

VOTE FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT.

The opposing parties, recognizing that the Government platform is unassailable, and upon which they have formulated their own, have for the most part confined their attacks during the campaign to vulgar, malicious and personal abuse towards the Premier, utterly ignoring the real issues and the good of the people of this province, and adopted measures unknown before to civilized political controversy, and by so doing have proved themselves utterly unworthy to maintain the dignity and responsibility of office. The necessity for having at the head of this Government a man like Mr. Martin, of acknowledged ability, resolution and pertinacity of purpose, at a time when we are confronted with so many grave issues—Mongolian labor, and others, which threaten to destroy the very progress and prosperity of British Columbia—who is alone competent, and who can be relied upon to press these questions to a proper and early conclusion before the competent authorities, a task for which his past experience and acknowledged powers as a man who overcomes all obstacles, so peculiarly fits him, is self-evident.

Mr. Martin's policy of the Government ownership of railways has been much assailed by his enemies, but no amount of argument can dispel the fact that large corporations and private companies abuse their strength and power. Mr. Martin does not, as one might suppose from the frequent heard criticism that "Government railways don't pay," profess so much that state-owned railways should become a large source of revenue. nor yet a source of loss, but rather that the means and methods of transportation and communication should be in the control of the people. The Government's announced intention, if continued in power, to considerably, yet prudently, increase the existing facilities of transportation by rail, improved roads and bridges, should commend itself to every intelligent voter. This is a province of hard-workers, and by keeping in power a Government that is looking after the interests of such, they will better their condition and make it easier for themselves. On the other hand, what have we to face? A disorganized rabble, with no, or perhaps we had better say many would-be heads, torn hither and thither with internal dissensions, pulled this way and that way by hostile monopolies and corporations; all working for the benefit of a few, instead of the general advancement and benefit of the masses; controlled by selfish wishes, with no ideas except for their own aggrandizement. Can any sensible man hesitate when such a chance is given him? By voting for the Government candidates you are, brother elector, voting in no selfish

manner. You are benefitting others besides yourself, and in so doing ensuring a lasting benefit to British Columbia. Don't be misled, it is the *monopolies* and *corporations* that are opposed to the present Government, and it is their hirelings and their hiring press that are trying to howl down the present Government and who hold before the people nothing but "glittering generalities." Go, then, to the polls to-day and vote solidly for the only real and progressive policy that has ever been placed before the people of British Columbia, backed up by men determined to carry it out to the letter, and the result will be prosperity and better times than British Columbia ever saw under the old regime. Vote Government once for all. Vote for good responsible government.

A DENIAL.

The Colonist and Times reproduce in their last issues what they truly call "A Sensational Article," taken from that reliable (?) paper the Vancouver Province, stating that a large sum of money had been donated by Jim Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, towards the Government campaign fund. The methods displayed by these papers to hurt the Premier and his government are most despicable. With an utter disregard of all truth they manufacture lies out of whole cloth themselves and what they lack they copy from irresponsible sheets.

The Premier has not received one cent from Jim Hill or any other railway magnate, and it is only promulgated by pure malice. Mr. Dickson, a gentleman well known for his integrity in British Columbia, is pointed out as the man who obtained the money for which it is alleged the Government is to give a valuable railway lease free. To this Mr. Dickson gives an unqualified denial. In support of their contention an affidavit is produced from a man called Edwin A. Gardner. To shew to what depths of baseness these papers will go in order to attain their object, we will inform them who this man Edwin A. Gardner is, and leave all honest and fair-minded people to judge those who make use of such disreputable means to hurt those opposed to them.

Edwin A. Gardner is a manager and promoter of a so-called private detective agency in Seattle. What is his past record? He is an *ex-convict*, having served six years in Auburn penitentiary, state of New York, and is also a self-confessed *Jury Briber* and *Black-mailer* in Seattle. Proof can be furnished of this at any time.

Now, we ask the electors, Liberals and Conservatives, in fact, people of all shades of politics, what they think of men who would go so far as to deliberately blackmail Mr. Martin (we can see no other term for it) on the word of an *ex-convict*? We are sure that those who are opposed to us, no matter how bitter they may be, will be ashamed of the tactics adopted by their organ and will resent it at the polls.