prepared to step out Premier Reid did not hesitate in his reply.

"Naturally we will get out as quickly as possible," he said. "We will meet the will of the people."

RECEIVES RETURNS

In Calgary the Social Credit leader received the election returns at the Prophetic Bible Institute, surrounded by a crowd of several hundred members of the Social Credit League. It was at the Bible Institute which he founded some years ago that the Social Credit League was organized and founded and it was from this institution that he conducted his radio campaign during the election.

Informed at 10 o'clock that Premier Reid had admitted the defeat of the government, Mr. Aberhart refused to comment at that time.

WENT TO RADIO

"That's not enough for me to make a statement on," he said. "I'll wait for more returns." Later when it was evident that his victory was sweeping him into office on an irresistible tide he went to the radio.

Expressing his gratification at the success of the campaign he congratulated all Social Credit candidates who had been elected and their supporters who had won such a signal victory.

"I feel that our opponents failed because they were fighting against the greatest economic movement that has ever been seen," he said, and added "He who fights against truth and progress fights a losing battle."

Describing the election as a "revolution of ballots instead of bullets" he made an appeal for co-operation from every section and every resident of Alberta. "I ask those who opposed the Social Credit movement in this campaign to make the organization unanimous," he said. "Come on now, fellows, join us," he invited. "You can find no better place for security than in Alberta. We have no intention of confiscation or repudiation in any way, shape or form."

READY TO TAKE OVER

The Social Credit leader also intimated that he would be ready to take over the government as soon as the U.F.A. premier was ready to hand over, and although he was not himself a candidate in the campaign, he indicated that he would be the next premier of the province. However, he issued a warning to

much from a new government and at once, stating that he would have to proceed slowly and along planned lines before putting the Social Credit platform and program into effect.

Mr. Aberhart was jubilant. "By their votes today the people of Alberta have vindicated their right to economic freedom," he said. "They have manifested to the world at large that the people of Alberta are determined to put an end to the great problems of the depression. The youth of our land must be given an opportunity to live rather than exist."

The Social Credit leader also indicated that he had plans for calling an early caucus of elected members as he intimated that he was prepared to accept the premiership of the province.

"As it looks now there is no other course open and I would enter upon it with a great deal of pleasure to organize the government of Alberta as it should be organized," he said in reference to the premiership.

Regarding the calling of an early caucus he stated that he believed an early conference of elected members of the party was desirable.

"It is essential that immediate steps be taken to relieve the people of the tremendous strain they have been laboring under," he said.

Asked as to basic dividends Mr. Aberhart was not informative. "No person can say just how soon we will be ready to pay the basic dividends because we do not know what difficulties we may encounter in building the foundation of a new order," he said, but he was decisive in declaring that Albertans had nothing to fear in the election of a Social Credit government.

"Nothing detrimental to anyone's interests will be introduced as long as they are not exploiting the people," he said. There will be no change in the ordinary methods of doing business or in the lawful money of Canada."

Although pleased with the success of his party in the provincial field he could not say whether he would embark in the federal field, he said. He had received invitations to extend the party to the federal sphere of politics but had not yet decided the matter. However, several of his followers have already been nominated as candidates in the federal field in Alberta and it is believed the movement may spread to adjacent provinces.

Although he gave no indication of his probable cabinet ministers it was stated from Calgary that J. W. Huggill, K.C., who ran on the Social Credit ticket there would probably be the next attorney general, while E. C. Manning, another Calgary candidate who has secured election and who was was Mr. Aberhart's chief aide during the organization of the league and of the campaign preceding the election is also considered to be another cabinet probability.

Rumor was also busy with the name of S. A. G. Barnes, Edmonton Social Credit candidate and member of the Edmonton Public school board for many years as the probable minister of education in the new regime.

None of the Social Credit candidates elected have ever served in the legislature before or held government office, but during the campaign, Mr. Aberhart several times

stated that his success came in on Thursday. Poll after poll reported with Social Credit majorities and it was soon apparent that the south would be solidly Aberhart.

But it was not until the polls from the central and northern part of the province began to roll in that the hold the Social Credit movement had on the province was realized. Constituency after constituency reported, and each report added to the Social Credit totals.

Old stalwarts of the U.F.A. party toppled, among them Hon. George Hoadley, veteran of the legislature and a cabinet minister since 1921. Hon. Perren Baker, minister of education followed and shortly afterwards it was announced that Hon. F. S. Grisdale, minister of agriculture had also been numbered among the defeated. Watching the growing list of cabinet casualties Premier Reid saw his own constituency slipping and shortly after he had conceded his personal defeat in Vermilion word was received that Hon. J. J. McLellan had also fallen in Taber. Hon. Hugh Allen in Grande Prairie and Hon. Russell Love in Sturgeon were also dropping far behind as the counting proceeded.

MCPHERSON DEFEATED

The former minister of public works in the Brownlee government, O. L. McPherson was also defeated in Little Bow and ex-premier Brownlee met a similar fate in Ponoka. Of all the cabinet Hon. J. F. Lymburn, running as a Citizen's candidate in Edmonton, was the only one that looked as if he might be returned and even this is problematical. The defeat of the U.F.A. government was thorough and decisive.

But if the government was going under other parties in the legislature were faring but little better. On the Conservative side of the house the casualties were heavy as seat after seat was lost until finally only the leader, D. M. Duggan and Dr. W. A. Atkinson, both running in Edmonton, were conceded possible chances of election.

Labor fared about the same. Fred White, Labor leader in the legislature, running in Calgary, was low down in the first count and is hardly likely to be elected. Out of the eleven Labor candidates in the election not one had been elected early this morning and their chances were diminishing as the count proceeded.

The same was true of the Communist party candidates. Ten of them were in the field but they were all trailing and will be among the first to fall when the elimination of low candidates starts.

MAKE BEST SHOWING

Liberals made the best showing among the opposition to the Social Credit party, but even their showing was negligible, although the second choice ballots may bring them to nearly the same strength as they had in the legislature when it was dissolved. However, the Social Credit group will have a clear majority over all other parties, and among old line politicians this was considered the only bright spot on the picture which the balloting painted.

"If they had to get in it is better that they have gone in with a clear majority. That way there will be nothing to stop Mr. Aber-

W. HOWSON, K.C.

Edmonton Results

169 OUT OF 171 SPLIT POLLS

ATKINSON, Con.	1188
BARNES, S.C.	4300
BASARAB, Con.	682
BERG, Labor	182
BOWCOTT, Labor	178
CONROY, Lib.	1182
DUGGAN, Con.	1382
EAST, Labor	516
FARMILLO, Labor	130
FINDLAY, Labor	312
FITZSIMON, Con	343
HALL, S.C.	2758
HOWSON, Lib.	8628

JAMIESON, Con.	998
KENNEDY, S.C.	1778
KING, S.C.	821
LAKEMAN, Con.	1060
LYMBURN, U.F.A.	1971
MARSHALL, Lib.	661
MORRISH, Lib.	655
MULLEN, S.C.	2373
O'CONNOR, Lib.	1089
PARSONS, Labor	64
RAMSAY, Con.	62
ROBERTSON, S.C.	1178
VAN ALLEN, Lib.	1168
WRIGHT, C.C.F.	198

Calgary First Count Complete

CALGARY: (First count complete), 178 polls.

Irwin (C.),	2529
Farthing (C.),	2090
Milvain (C.),	453
Follett (C.),	886
Bowlen (Lib.),	3874
Millican (Lib.),	1564
Weir (Lib.),	1774
Watson (Lib.),	786
Jamieson (Ind.),	469
Lenihan (Comm.),	821
Anderson (S.C.),	5058
Devenish (S.C.),	3032
Gostick (S.C.),	3787
Hugill (S.C.),	3152
Little (S.C.),	2961
Manning (S.C.),	6089 (elected)
White (Lab.),	1023
Liesemer (Lab.),	450
Southern (Lab.),	172
Parkyn (Ind.-Lab.),	224
Total vote,	41,195
Quota set at	5,885

Woman Complains Of Heat In City Polling Station

"My, but it's hot in this dump," murmured one voter to the lady accompanying as he wiped his steaming brow in a crowded polling station.

"Here, you can't tell that woman how to vote," interjected a Social Credit worker.

"Who's telling who how to vote?" asked the disgusted elector. "I'm just telling my wife how hot this lousy dump of yours is," and the S.C. scrutineer subsided.

hart carrying out his pledges. He will have the majority he asked for and will not be dependent on other parties to put his policies into effect," was the way one, ex-member of the legislature put it and his remarks met with general approval.

"The people wanted Social Credit apparently and now they have it. Well, where do we go from here?" he concluded and that about summed up the feeling of those opposed to the Social Credit theory.

And any way you look at it the decision in favor of Social Credit was decisive.

Woman Voter Finds Ballot Ready Marked

At Poll No. 7, Norwood, a voter, Miss Hutton applied for her ballot to the Deputy Returning Officer Mrs. Sorensen and was handed it. She went into the booth and proceeded to mark it, but was surprised to see that it had already been marked one and two for Orvis Kennedy and another Social Credit candidate, and immediately protested.

Mrs. Sorensen at first stated that no marked ballot could have been handed out but afterwards gave Miss Hutton a new ballot. Complaint was made to H. H. Crawford, Returning Officer, by agents for George H. Van Allen, and Mr. Crawford gave every assistance in the investigation.

Mrs. Sorensen stated that she had been folding ballots in anticipation of the rush, which is itself against the election law, and gave as her excuse for the mix-up that some elector, after marking the ballot must have inadvertently dropped it on the folded pile instead of putting it in the box. Agents for Mr. Van Allen accepted the explanation temporarily but will check up the count at the poll particularly to see if any spoiled ballots with a No. 1 for Kennedy and a No. 1 for anyone else shows up as Mrs. Sorensen, they state, has been an active Social Credit worker.

Social Creditors Mass In Victory

Excited to a high pitch by their landslide victory in the province, Social Creditors, massed in their headquarters, shouted to carry the fight into federal politics.

Cheers resounded in the Aberhart hall as a spokesman cried: "Folks, now that we've won this victory, let's show them that this thing can be done and follow up by electing our men to all western Canadian seats in the federal government."

Grouard	59	Lib., 1144; S.C., 767.
Grande Prairie	73	55 polls out of 73 give—U.F.A., 1556; Lib., 2156; Cons., 422; S.C., 2303.
Hand Hills	63	57 polls out of 63 give—U.F.A., 677; Lib., 531; S.C., 3169.
Innisfail	29	27 polls out of 29 give—U.F.A., 379; Lib., 478; Cons., 400; S.C., 2796.
Lacombe	64	62 polls out of 64 give—U.F.A., 705; Lib., 833; Cons., 509; S.C., 3424.
Lac Ste. Anne	42	19 polls out of 42 give—U.F.A., 547; Lib., 554; Cons., 98; S.C., 976.
Leduc	46	40 polls out of 46 give—U.F.A., 326; Lib., 1215; Cons., 162; S.C., 2595.
Lethbridge	14	14 polls out of 14 give—Lib., 1946; Cons., 341; Lab., 654; S.C., 3700.
Little Bow	34	34 polls out of 34 give—U.F.A., 690; Lib., 467; S.C., 2311.
Macleod	41	41 polls out of 41 give—Lib., 417; Ind., 729; S.C., 1647.
Medicine Hat	16	16 polls out of 16 give—Lib., 1247; Con., 650; S.C., 3355.
Nanton-Clr'holm	44	44 polls out of 44 give—U.F.A., 597; Lib., 508; Con., 269; S.C., 1757.
O'k'tks-Hi. River	41	41 polls out of 41 give—U.F.A., 1009; Lib., 970; Con., 451; S.C., 3060.
Olds	38	35 polls out of 38 give—U.F.A., 680; Lib., 920; Con., 167; S.C., 3297.
Peace River	49	37 polls out of 49 give—U.F.A., 855; Lib., 1078; Con., 323; S.C., 1943.
Pembina	50	41 polls out of 50 give—U.F.A., 926; Lib., 1053; Con., 164; S.C., 2866.
Pincher Creek	34	32 polls out of 34 give—U.F.A., 292; Lib., 499; Con., 308; S.C., 1179.
Ponoka	45	43 polls out of 45 give—U.F.A., 871; Lib., 680; S.C., 2164.
Red Deer	57	50 polls out of 57 give—Lib., 738; Con., 588; Com., 356; Ind. 598; S.C., 3297.
Ribstone	43	41 polls out of 43 give—U.F.A., 493; Lib., 604; S.C., 2636.
Rocky Mountain	17	17 polls out of 17 give—Lib., 1024; Comm., 1078; Ind., 383; S.C., 2972.
St. Albert	21	20 polls out 21—U.F.A., 105; Lib., 440 Ind. Con. 249; Ind. Lib. 906; S.C. 1397
St. Paul	60	55 polls out of 60 give—U.F.A., 855; Lib., 1857; S.C., 2323.
Sedgewick	46	45 polls out of 46 give—U.F.A., 798; Lib., 580; S.C., 3613.
Stettler	76	72 polls out of 76 give—U.F.A., 503; Lib., 868; Cons., 274; S.C., 3600.
Stony Plain	64	47 polls out of 64 give—U.F.A., 262; Lib., 1276; Cons., 143; S.C., 2242.
Sturgeon	56	47 out of 56 give—U.F.A., 801; Lib., 1372; Con. 347; Com. 440; S.C. 2152.
Taber	35	32 polls out of 35 give—U.F.A., 684; Lib., 606; S.C., 2687.
Vegreville	34	34 polls out of 34 give—U.F.A., 1171; Lib., 1873; Cons., 123; S.C., 3071.
Vermilion	88	86 out of 88 give—U.F.A., 870; Lib., 1053; Cons. 238; Com. 735; S.C. 2485.
Victoria	23	21 polls out of 23 give—U.F.A., 275; Lib. 1044; Cons., 57; S.C., 1898.
Wainwright	45	45 polls out of 45 give—U.F.A., 780; Lib., 955; Cons., 192; S.C., 2288.
Warner	30	29 polls out of 30 give—U.F.A., 541; Lib., 430; Single Tax 193; S.C., 1630.
Wetaskiwin	61	56 out of 61 give—U.F.A., 446; Lib., 1024; Cons. 183; Com. 126; S.C. 2536.
Whitford	36	35 polls out of 36 give—U.F.A., 938; Lib., 609; Comm., 888; S.C., 1212.

on the first count. Earliest definite indication of the balloting trend came at about 10:30 p.m. when deputy returning officers reported that 169 split polls of the total of 171 gave W. R. Howson (Lib.), 8,628 votes on the first count, which was all that D.R.O.'s were required to compile.

With this figure, the former Liberal leader in the provincial house was assured of election, as it appeared at that time that the necessary quota for election would be about 5000. The Grit candidate was away ahead of the field, his closest contestant being S. A. G. Barnes (S.C.) who trailed far in the rear with 4,300.

POOR THIRD

W. S. Hall (S.C.) came a poor third with 2,758 first-count ballots to his credit, while D. B. Mullen, another Social Credit candidate, followed him with 2,373.

John F. Lymburn, U.F.A. stalwart, running as a Citizens' candidate, nosed in at fifth place when first-count returns gave him 971.

Social Credit Orvis Kennedy trailed Mr. Lymburn with a ballot total of 1,778.

HARD HIT

Hard hit in all quarters, Tory candidates failed miserably on first choices. D. M. Duggan, former Conservative party leader in the legislature, capturing the seventh position with 1,382. Eighth came Dr. W. A. Atkinson (Cons.) with 1,188. Geo. Van Allen (Lib.), with 1,186, came ninth, and Mark Robertson (S.C.), with 1,178, tenth.

CONROY ELEVENTH

Mrs. Marion Conroy, the only lady contestant on the Liberal slate, polled 1,082 on the first-choice count to take the eleventh place.

Standing of other candidates at this time was: C. G. O'Connor (Lib.), 1,069; Jan Lakeman (Comm.), 1,060; Col. F. C. Jamieson (Cons.) 998; G. L. King (S.C.), 821; J. E. Basarab (Cons.) 682; John Marshall (Lib.) 661; Dr. Walter Morrish (Lib.) 665; James East (Lab.) 516; Mrs. T. D. Fitzsimon (Cons.), 343; J. W. Findlay (Lab.) 312; Elsie Wright (C.C.F.) 198; Carl E. Berg (Lab.) 182; Sidney Bowcott (Lab.) 178; A. Farmilo (Labor), 130; Sid. Parsons (Lab.), 64; Donald Ramsay (Cons.) 62.

Liberals Cheer For Howson's Win

In the Liberal rooms, stalwarts of the party, collected in large crowd, cheered in jubilation at the announcements that their leader, William R. Howson, K.C., was leading the city field. There was a certain feeling of security in the knowledge that their fighting chieftain would represent them in the house, to battle for sense, soundness and solidarity.

Things Are Quiet In Tory Camp

In the Conservative camp things were quiet, the tents torn down, the troops silently slipping away after the first onslaught of the fight. A few followers hung about disconsolately, noting results, dully contemplating "extras," then, one by one or in small groups, they decamped.