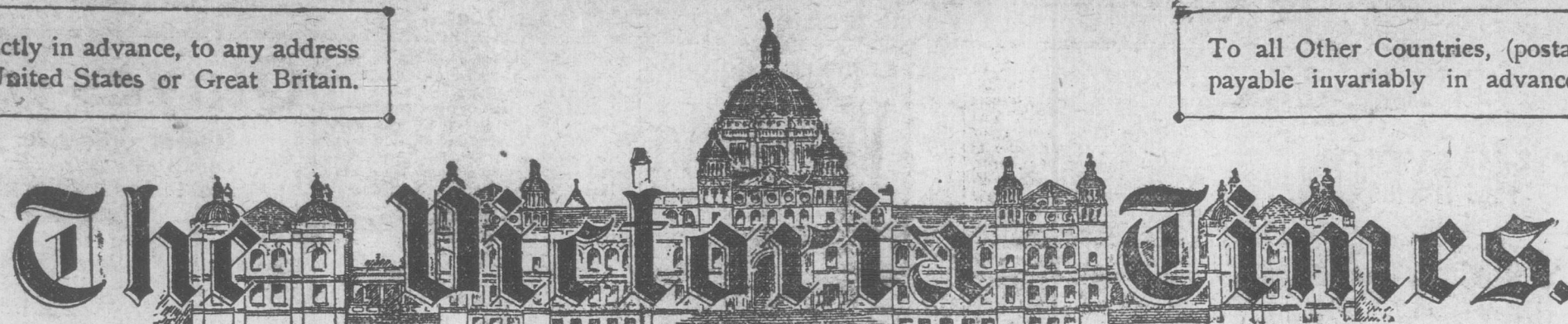


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LIBERAL NOMINEES PRESENT CLAIMS

The Solid Four For Victoria Review the Political Record of the Present Provincial Government.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The meeting in the Liberal interests had last evening in Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge, gave the candidates for the city their first opportunity to present their claims before the electorate. A. J. Pines was elected chairman, and in his opening address explained that it was a rather bad night to hold a meeting as the electors had been out for the two evenings preceding, taking part in the municipal election. He called attention to the fact that latter on in the campaign the opportunity would be afforded to hear the four Liberal candidates.

Gordon Grant, the first speaker, felt it an honor to have conferred upon him the distinction of breaking ground in the political history of British Columbia, leading up to the selection of Richard McBride as the premier. The premier had not been returned to power. Three acts constituted to give Mr. McBride power. One of these was the passing of a special act to qualify Arch. McDonald, of Lillooet. The second was the stealing of the Fernie ballot boxes, and the third was that Mr. McBride threw Conservative traditions to the wind and allied himself with the Socialists.

Going into the record of the McBride government, Mr. Grant pointed out the various bills, different to any ever issued before, and which were found by the courts to be useless, had been issued by them. This was to the benefit of the lands and works department, and the attorney-general's department. It had locked up the country of the Flathead valley, and it was never developed.

Referring to the granting of 800,000 acres to the Columbia and Western railway, the premier in giving away lands for which the company was not entitled, showed that Mr. McBride did not appreciate the duties of his office. (Applause.)

Upon the School Act, the speaker claimed it was the duty of the government to afford the children the opportunity to have an education. The money spent on education was the best money where economy was to be exercised it should not be on the schools. Premier McBride had seen it to interfere with the poor schools where the attendance was small. There should be equality in the schools.

There had been no justification for the increase in taxation in the province initiated by the present government. The C. P. R. lands in Southeast Kootenay were liable to taxation, yet the financial genius over James Bay did not propose to do this. Mr. McInnes had sought to relieve the poor farmers to escape taxation by exempting up to \$1,000. The government would not have this amendment. They could excuse the C. P. R., however. It was clear that if the C. P. R. did not cooperate the government, it had a good deal to do in influencing the government.

During the present campaign he explained to recall the attention of J. D. M. Eberts his statement made at a previous campaign that the Columbia and Western would be built. When the railway company failed to do that he would like to know if Mr. Eberts why he supported the grant of 800,000 acres to that road.

Mr. Hall speaks. Richard Hall, in asking for the suffrages of the people, again complimented Spring Ridge upon the vote it had given the Liberals at the last election. He hoped that the candidates would continue to hold the confidence of the people of the district. If the Liberals were returned to power the people could rest assured that the party would listen to the needs presented before them. The leader of the opposition was a man of sterling integrity who would fill his position ably. There were strong men running also in the party, Smith Curtis, a man who stood by the people. Mr. McInnes, Mr. McLennan and Mr. Eberts were all men of high character. Exception had been taken to Mr. Henderson resigning, but there was a precedent for that in the resignation from the bench of Sir John Thompson. He did not know of a single act of the Conservative government which had benefited the country. The finances of the province when Mr. McBride took power were not such that a financier would say they were deplorable. While there might not have been any ready money, there was a security back of the debts owed. The riches of the mines, forests, etc., were back of these. The banks got the members of the government in a panic, and seeing they had a good thing, they charged 5 per cent interest on the amount borrowed. The government then went to work and increased taxation. They were creating a surplus, but this was a false



THE ARTFUL PREMIER: "Go back, Green, go back! Can't you see that it's your weight that is breaking the ice?" N. B.—It is fully expected that, if the ice holds, Mr. Green will "go back."

RALLY TO-NIGHT IN METCHOSIN

JOHN JARDINE WILL MEET THE ELECTORS

Gratifying Campaign is Being Conducted in the Saanich and the Esquimalt Constituencies.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

To-night a rally is being held at Metchosin in favor of John Jardine, the Liberal candidate for Esquimalt. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Jardine himself, R. L. Drury and W. G. Cameron.

During the coming week; several gatherings will be held in the riding in the interests of Mr. Jardine, and on Saturday evening next W. W. B. McInnes will be at Esquimalt to address a meeting in the interests of the Liberal candidate.

A canvass of the constituency recently made shows that the election of Mr. Jardine is practically certain. The vote of the labor interests, the farming communities and the general industrial vote is going to be Liberal, and C. E. Pooley will be overwhelmingly defeated.

In Saanich. From Saanich similar gratifying news is received and John Piers has every assurance of victory. There are methods being employed in the riding, however, which calls for the most careful guard being kept on the agents of the government party, who are bending every effort to defeat the Liberal nominee.

By thorough organization on the part of the Liberals it is hoped to overcome all these difficulties. The feeling of the constituency is decidedly in favor of Mr. Piers.

Local Liberals. Future meetings in the city in the interests of the Liberal candidates have not been definitely settled yet. A series will be held in the various districts, however, so that the candidates may meet the electorate before the day of voting.

EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS. J. L. McComb Will Hold Final Rally in New Grand To-morrow. (From Saturday's Daily.) There was a good attendance at the 3rd Grand theatre last evening when J. L. McComb, the evangelist, delivered his address on "Peter, the Backslider."

PRESERVATION OF B. C. FISHERIES

QUESTION DISCUSSED IN PARLIAMENT

William Sloan Suggests Bounties For Ship Building and Kindred Industries.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The week's bazaar campaign which the Pitt-Reform store has been putting on has been a revelation not only in the slaughtering of prices, but in the record of sales. The Montreal Brokerage Company, represented by Manager Hoffman, had charge for Allen & Co., and throughout the week the accommodation of the store was taxed.

The sale is by no means over, and some special lines are being introduced which have not yet been on sale, and at prices as low as any yet put on the counter. It will pay the economical shopper to watch the Pitt-Reform announcements in the Times daily.

ELLISON WILL BE DEFEATED
OPPOSITION LEADER HEARTILY GREETED
Okanagan Riding Decidedly Against the Government and Will Elect a Liberal.

Armstrong, Jan. 19.—In spite of the fact that but a few hours' notice of the meeting was given, there was a splendid turnout here to-night to greet the Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, and Alex. Henderson, who spoke at length in behalf of Dr. Macdonald, the Liberal candidate for Okanagan. Dr. Macdonald will be in the southern part of the constituency to-night with Duncan Ross.

The Liberal leader again made a deep impression in this part of the province. The Liberals workers here and in Vernon were very confident, and claim that Price Ellison is already defeated.

STEAMERS IN COLLISION. Three Members of Dundee Vessel's Crew Are Reported Missing. Dover, Eng., Jan. 19.—The Red Star liner Vaderland collided with and sank the Dundee steamer Naworth Castle, four miles east of the South Goodwin lightship during the night.

So far as is known only three members of the Naworth Castle's crew of twenty are missing. The Vaderland's bow is damaged beyond the water line and her fore-peak is mangled tight, so that there is no danger of water, but the bulkhead reger of the ship sinking. The news of the accident reached here in a wireless message from South Goodwin. A dense fog prevailed in the channel all night long, but it cleared away when daylight came.

CREATING BODIES OF KINGSTON VICTIMS

Ships Arrive With Medicine and Food For Survivors—Several Vessels Have Run Ashore.

Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 19.—The United States ships Indiana and Missouri arrived to-day from Guantamano bringing large quantities of medicines and food.

The torpedo boat destroyer Whipple arrived during the night with a boatload of medicine, which was sent ashore in charge of Surgeon McDonald. The cruiser Tankton is expected to arrive here soon.

Many of the Americans who were in Kingston at the time of the disaster have been taken aboard the warships. They intended to take passage to the United States aboard the Hamburg-American steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, but that vessel ran ashore near the wreck of the steamer Prinzessin Louise last night. The Prinz Eitel Friedrich was smashed by the earthquake and the vessel had no light to steer by. The steamer Prinz Waldemar is also hard ashore. The wrecked Premier has gone to the aid of the stranded vessels.

Several light shocks of earthquakes were felt last night. Four hundred and twenty dead were buried up to last night. The remaining bodies are being cremated. The death list is now believed to be about 700.

Suffering Among Poor. New York, Jan. 19.—A dispatch from Holland Bay says there is great suffering among the poor of Jamaica. A delegation of fifty sufferers appealed to the government for the systematic distribution of relief. The spokesman said many were dying of neglect. It is charged that the money had been supplied with food and medicines.

Port Royal has again sunk and geysers are springing up in the streets. The American consuls were wrecked. The acting consul tried yesterday to get a cable dispatch to the state department asking for help. One has to travel all night in a small boat and on horseback to reach Holland Bay, from which cable messages are sent.

The work of clearing the streets of Kingston of debris is being pushed. Dynamite is being used to blow down some of the ruins. The water supply has been interrupted, but foot is very scarce and therefore prices are exorbitant.

A remarkable incident of the earthquake has just come to light. An English clerk in a store was buried under falling walls following the earthquake on Monday, and over this for many

poed and he wished to congratulate the United States for the prompt and effective way they responded to the news of the disaster.

BRUCE'S MISSION. New Ambassador's Farewell Speech to His Constituents.

Aberdeen, Scotland, Jan. 17.—James Bryce bade farewell to his constituents this afternoon at a great meeting held in the city hall. Bryce was represented in the House of Commons. During his speech, Mr. Bryce said he was leaving his post in Ireland because it had been thought that his previous study of American institutions and the people of the United States gave him some special advantage for his new office. He had never ceased to labor for the establishment of the best relations between the two great nations that were meant to be friends.

TOWNS FLOODED. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 19.—The rivers are again at a flood stage, and with the water rising at the rate of 2 1/2 inches an hour the danger point will probably be passed before evening. Reports from upriver points, however, indicate that the flood will not reach serious proportions and the stage may not exceed 22 feet. The Allegheny river is falling at the head waters, but the Monongahela is still rising at all points. Half the houses in West Brownsville are said to be submerged. Elizabeth and West Elizabeth are also partly inundated. Many of the residents remained up all night preparing to leave their homes should the flood reach them.

SKATING CONTEST. New York, Jan. 18.—At the annual skating contest last night of the National Skating Association of America it was voted to cast the protecting power of the organization over the Amateur Skating Association of Canada, which is fighting an organization that will hold meetings at Toronto.

The indoor speed skating contest on February 22nd and 23rd was awarded to Pittsburg, Pa. The date and place were finally left to the disposal of the committee, which will report in ten days.

First Consignment of Provisions Will Be Forwarded From Halifax To-day.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Hon. W. S. Fielding announced in the House to-day in reference to the Jamaica disaster, that owing to the breaking of the cable it had been found very difficult to get information, and the government was depending upon what was soon in the press. There was no doubt, however, as to large loss of life and destruction of property, and consequently very much distress. The government, he said, thought it was warranted and ought to be the wish of Canadian people to express sympathy by making a substantial grant. As to what that amount would be, he would propose to begin by taking the usual grant of \$50,000, and if necessary the government would increase this by taking another fifty thousand, making it \$100,000. A steamer was about to sail from Halifax, and the owners, Pickford & Black, made an offer to convey free of charge any provisions which Canada may wish to send. Instructions were forwarded to the collector of customs of Halifax, who was familiar with West India trade and knew what was required, to purchase at once whatever provisions his judgment might be necessary and suitable to the West Indies. The first instalment of provisions, together with tents from the militia department, will be shipped from Halifax to-morrow for Jamaica. (Cheers.)

Mr. Borden said the disaster was more appalling than was at first supposed.

OFFICERS RESIGN. New York, Jan. 18.—The trouble between the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and its men over the question of membership in a labor union resulted in the resignation of all the junior officers of the steamer Moltke just before she sailed from Naples. It was learned when the steamer arrived here to-day that the officers refused to sign an agreement not to join the seamen's union.

EARTHQUAKE IN RUSSIA.

Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Two violent earthquake shocks were experienced at Baku, situated on the south side of the River Kubu. It has a population of 16,000.

Prof Claudio desires that all of his pupils who wish to join the Mandolin Club will meet at his studio Tuesday, at 8 p.m., for rehearsal.