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THE PROSPECTS IN THE CITY

ment victory in Victoria are excellent didate until the election of Mr. George the supporters of the government. Riley, which was at a by-election, and Mr. Riley was a supporter of a gov ernment, which had a large majority i the House of Commons. In 1903 the provincial elections came on, and by dint of some remarkably good organization work the Liberals won; the city for Mr. Riley at the general federal elections. The election of Mr. Temple-inaugurate a system of education, political party to which those having man was in no sense of the word a surprise, but when his majority is examined, and allowance is made for the of the schools will come out of the prosupport, not of a partizan character, vincial treasury. Of course it may not a cabinet office, it will appear very clear that the change of a very fev votes would have meant his defeat provided the full strength of the Conservative Party had been polled for Mr. Beckwith. Unless we are much mistaken things have changed mater ially since that election. The organization to which Mr. Templeman, and cost of education and to put the schools all other shrewd observers attributed as fully as possible under the control his success, if not practically out of of the municipalities. Municipal conexistence, has been so badly broken trol of schools has been at all times in up that it will count for very little in Canada one of the features of Liberal but does so in a manner calculated to this campaign. Hence things look on policy, and of that the Conservative create the impression that there is some the face of them as if the Liberals, party as well. It is recognized everyunder the most favorable conditions, where throughout Canada as the only cannot hope to elect a single candidate. them. They are quite the reverse. The trol of the people, who pay most of the

in any special manner alive to the welin excuse that, being in Opposition, done, we must take leave to dissent. ment, and there have been many things during the last three years for the benefit of Victoria, which they might very loned kind. It certainly is not Mr. properly have been conspicuous in pressing upon the attention of Sir Wil- not it is the Liberalism of Mr. McInnes, frid Laurier and his colleagues. We we shall know later. are inclined to think that their fail-

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this account, it is only human nature to wish to be in harmony with the lominant party. In addition to these things, there is no manner of doubt that 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 Opposi-Six months 50 this city, who thinks for a single mo-surd stories, which the Opposition private business our honored member therefore, for a complete victory in the province." this city for the government candidates. who will be nominated next week, and self honor in placing itself on record in The prospects of a complete governthis quite apart from the fact that the this way. Mr. Green has in his official multiplicity of candidates likely to be career been very prominently before the This city never returned a Liberal canin the field will all be of advantage to public, and the manner in which he has

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 state education."

same excellent organization carried the This means, we presume, that Mr. under which everything will be administered from Victoria and all the cost that was given to him because he held mean this. When Mr. McInnes gets here, all the manifesto, red letters as well as everything else, may be withdrawn or so altered that its parent will It endeavors to create the impression, not recognize it. Meanwhile what are the facts of the case? The School Law of 1905 was prepared

for the purpose of relieving the provincial treasury to some extent of the true system. It places the schools to But conditions are not favorable to a large degree under the absolute con- statement, insinuation, or whatever else gentlemen, who have represented Vic- cost. We have always supposed that toria in the late house have not made that kind of a record, which commands that kind of a record, which commands confidence and secures popularity. They are all very well liked personally, but we do them no injustice when we say that there is very little in their political record, showing them to have been that the popularity of the popularity of the popularity in the province, and wilful untruth. It is a very unfortunate thing that this province is injustice when we say the wide extension of municipal institutions generally to the province, namely, the sparseness of the popularity. They are all very well liked personally, but was the same as that, which prevented the wife in the province is injusted with newspapers to which every thing slanderous and contemptible is the most welcome of all matter. Since the most welcome of all matters are point to the realization of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in 1903 of these circumstances may expose them. In substance and in fact, a deliberate in they were such blind guides, such unsafe that they were such blind guides, such un toria in the late house have not made the reason, why in British Columbia in namely, the sparseness of the population. We always supposed that Libfare of the city. If it should be said erals favored the decentralization of authority and the vesting in the people there is not much that they could have immediately concerned the control of as much of their affairs as possible. This While they were in Opposition to the used to be Liberalism. It may not be provincial government, they were in the Liberalism of the local Opposition, sympathy with the federal govern- it may not be the new brand of Liberalism, which has brought into existence "the machine." but it is the old-fash-

Mr. Macdonald uses the expresse ure to do so was not owing to a lack "state education." What does he mean of interest in what pertains to this city, by it? We doubt if he knows himself? but to an ever-present anxiety lest We are quite certain that none of the they might do something that might newspapers, which support him, could embarrass the government at Ottawa. tell. Does he propose to saddle the pro-Unfortunately for the Liberal Party in Victoria, and unfortunately for the does, where is to elieve that on the does, where is to every the contest and supplant the McBride is uspensing of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage. If by any piece for the more type of patronage is the simple statement of the does and as he is not going to be a candidate the simple statement of a fact, concerning the site of the state of the extraor flat and attention of the site of the state of the educational depote of the more type of the does of the public spirit shown by the companies. The public spirit shown by the companies of all business, seeling that it emanated from a gentle the more extraordinary it appears, seeling that it emanated from a gentle the more extraordinary it appears, seeling that it emanated from a gentle that any one source of supply and that is the more contest of the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province, but out contemporary should be a good thing for the province of supply and that is the province of supply and that is the province of the more extraordinary it appears, seeling that the companies that have good thing for the province of a good thing for the province of the more extraordinary it appears, seeling that the companies that have good thing for the province of the more extraordinary it appears, seeling that the companies that t Unfortunately for the Liberal Party in vincial treasury with the whole cos changes would entail? We ask these The conditions are unfavorable to questions, but do not expect any reply the Liberals, because business condi- to them. Mr. Macdonald has no reply.

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

The Kaslo Association has done itdischarged the multifarious and onerous duties devolving upon him has given the greatest satisfaction to all except his political opponents. Even with them Mr. Green has been personally popular, and they will bear testimony to the fact that in their contact with him he always displayed a desire to do business with his department belonged.

THE SCANDAL FACTORY

The Nelson News, with a number of flaring headlines, sets on foot a new story in reference to Mr. R. F. Green. without saying so in so many words, that Mr. Green is to accept a position at Prince Rupert in connection with the

lutely without any foundation, and is, in substance and in fact, a deliberate the News intended to bring out this slander, we are glad it did so at an Green's denial is as explicit as the English language can make it. We shall look with interest to see what it will do to correct the wrong it has done a gentlemen who for political reasons it is so anxious to vilify.

The Columbian very properly points Macdonald's Liberalism. Whether or out that the defeat of Mr. McBride would be regarded by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as showing that the people of British Columbia do not support Mr. McBride's attitude towards the claims of the province for exceptional consid-

A silly contemporary wants its readwe have been cogitating over that part of Mr. Macdonald's manifesto,

was once a French member of an East-ern legislature, who, when commiser-ated by a friend upon the smallness of the government majority, answered: "I genial gentleman from Rossland thinks have obsairve dat the smaller de litter. aghout the province, and esHe does not yet know what he means, de ratter de pig.

Victoria, are eminently satHe has simply made a phrase. "A recould only be freed of all the people, lain appointed a private tariff commission." The Agricultural Commission. The Agricultural Commission has published a late of

railway companies, which are conceded to be reasonable enough, when a shipper gets a car and holds it more than twenty-four hours without loading it he is charged a demurrage fee of \$10 per day. By the proposed law it will be provided that when a shipper asks for a car, the railway shall have twenty-four hours in which to supply one and shall be liable to the shipper to ion and have seen the hollowness of Commissioner of Lands and Works and the amount of \$10 per day for every them exposed. There is not a man in as member for the Kaslo District, and day's delay in supplying it. Oregon if Mr. Harriman would use some of the press has so persistently circulated has been compelled to relinquish his money, which he obtains to huy new against the government. We look, portfolio, the most important office in railways, in providing cars to handle the traffic on the roads he already controls.

THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK

Already advices are coming to hand from various parts of the province where the announcement that the legislature had been dissolved and the date fixed for the election had been received. From every district heard from the same report comes—that the government will be sustained and its majority greater in the House. The view we took several weeks ago, that other things besides party affiliations would be not unimportant factors in the contest, is condituded from various quarters. One of the most important of these things is the feeling that to do anything which might cause a change in the administration at this time, and thereby bring about a feeling of uncertainty and doubt, would be most unwise and impolitic. The man engaged in business or occupation of some kind—and that includes all but a mere faction of the adult male population. In the province—realizes that present conditions are favorable to him and he does not desire to see anything occur that might interfere with a continuance of those conditions. While the sun is shining he wants to make all the have be can. a continuance of those conditions. While the sun is shining he wants to make all the hay he can. He has neither time nor inclination to listen to the croakers who insist on telling him that the sun is not shining or, that if it is, it would shine far more brightly if they had the ordering of things. The evidences of present prosperity are too plain, too consplicuous to he ignored, and that is a matter which Opposition writers and sneakers are finding to Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and that this is a part of the arrangement under which the Company obtained the Kaien Island land from the government. Of course the News does not say this in so many words. It simply insinuates it, but does so in a manner calculated to create the impression that there is some foundation for the story.

The Colonist is in a position to say, on the authority of Mr. Green, that the statement, insinuation, or whatever else the News may call its slander, is absolutely without any foundation, and is, in substance and in fact, a deliberate and deliberate to the story the create the impression that there is absolutely without any foundation, and is, in substance and in fact, a deliberate the struck of the conservative and programment in the face of actual facts that one feels it to be almost create to expose the Li'eral leaders to the scorn and ridicule to which the narration of these circumstances may expose them.

While it is hardly to be expected that early period in the campaign. We wish the office of High Commissioner for any great length of time, the report that he is about to resign will be re-ceived with general regret. He is geting to be an old man, and if he thinks the time has come for him to retire from the public service, there would be no occasion for surprise, but we all would like him to keep his post just as long as he feels he can do justice to its duties. In the event of his resignation the government will have much difficulty in selecting a successor. It is hardly nossible to find another.

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Gambling Taught in Schools. Card playing has become so general among German women of the upper classes that regular lessons in playing are now given in all fashionable board the German girl is not considered complete unless she has acquired the know. ecarte, or one of the other games now in vogue. Gambling has increased to an content with the elements of chance in card-playing, have introduced miniature into their drawing rooms, and the stakes

HONOR IN BUSINESS LIFE.

The remark is frequently made that the The remark is frequently made that the itandards of honor in business are not what they were. It is fortunate that at the moment when the Oniario Bank disaster seems to warrant such a reflection another financial institution in the city gives as emphatic evidence on the opposife side. The action of Senator Cox and his associates on the Board of the Western British America companies and the prominent finan-The action of Senator Cox and his associates much clates on the Board of the Western British we are likely at last to get down to the no occasion for surprise, but we all would like him to keep his post just as long as he feels he can do justice to its duties. In the event of his resignation the government will have much difficulty in selecting a successor. It is hardly possible to find another man, who can quite fill his place. Lord Strathona's long and intmate acquaintance with Canadian affairs, his connection with the Hudson Bay Company, his association with the Canadian Pacific and his great wealth from a combination that is absolutely unique.

We have been cogitating over that part of Mr. Macdonald's manifesto, the considerable part of this has been subscribed by men not formerly connected with part of Mr. Macdonald's manifesto, the companies. The sounds of the western British was really blamed them had they sought to compromise the tremendous losses at San Francisco. The companies, however, are meeting their obligations honorably by means of a new issue of preferred stock to the amount of almost two millions, and a considerable part of this has been subscribed by men not formerly connected with the companies. The sound of the western British was real fact. You live to the west of him, done real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, one real fact. You live to the west of him, dependent on the instrument part in who are companies is creditable in the highest degree. These two long is treathed fire insurance copromites the home of financiers whose word was as good as the home of financiers whose word was as good as the home of financiers whose word was as good as the home of financiers whose word was as good as the home of financiers whose word was as

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But we Canadians, shocked to the backbone by the new syldence that the British one by the new evidence that the Br one by the new swidence that the British diplomatic tradition is to disappear at Washington, can't. help thinking about Alaska and Newfoundland and wishing that since the British government has made up its mind to everlook its policy of appointing trained diplomats to high diplomatic positions, it had chosen somebody like Kitchener or Beresford, or Colonel Denison.—Ottawa Journal.

THE LAWYER OUTDONE.

A veteran member of the Baltimore bar tells of an amusing cross-examination in a ledge how to take a hand at bridge, court of that city. The witness had seemcourt of that city. The witness had seemed disposed to dodge the question of counsel for the defense.

"Sir," admonished the counsel steraly, "you need not state your impressions. We want facts. We are quite competent to form our own opinion shird shr shridhuuu form our own impressions. Now, sir, answer me categorically."

Fro mthat time on he could get little more than "yes" or "no" from the wit-

"Yes."
"To the north of him?"

"No."
"To the south?"
"No."
"Well, to the east, then?"

"No."
"Ah!" exclaimed the lawyer sarcastically,
we are likely at last to get down to the
re real fact. You live to the west of him,
you not?"

Consul Albert Haletead, of Birmingham, B. J. SPROTE, B. A., Principal, exports that an automatic gas controller

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BRANDRITH-SAUNDERS-JOHNSTON -At St. Saviour's church, Victoria, B.C., by Rev. C. E. Cooper, Montague Brandrith-Saunders, youngest son of the late Leelie Seymour Saunders, I. C. S. Commissioner of the Berars, to May, eldest daughter of Mr. William Johnston, Ferniehowe, Craigdower district.

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