

BRITAIN GOES
TO THE POLLS

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known till the 26th of July. More than 32-million
have witnessed a party fight in the ^{good old} ~~acrimonious~~ tradition,
but not even experts could predict which way ^{the} ~~they~~ voted.

So the choice between Sir Archibald Sinclair and his
Liberal Party, and Mr. Attlee and the Labour Party, who
proclaim themselves optimistic, and the Prime Minister and the
Conservatives - ~~what~~ that choice ~~is~~ we shan't know ^{yet awhile}
~~for a fortnight or so.~~

Seven o'clock on election morning saw the early-bird
voters setting the ball rolling. Ordinary men and women
were deciding ~~whom~~ which party will govern the country

for the next five years. That's what democracy means.
Like all human systems it isn't perfect, but nothing
better has been devised yet. For the humble voter the
choice wasn't easy as all parties have much the same plans
for housing and full employment and rock-bottom issues
of that kind. Electors had to decide whose promises were

most likely
2 B fulfilled. Waiting for the services' vote accounts for the long

delay in announcing the election result. It would be a
mock election indeed if such of the fighting men ^{as} ~~who~~ are
on the register didn't have their say. Some of their
votes are already in and being handled by the army post
office. As they ^{arrive} ~~came to they were~~ despatched to the
constituencies.

(Side) This was how the country chose which of three
voices, clamant for support, it liked best.