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THE SENATE.

The death of Senator Forget has attracted attention anew to the political constitution of the Senate. It reduces to twenty-one the number of Conservatives in that body. In 1896 there were twelve senators who were looked upon as opponents of the Conservative government, of whom three had been appointed during the premiership of Sir John Macdonald, but had for reasons not necessary to be specified, changed their political allegiance. The Senate at that time numbered eighty-one members. Now the number of senatorial seats is eighty-seven, but there are four vacancies, one each from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward's Island, and two from Quebec. If these are filled by Liberals, the strength of the two parties in the Upper Chamber will be Liberals, 66, Conservatives 21. The majority of the Conservative senators are advanced in years, so it is apparent if the present government remains in power for another parliamentary term, and the present party system of appointment is continued, there will hardly be a Conservative left in the House. The statement is made that the government is seriously considering if it has not a duty to perform in this emergency, and if it ought not to take steps to restore the balance between the two parties.

In the above facts we have a powerful illustration of the inherent weakness of the appointive system. The Colonist feels that it can discuss this question without laying itself open to a charge of party bias. As long ago as 1897 it protested against the maintenance of party lines in the Senate. It will be remembered that there was a disposition shown by some Conservative senators to block measures introduced by the Liberal ministry. The Colonist pointed out that this was an exceedingly objectionable course and that when the Conservatives were once more placed in power they might find themselves confronted with a hostile senate. Having held and expressed these views, which were not expressed as far as we know by any other Conservative paper in Canada, we feel free now to say that, in pursuing the policy of appointing only Liberals to senatorial vacancies, the Laurier ministry has not followed a statesmanlike policy, although it may have been acting very humanely in so doing. There must be men in Canada, fit for senatorial positions, who are not partisans first and Canadians afterwards. The fact that a man has worked hard for his party, ought not of itself to be a justification for his appointment to the place of a legislator. We do not suppose that any reasonable person would take exception to the appointive power being exercised in such a way as to secure for the ministry, handicapped as that of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was at the outset, a safe working majority in the Senate, but that point was reached long ago, and for years past there has existed no good reason why in filling vacancies as they have arisen the government might not have selected men who are above the level of partisan politics and who represent some of the greater achievements of Canadians in industry, commerce or thought. It is not too late yet to make a beginning.

POLITICS IN VANCOUVER

Every Vancouver man seems of necessity to be endowed with any amount of energy. When it is not devoted to laying out "new additions," or building "sky-scrapers," or convincing all and sundry that there is no place like home, that is a home on the shore of Burrard Inlet, it finds vent in politics. You can get up a political meeting in Vancouver on the least possible justification and on the shortest possible notice, and Vancouver has a representative in the person of the Attorney-General, to whom a good lively meeting, at which he is heaped over the coals, possesses a charm to which nothing else can quite compare. And so it has come about that Mr. Bowser has been asked to explain several things publicly by his constituents, and he has never been too busy to accept invitations of that kind. He meets his critics; they talk to him, and he to them, and when representative and constituent separate after it is all over, the former wears that serene smile that indicates a mind at peace with itself, and what is more to the purpose in politics, at peace with his constituency. And so it goes on, and Mr. Bowser's constituents are not heaping up wrath against the day of wrath, that is they are not

plunging up grievances to unload upon him at the next general election, but are bringing them forward in detachments to have them all conclusively met, answered, and laid gently away in that bourse from which no political bogeyman ever returns. We can imagine nothing more wholesome for Mr. Bowser and the government of which he is so valuable a member than a good lively political indignation meeting in Vancouver every week or two. Like summer thunderstorms, they serve to clear the air. Speaking of these Vancouver meetings, the News-Advertiser said on Sunday:

"Since the legislative session closed the Attorney-General and his colleagues in the representation of Vancouver have addressed meetings of electors in all parts of the city, and at some points beyond the limits of the constituency. At these meetings the legislation of this year and all the controversial matters of government policy have been freely and fully discussed before the people concerned. Even Mr. Bowser's strongest opponents must admit that he has not evaded any issue, or left unexplained and unexplained any transaction for which he is responsible, individually or as a member of the administration. At these meetings citizens had opportunity to ask questions, to make complaints or to dispute the wisdom of government action. The right of comment and inquiry has been freely exercised. Mr. Bowser has courteously heard and frankly answered all suggestions and criticisms. He and the other members for Vancouver may well be satisfied with their reception and with the general result of the meetings."

It is well enough known that Mr. Bowser is not a minister whose policy consists in following the lines of least resistance. He is no opportunist. A province with the vast resources of British Columbia, at a period of singular prosperity and rapid development, could for the present stand a good deal of improvident, good-natured and negligent administration. Ministers looking for popularity and an easy life could go a long way in giving everybody what he asked, leaving the future to take care of itself. The deluge might be delayed for some years. Mr. Bowser does not take advantage of the situation. He admits that he frequently does unpopular things. But he does nothing that he is not ready to defend before those who are affected by his policy.

The Attorney-General would have saved himself a good deal of work if he had left the original Falsa Creek agreement as it was. He would have escaped the wrath of the Mayor, pleased the beneficiaries of the contract, and left with those who made the unfortunate deal the responsibility for the consequences. Had the Premier and the Attorney-General followed the easy road they would have responded with a cheerful affirmative to the request of the South Vancouver delegation, and then left the city to work out its sewer problem without provincial assistance and sympathy. A complaisant "cabinet" might have kept on selling lands at "low popular prices" until all the investors were satisfied, or there was no land left; or if a raise in price was made without warning, more quiet life in this financial metropolis it he did not interfere with commercial corporations or trust companies or insurance people.

CORONATION CEREMONIES.

Rehearsals for the coronation have begun and will be continued without intermission until the event takes place. The Duke of Norfolk may be called the stage manager, but he has many assistants. The coronation will cost the government \$250,000, which is \$301,000 more than was expended upon the coronation of King Edward. For the present the rehearsal will be in detachments, but there will be several full dress rehearsals just before the coronation itself, at one or more of which the King will be present and go through his part. At present he is studying his part with the assistance of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster. All this is essential, for any error in the ceremonies must be avoided if possible. The function will be a strenuous one, and the greater part of the burden will fall upon the King personally. For him it will be a trying ordeal, and it is satisfactory to know that he is physically "very fit." He is an abstemious liver and takes regular exercise. Although he does not look it, he is personally a very strong and active man. In his sailor days he was an expert boxer.

One remarkable thing in connection with the coronation is that the procession will be shown in moving pictures in all the cinematograph theatres in London on the night of the ceremony as well as in Paris and all the chief British cities. Every facility will be afforded the photographers and by the exercise of all possible speed it is expected that the films will be ready to be shown in the evening. A special train is to carry the films to Paris, and they are to be shipped to all points in the British Dominions by the earliest mails. Therefore even those of us who stay at home may witness the coronation, and probably with a degree of comfort that those who go to London for the purpose will be disposed to envy.

If nothing miscarries, the coronation

will be the most imposing pageant of modern times, a function in full harmony with the exalted position which His Majesty occupies and symbolical of the greatness of the British Empire.

How can a man lie on the right side if he happens to edit a Conservative newspaper? It is a question asked by a contemporary. Are we to understand from this that the editor of a Liberal newspaper can lie as he pleases?

Gentlemen farmers of British Columbia! Do you not suppose you can manage to raise sufficient potatoes this year to meet the home demand? To import potatoes from Ontario seems an absurd thing.

The crop prospects in Southern Alberta are said to be very excellent. This does not mean that they are not good elsewhere, but only that this is the latest report received from the section.

A contemporary says it is not generally known that President Diaz of Mexico was once an insurance man. We had supposed that every Mexican had of necessity to pass through the insurrection stage if he ever expected to get anywhere in politics.

The Empire is the name of a quarterly publication printed in Kondo. In its last issue it asks: "What is to be done to keep the British Empire from falling to pieces before our eyes?" When may we ask this falling process begin?

A rumor was in circulation at Ottawa last week that the Manufacturers' Association had withdrawn its opposition to the reciprocity agreement. When asked if this were true, Mr. W. H. Rowley, President of the Association said: "I have nothing to say."

On Friday and Saturday the people of Port Angeles are going to have all kinds of a good time. A convention is to be held, at which representatives of many cities and organizations will be present, and the great object aimed at will be the proper setting forth of the advantages of the Olympic peninsula in general and of Port Angeles in particular. The cause is a good one. Port Angeles is one of the best situated cities on the coast and the Olympic peninsula is full of undeveloped wealth.

In a recent illustrated paper is a picture of a party of emigrants leaving Liverpool for Calgary. They are as fine a lot of people as one need care to see, and while we welcome such people to the Dominion we can only feel regret that the Mother Country must yearly lose many thousands of just such men, women and children. It is satisfactory to know that as they must leave, they are coming to a British Country.

There was very general satisfaction in town when it was announced that Captain Troup was taking the Island steamer service into serious consideration and there will be greater satisfaction when we are able to announce that the Canadian Pacific has authorized him to place a vessel on the route. Traffic between the north end of the Spanish peninsula and islands points is certain to increase very rapidly. The construction of the railway will add to it and so will the building of the railway from Crofton to Cowichan Lake.

At the time we announced the unanimous rejection by the Manitoba Legislature of the proposal made by the Dominion government as a basis for enlarging the boundaries of that province, we expressed the opinion that the provincial authorities had been hasty. A recent utterance of Premier Roblin bears out this view. Mr. Robert Rogers, of the Manitoba government, has recently been in Ottawa and he telegraphed to the Winnipeg Telegram an explanation of the proposal that placed it in a different light from that in which the Legislature had regarded it, and Mr. Roblin says that he now sees the way clear to a satisfactory settlement of the case, for the new interpretation placed upon the proposal is very satisfactory.

FEROCIOUS BURGLAR

Seeks to Burn Boy Who Interrupted Him in Work of Looting North-
paper Office

COLBORNE, Ont., April 17.—Interrupted in the work of robbing the office of the Colborne Express, the burglar seized the disturber, Leslie Burt, gagged and bound him, then set fire to the premises, leaving the boy helpless in the midst of the flames. A few minutes later the youth was rescued by a liverman, but not before he had suffered terrible burns. The entire block was destroyed.

The boy described the burglar as being tall, and about thirty years old. A stranger was arrested while the fire was in progress and locked up on suspicion, but he was able to clear himself this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Burks, of Vancouver, are Eastern visitors.

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ENGLISH BABY CARRIAGE

An English baby carriage at this price. With four 16-inch wheels, 3/8-inch rubber tyres, strap gear with large hood, upholstered in green or blue leatherette. Strong steel springs and the body of wood. Same as illustration. Special value \$22.50

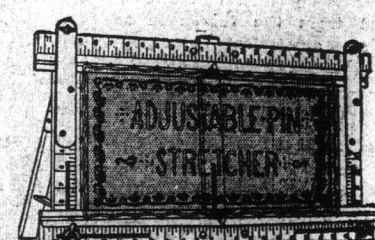
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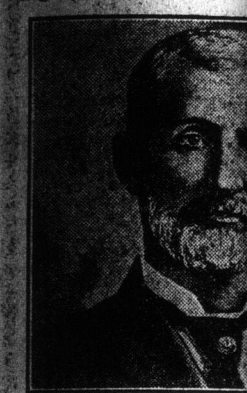
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IN THREE AC

It would seem that famous healing balm spoken of everywhere, useful in the family, sent by Mrs. B. E. Winnip, will illustrate says: "My little boy, playing, fell from a high ground, cutting his head. Instead of calling a doctor, I had some put on stitches. I bathed the applied 'Zam-Buk.' Although suffering keenly from his pain, in three weeks, by application, he was well and looked unscathed. I drew the balm to a quickly healed it."

"Another time, my son, on his high and boiling water. Direct thought to use 'Zam-Buk' some on his leg. I had my limb. Next morning much easier and I bandaged with 'Zam-Buk' treatment up daily, and by seeing a great improvement. I drew the balm to a quickly healed it."

"I cannot recommend full healing preparation family use, and I have in its healing power never without a box."

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Barley, per 100 lbs.
Medicine, per 100 lbs.
Feed Wheat, per 100 lbs.
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.
Barley, per 100 lbs.	.....
Chop Feed, per 100 lbs.	.....
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	.....
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	.....
Cracked corn, per 100 lbs.	.....
Feed Corn, per 100 lbs.	.....
Hay, Fraser River, per ton	.....
Hay, Prairie, per ton	.....
Wheat Hay, per ton	.....
Alfalfa Hay, per ton	.....
Eggs	
Fresh Island, per dozen	.....
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.....
Cherries	
Canadian, per lb.	.....
Neuchatel, each	.....
Cream, per each	.....
Butter	
Alberta, per lb.	.....
Best Dairy	
Victoria Creamery, per lb.	.....
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.....
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.....
East Spring Is. Creamery	
Australian, per lb.	.....
Flour	
Royal Household, bag	.....
Lake of the Woods, bag	.....
Royal Standard, bag	.....
Wild Rose, per sack	.....
Robin Hood, per sack	.....
Calgary, bag	.....
Morris, bag	.....
Drifted Snow, per sack	.....
Three Star, per sack	.....
Snowflake, bag	.....
Fruit	
Apples, local, per box	.....
Pine Apples, per box	.....
Lemons, per dozen	.....
Oranges, native	.....
Bananas	
Grape, Fruit (Cal.)	.....
Vegetables	
Tomatoes, per lb.	.....
Artichokes (Glob.) each	.....
Artichokes, Jerusalem, lb.	.....
Parley per bunch	.....
Celery, per bunch	.....
Cucumbers	.....
Peas, per sack	.....
Castile, per head	.....
Cabbages, per head	.....
Lettses, per head	.....
Garlic, per head	.....
Spanish Onions, per lb.	.....
Onions, per lb.	.....
Beets, per lb.	.....
Carrots, per lb.	.....
Asparagus, new, per lb.	.....
Meat	
Beef, per lb.	.....
Mutton, per lb.	.....
Mutton, Australian	.....
Pork, dressed, per lb.	.....
Chickens, per lb.	.....
Chickens, per lb. (live weight)	.....
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.....