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UNPATRIOTIC AND UNJUST.

What has become of the Colonist's stated independence? It says there as never been any special demand for the establishment of a Normal School in Victoria...

May we be permitted to ask what evidence our contemporary would desire as constituting a "demand"? Only a few months ago it published an important article...

The fact that the public will be in no excuse for public endorsement being bestowed upon race track gambling. It is true that people will back their opinions on sporting events with money, privately if not publicly...

RACE TRACK GAMBLING.

The "horse" interests in the East do not appear to be so very much different from similar interests in the West after all. And what is applicable to the "horse" interests may also be accepted as applicable to the community generally...

But the strong bulwark of the patriotic horseman was the contention that the only effective method of developing the best friend of man is by racing him and proving his "qualities" against other horses.

the horse is doomed to immediate deterioration and final decay. The very thought of such a consummation is terribly depressing. Better of course that a hundred young men should be ruined annually than that one noble friend of man should be denied an opportunity of demonstrating his mettle...

Neither the Woodbine nor the Blue Bonnet race track, we are told with emphasis, could continue in business if bookmaking were abolished by Act of Parliament. The reason for this is that in the one case the receipts from the bookies is in the neighborhood of seventy thousand dollars per meeting...

And when all sophistries are brushed aside the truth is revealed that gambling is just as demoralizing to "horse racing" as it is to any other legitimate sport. Why did the baseball magnates of the United States have to adopt drastic measures to purge the playing fields of gamblers?

The Miller bill ought to pass, if not in the form originally introduced, at least in such a form as will effectually kill the demoralizing business of the professional bookmakers.

UNWARRANTED EXPENDITURES.

The McBride government spent \$280,700 without legislative sanction during the past financial year. As there was a general election on, the expenditure under special warrant was of course extraordinary. For the greater part of this enormous sum sanction ought to have been had in the regular constitutional way...

that they were beyond the means of the municipality, said: "Elect me, and the work you desire will be carried out." And they gave proof of their powers by having the improvements undertaken instantly.

in most of the other constituencies. That is not a fair sample of the manner in which Premier McBride, now acclaimed as a statesman worthy of Dominion honors, practically brought about the annihilation of the Liberal party in the province as far as representation in the Legislature is concerned.

TAX REDUCTION.

Up to a certain point the McBride government is to be commended for its decision to reduce the taxation upon the people of the province. It has, up to the point mentioned, adopted the suggestions of the opposition put forward during the late Parliament. The exemptions on improvements have been increased from five hundred to a thousand dollars.

In the matter of tax reduction in general as announced in the bill brought down yesterday, the government's policy is not likely to meet with absolute commendation, after it is thoroughly analyzed. The usual policy of governments in fixing the rate of taxation, when direct taxation is necessary, is to apportion the burden in accordance with the assumed breadth of the back to which the load is to be applied.

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EDUCATIONAL NARROWNESS AND MEANNESS.

The Premier, who has the honor to be the senior representative of Victoria, intimates that his constituency, which logically and according to all precedent ought to be the headquarters of the educational system of the province, may in process of time have its rights recognized in the matter of a Normal School.

Several important changes in the municipalities are asked for by the Union of B. C. Municipalities which waited upon Attorney-General Bower this morning and subsequently saw the executive about some of the matters taken up.

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Three Specialists Will Award Standing at Coming Show. The directors of the Victoria Kennel Club have appointed judges for the coming bench show to be held March 9th, 10th and 11th. They are: Mr. Lauder (date of Winnipeg), all setters and pointers.

PETRIANA FOR VICTORIA TRADE.

WILL PLY FROM HERE TO NORTHERN PORTS. J. Galt, of Northern Steamship Co., Was Here Looking Up Business. John Galt, manager of the newly-formed Northern Steamship Company, and formerly manager of the Union Steamship Co., of Vancouver, was in the city Monday looking up business for his two new steamers, the Petriana and another vessel which are at present on their way to this coast.

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