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conveniences and comforts of the whole people, to make life a little more livable. When it does not do this a Government has failed. Mr. Maclean said we had to look to Great Britain for progressive government and public ownership. The representative of the people, whether he be a municipal officer or a member of Parliament, owed his whole duty to the people who elected him. Their interests should be paramount. Mr. Maclean urged his hearers to closely watch and criticise the actions of their representatives, and in this way bring about a return of the true democracy of political power, and if possible the democracy of wealth as well.

Sir Wilfrid's Prophecy

THE following paragraph from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech at the Guildhall in London is worthy of being read, and re-read, and then pasted in every scrap-book:

"In 1902 a strong pressure was put upon the British Government to suspend the Constitution of the Cape Colony. The British Government would not listen to any such thought; they did more—the British Government did not hesitate, four years after the war, to give the full citizenship of the British Empire to the Colony of the Transvaal. I tell you this—when I think upon matters of this kind, I, coming from French Canada, can express an opinion. There was only one nation in the world who could have dared to do what Britain has done, and that nation is England. Now, the wisdom of this policy has been fully vindicated. It had been vindicated many years before, when the British Government did not hesitate to give to Canada—to French Canada—the same power, the same privileges, which have been given in South Africa; and, if anything could justify the wisdom of such a policy, it was the words that I was proud to hear yesterday from my friend Dr. Jameson—words which filled my heart—to the effect that possibly at the next Conference we may have a united South Africa represented here. It is possible that at the next Conference we may have another Confederation within the British Empire composed of the Cape, of Natal, of the Orange Colony, of the Transvaal, of Rhodesia, and of other domains yet to be added as time goes on. This is truly Imperial policy, and, so long as the British Empire is maintained upon these lines, I venture to assert that it rests upon foundations firmer than the rock and as enduring as the ages."

A Big Fortune

(Vancouver World.)

IT is rumored that Mr. J. C. Keith of this city, who is now abroad, has, through the death of his cousin, "Silent Smith," fallen heir to a very large fortune. Mr. Keith was at one time the favourite nephew of his Chicago uncle whose millions were left to "Silent" Smith. But Mr. Keith came west and dropped out of his uncle's mind, while the young man who succeeded to the estate and whose body is on the way from Japan to this port for transmission to Illinois, where it will be buried, remained at home, and was rewarded by a legacy of \$50,000,000 which was afterwards increased by wise investments to \$75,000,000.

Spring Late in West

THE backwardness of the spring season leads the Regina "Standard" to publish the following, under the title "Ten Years Ago":

"The spring of 1897 was pretty much the same as that now being experienced in the West, and yet the crop that year was one of the best so far as quality is concerned ever harvested. W. M. Williamson, an old timer of the city, told the 'Standard' to-day that on May 6, 1897, there was a storm that covered the ground 15 inches deep with snow. The skating rink at that time was located on the corner of Eleventh avenue

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