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A GRAVE CHARGE
BY MR. PATERSON

STARTLING STATEMENT
AT ISLAND MEETING

The Attorney-General Attacks the Op-
position Candidate and Rouses a Tar-
tar—Mr. Oliver's Speech.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

The opposition meeting at the school
house, Fulford harbor, on Monday night,
was well filled, standing room only being
available. A number of ladies were
present, and followed the proceedings
with great interest.

T. W. Paterson was the first speaker,
and defined his position as being opposed
to the government, as he assumed the
Premier that they intended to follow out
that of last session. He would support
any measures calculated to advance the
interests of the province, and was in
favor of aiding railway construction to
a reasonable extent. He was largely in-
terested in farming and manufacturing,
and it was to his interests to build up the
province and see that its affairs were
properly administered.

Mr. Robertson was the next speaker,
and characterized Mr. Paterson as an
outsider. He was a resident of the dis-
trict, and had the patronage, and had
served the district during the year. He
took credit for the improvement of the
district, and what was a policy of
and wharves, and he would support
his own. The Dominion must increase
the subsidies to the province or we must
suckle, said Mr. Robertson. He was in
favor of the government borrowing
money and loaning it to farmers at a
low rate of interest. He would support
aid in clearing their land. He would
be only a unit in the government ranks,
and would always support the govern-
ment as he had no use for "doppers." Mr.
Robertson received a patient hearing.

Hon. E. G. Prior next took the plat-
form, and at once disclaimed any re-
sponsibility for the acts of the Dunsuir
administration; ministers only assist the
Premier. The opposition was only a lot
of factions, no party, no following, no
policy. They were only greedy for
office, and were a lot of flippers. He
was in favor of rapid development of the
province by railroad construction, and
of giving such aid as would secure the
construction of the Canada Northern to
Victoria. Seymour Narrows would be
bridged by the Dominion government. He
would favor economy in expenditure,
and was in favor of the Coast-Kootenay
railway. The Premier of British Col-
umbia, he said, were men of courage.
North Victoria had been shamefully
treated, and he had been in favor of giv-
ing the constituency representation last
session. This government would see that
the interests of the people were well
looked after.

John Oliver, M. P., had sufficient
experience of the members of the govern-
ment not to be surprised at anything
they said. Col. Prior and his colleagues
had voted three times in favor of the
policy, and he would support the govern-
ment. Members of the opposition had
refused cabinet positions offered by
Col. Prior, they refused to associate
with him, but he now said they were
ready for office. He had characterized
the opposition as flippers, but they could
not flop as quick or as often as the gov-
ernment could abandon and change their
policy. The legislature had voted \$5-
150,000 to bring a railroad to Victoria,
but the promoters were not satisfied.
They wanted a large land grant in addi-
tion. A railway ferry from the head of
Bute Inlet to Vancouver Island was im-
practical. The government professed
anxiety to secure construction of the
Coast-Kootenay railway, but as a mat-
ter of fact had hindered the building of
that road. Their contract with Mc-
Leas made last session did not provide
for a ferry to Vancouver Island. Their
scheme was to subsidize the C. P. R. to
build to Spence's Bridge. As far as
the C. P. R. was concerned the govern-
ment was a machine to register their
will. The government had made false
statements of facts to the Government,
and the legislature with the object of
siding the C. P. R. to rob the people of
the province of hundreds of thousands
of acres of its most valuable lands.
Despite their outcries of office they had
consented to rob the people whose in-
terests they were paid \$4,000 per year to
protect. They sneered at the opposition's
ability. How did they administer
affairs? The Attorney-General was sup-
posed to know the law, but in the case of
the New Westminster bridge had neg-
lected his duty. The chief commissioner's
incompetency, as evidenced by the
Fraser river dykes and other works, was
next touched upon. What had the min-
isters of agriculture done in his depart-
ment? The capability of the provincial
secretary's department was evidenced by
the suppression of the writ for West
Yale.

Hon. D. M. Eberts opened with an
eloquent tribute to the memory of the
late John P. Booth, and next referred to
the glittering generalities indulged in
by Mr. Paterson. He then wandered
off into Manitoba, and gave a lot of
more or less valuable information in
respect to that province. The audience
wanted to know what had to do
with North Victoria, which brought his
back to make a bitter attack upon Mr.
Oliver. He made a number of state-
ments regarding that gentleman's con-
nection with the Ollaha Company, which
brought that contradiction, and the word
was passed several times. He next
referred to the railroads built in British
Columbia with government assistance,
attacked Mr. Bodwell's railway propo-
sals, and referred to Mr. Paterson's
connection with the Shuswap & Okana-
gan railway, and the amount of money
made by Mr. Paterson in building that
road. This brought Mr. Paterson to his
feet with a protest.

A member of the audience wanted to
know what all this had to do with

NEW FERRY BOATS
TO BE BUILT HERE

RESULT OF MEETING
YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

The Conditions Under Which the Com-
pany Agree to Grant the
Concession.

There was another important confer-
ence in the city last Wednesday afternoon
between A. E. Wood, president of the
Victoria Terminal Railway Company, a
deputation from the Trades and Labor
Council, His Worship the Mayor and
the board of aldermen. The meet-
ing was called to secure, if possible,
the insertion in the company's by-law,
soon to be placed before the ratepayers,
a clause which would insure the building
in Victoria or Esquimalt, or somewhere
in the immediate neighborhood of this
city, of the two boats which are con-
templated for the ferry service. D.
Kelly, president of the Shipwrights
Union; Secretary Piper and other repre-
sentatives of the same organization were
present to present their side of the case,
and advanced some indisputable argu-
ments in favor of the vessels being con-
structed here.



A BREAKER OUTSIDE.

Mr. Wood objected to the clause asked
for on the ground that as a business propo-
sition the insertion of the stipulation
in the by-law would give rise to condi-
tions which might cost the company
nearly a thousand dollars. The company
were only too anxious that the steamers
should be built here, and their intention
was that they should be providing that
a local tender could be secured at as low
a figure as could be obtained from out-
side sources. He was even prepared to
have the tenders opened before a select
committee appointed by the council, and
to give a preference to this city, in
answer to Ald. McCandless refused to
put in writing what this preference
would amount to. The mere adding of
a clause binding them to build the boats
here might be taken advantage of by
local contractors, and his company did
not wish to place themselves in this position
at this point for some time, but finally
agreed to give way providing that facts
as represented to him about the ship-
building facilities of this city and other
matters pertaining to the work could be
verified to his own satisfaction.

Ald. Grahame incidentally mentioned
that it required a three-fourths vote to
carry the by-law, and he felt quite sure
that unless the clause was inserted the
by-law would not pass.

Ald. Yates pointed out that all stated
in the by-law about the preference to be
given this city was a model vessel.
The company would naturally go where they
could get the work done cheapest, and
for that reason he wanted the clause in-
serted.

Ald. Williams remarked that the by-
law had to be made replete. "The hulls
should not only be built here, but the
machinery as well.

Mr. Kelly said he was well in touch
with the labor vote of this city, and
knew pretty well that the by-law would
not pass unless the provision sought was
granted. As for the quality of work
done by local shipwrights there was no
doubt. This city had every facility for
building either a steel or wooden vessel.

In the new C. P. N. boat now building
in Esquimalt there was a model vessel.
He thought that the by-law should also
state that the building of the boats be
not by "scab" labor. No good work of
the kind could be accomplished by that
labor. In conclusion he asked in regard
to Mr. Wood's statement respecting the
proposal of the company to build the
hulls of steel providing that the vessels
could not be constructed sufficiently
strong of wood for the high speed ex-
pected of them, what preference would
be shown Victoria, and if the company
would be prepared to concede the ten per
cent. preference on ships coming from
England.

Mr. Wood, in reply to this, said the
company were willing, he thought, to go
this far. He could not give a definite
answer until he looked up the informa-
tion. He was prepared to say, however,
that if the hulls could be built as satis-
factorily here as in England or if the
machinery for them could likewise be
built as cheaply and substantially as
elsewhere, the local firms would be
favored.

Mr. Piper, assured, President Wood
that Victoria shipyard turned out bet-
ter work than other yards in the province.
The Douglas fir obtained about Shuswap
lake was generally conceded to be
better than that found on the Mainland.

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PONG WONG NOW
A FREE CHINAMAN

MAGISTRATE THOUGHT
CHARGE WAS PUT UP

And Dismissed the Case To-day—
Severe Penalty Was Inflicted
This Morning.

The Look Den case is over and the
Chinaman, Pong Wong, who was ac-
cused of an attack on his compatriot
while he lay helpless on his bed, is now
at liberty. He was discharged yesterday
afternoon, the evidence being insufficient
to justify his commitment to a higher
court. In fact the magistrate acquiesced
the prosecution as one of the worst
ever brought before him, there having
evidently been a conspiracy to make
Pong Wong suffer for the crime.

Having failed to fasten the crime on
Pong Wong the prosecution, or rather
the present Chinese association, will
doubtless let the matter rest. The inter-
est has been unusual, and makes the case
a notable one in police court records.
Crimes have been committed in China-
town on other occasions, but the mem-
bers of the secret societies have made
no effective move toward bringing the
criminal to justice. Why they should
so actively participate in the present
prosecution is a question the police find
it difficult to answer.

It is unlikely that the real offender
will ever be apprehended. Generally
speaking, Chinatown considers Pong
Wong guilty, but when asked to state
the reason, the blind Asiatics give no
definite answer, vaguely remarking that
Pong Wong "was bad man." The lat-
ter has apparently feared that he would
be violently treated, for his counsel yes-
terday morning said that he had been in
hiding over since he was liberated on
bail. It has been pronounced guilty by
the secret society, or "Highlanders," by
the men generally called, and doubtless
fears that having failed to secure his
punishment through the police court they
will take the matter into their own
hands.

A heavy penalty was inflicted on one
Fred Stoddard in the court Wednesday.
The culprit is an old offender, and was
charged with supplying intoxicants to a
klootchman name Jessie. He pleaded
guilty, and said that at first he refused
to secure the liquor for the woman, but
she bothered him so much that at last
he gave way. He was fined \$250 or in
default six months' imprisonment with
hard labor. "This is his second experi-
ence with the police this year. On May
21st last he was charged with supplying
beer to the same klootchman to whom
he furnished the stuff yesterday. He
was then fined \$100 or three months'
imprisonment. In February, 1898, he
served a month for stealing some clothes.
In March, 1901, he served nine months,
also for stealing. He was arrested yes-
terday by Sergeant Redgrave.

Another liquor supplying case also
came before the magistrate. Edward
Nelson was charged with supplying
whiskey to two West Coast Indians.
Both Indians identified him as the man
who had sold them the whiskey, and he
obtained its present name. This was re-

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The toast "Our Host and Hostess" and
"God Save the King" brought a very
pleasant evening to a close.

FLOCKMASTERS' BANQUET
An Enjoyable Function Was Held at
Duncans on Saturday Night.

The annual banquet of the Vancouver
Island Flockmasters' Association took
place on Saturday night at the Quail-
an hotel, Duncans. The association ex-
pected a number of invited guests on
the evening train from Victoria, but was
greatly disappointed on learning that
only the Premier was on board, and that
he was bound for Ladysmith to attend a
political meeting, but would try and join
the flockmasters about half-past ten.

A. S. Spm. upwards of 60 sat down to
the tables and did ample justice to the
good things provided. Before proceed-
ing with the toasts of the evening the
president, Major Mutter, called upon the

secretary to read over the letters of re-
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SEE GOODS
Candy, Nuts,
Jap Oranges,
Game Bon-Bons.

GET PRICES.

HARDNESS CLARKE, 86 Douglas

VANCOUVER NOTES.

New Cannery to Be Established on the
Skeena—Police Raid in China-
town.

Steamer Tess today took a large out-
fit for the Skeena for the building of a
new cannery for Findlay, Durhan &
Brode.

Haskings will be closed down for
three weeks owing to shortage of logs.
The police descended upon a gambling
resort near the theatre in Chinatown on
Monday night. Seven Chinamen were
arrested, and the outfit seized. The sum
of \$35 or thereabouts was found in the
"bank," and taken possession of, pend-
ing trial. Six of the prisoners were sub-
sequently released on bail. Those charged
as "denies" put up \$50 each, and
those charged as players, \$25.

Rev. Roland D. Grant, D. D., officiated
at a very pretty wedding on Mon-
day evening. The contracting parties
were Miss Alice Anderson and Mr. R.
McLaren, both of 150-Mile house, Cam-
bridge. The groom is superintendent on the
government road, the far-famed Ash-
croft-Cariboo highway. Mr. and Mrs.
R. McLaren intend spending the winter
in Vancouver, but will return to Cariboo
in March next.

James Binding, of Central Park, but
formerly of this city, passed away at the
City hospital on Sunday. The deceased
was 56 years of age.

Rev. J. W. MacMillan has declined
the call to St. Andrew's Church, pri-
vate reasons. Mr. MacMillan states that
he had committed himself to a certain
course from which he could not turn
without breaking faith with others.

At a very largely attended meeting of
Cascade lodge, A. P. & A. M., on Mon-
day night the following officers were
elected for the ensuing year: W. M.,
Jas. Selator; S. W., C. B. MacNeil; J.
W., S. G. Sykes; treasurer, H. H. Wat-
son; secretary, A. E. Gowans; audi-
tors, J. D. Breese and H. T. Lockyer;
trustees, R. H. Alexander, T. E. Atkins
and C. E. Tisdall.

The evidence in the infantile case
was given in the police court on Mon-
day. The evidence of the police was
that a bloody knife was found on the
bed together with a bloody pillow and
other clothing smeared with blood, in
the room where the Japanese prisoners
were arrested.

Ah Fong, Pung Sing, Lin Wun,
Young Foo and two other Chinamen,
were arrested.

Some very pretty scenic effects were
shown in the second part, especially in
the clever number by George Primrose,
than whom there is no finer nor more
graceful minstrel on the stage. His crea-
tion, "The Smur, Sunny South," with
animated watermelon, is not new, for
the same performer presented it here
several years ago, but it is always one
of the most enjoyable features of the
show. In this act he introduced two of
his young pupils, the Foley brothers,
whose dancing spoke volumes for their
aptitude and the thoroughness of their
instruction.

Another feature of the second part
was the banjo playing of the Howard
brothers, which has never been excelled
on the Victoria stage. Lew Dockstader
had another fling of comedy on his lo-
comotive mobility. He gave one of his
mirth producing talks and a couple of
songs. A humorous production by
Messrs. O'Brien and Elletts and a mar-
vellous exhibition of hoop rolling closed
an excellent performance.