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THE PROSPECTS IN THE CITY

The prospects of a complete government victory in Victoria are excellent. This city never returned a Liberal candidate until the election of Mr. George Riley, which was at a by-election, and Mr. Riley was a supporter of a government, which had a large majority in the House of Commons.

But conditions are not favorable to them. They are quite the reverse. The gentlemen, who have represented Victoria in the late house have not made that kind of a record, which commands confidence and secures popularity. They are all very well liked personally, but we do not know how much we say to them. There is very little in their political record, showing them to have been in any special manner alive to the welfare of the city.

The conditions are unfavorable to the Liberals, because business conditions throughout the province, and especially in Victoria, are eminently satisfactory. The people of this city know better than most of the inhabitants of the province the exceedingly prejudicial effect upon public as well as private interests, which resulted from the disturbed political conditions existing before the advent of the McBride ministry.

The conditions are unfavorable to the Liberals, because there is no reasonable doubt that the Conservatives will carry the province, and the people of this city will not wish to be represented in the new House by gentlemen, whose names will be at the left of Mr. Speaker.

this account, it is only human nature to wish to be in harmony with the dominant party. In addition to these things, there is no manner of doubt in the opinion of the great majority of the people of this city, the administration has discharged its duties in a very excellent and successful manner. The people of Victoria have heard all the slanders of the Opposition and have seen the hollowness of them exposed. There is not a man in this city, who thinks for a single moment that any one here believes the absurd stories, which the Opposition press has so persistently circulated against the government.

THE SCHOOL LAW

In his manifesto to the electors, Mr. Macdonald uses the following phrase: "Repeal of School Act and a return to a system of Liberal education."

The School Law of 1905 was prepared for the purpose of relieving the provincial treasury to some extent of the cost of education and to put the schools as fully as possible under the control of the municipalities. Municipal control of schools has been in Opposition in Canada one of the features of Liberal policy, and of that the Conservative party was not.

Mr. Macdonald uses the expression "state education." What does he mean by it? We doubt if he knows himself! We are quite certain that none of the newspapers, which support him, could have done so.

According to our evening contemporary, the more members the Liberal Party loses the stronger it is. There was once a French member of an Eastern legislature, who, when commissioned by a friend upon the smallness of the government majority, answered: "I have observed that the smaller the litter, the fatter the pig."

Mr. Smith Curtis expressed his opinion of Mr. McInnes in 1903 as follows: "McInnes is absolutely impossible if liberalism is ever to emerge from the cold shades of opposition."

It is proposed in Oregon to compel the railway companies to provide sufficient cars to move the products of the farms, mills and mines, by passing what is called "a reciprocal demurrage law." Under the regulations of the

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT

At a meeting of the Liberal-Conservative Association of Kaslo, recently held, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that we, as members of the Liberal-Conservative Association of the city of Kaslo, do hereby unanimously endorse the action of our member, the Hon. R. F. Green, both as Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and as member for the Kaslo District, and we one and all beg to tender our sincere regret that through pressure of private business our honored member has been compelled to relinquish his portfolio, the most important office in the province."

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HONOR IN BUSINESS LIFE.

The remark is frequently made that the standards of honor in business are not high. It is fortunate that at the moment when the Ontario legislature seems to warrant such a reflection another standard of honor is being set in the city.

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THE LAWYER OUTDOE.

A veteran member of the Baltimore bar tells of an amusing cross-examination in a court of that city. The witness had seemed disposed to dodge the question of counsel for the defence.

CLOCK TO CONTROL LIGHTS.

Counsel Albert Hasted, of Birmingham, reports that an automatic gas control clock has been patented and is now on sale in England which will materially lessen the cost of public lighting in the municipalities of the United States.

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