

NATIONAL POLICY.

The Liberal Conservative Candidates Heartily Received by the Meeting of Esquimalt Electors.

Protection for the Industries of Canada Meets With Their Warm Approval.

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TEMPLEMAN RETRACTS

A Main Plank of the Opposition Candidates' Platform Found to Be Unsound.

Their Mortal Fear of Public Criticism—A Free Trade Campaign Song.

Perhaps the scathing rebuke administered by Mr. Carey the previous evening had something to do with it, but whatever seemed to make it advisable Mr. Templeman last night explained that he meant nothing offensive by his public assertion of a fortnight previously that Col. Prior's statement to the Board of Trade was "absolutely untrue."

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HAGGART AT SOOKE.

The Candidate States His Views Clearly and Concisely on Questions of the Hour.

Satisfactory Record of the Conservative Party—Confidence Unanimously Expressed.

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BEHRING SEA CLAIMS.

The Delay in Settling the Matter Will Materially Add to the Cost of Adjustment.

[From the New York Times.] The treaty providing for the settlement of claims on account of the seizure of sealing vessels in Behring Sea by United States revenue cutters years ago having been ratified, a commission will soon be appointed to hear the claimants and make such awards as may be agreed upon.

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SHIPS AND SHIPPING.

Work of the "Quadra"—Captain Walbran Discovers a Rock Off Discovery Lighthouse.

The Dominion steamer Quadra returned from Portlock Point yesterday afternoon, where the crew had been engaged during the last few days in laying the foundation of a fog bell tower on the extremity of Portlock Spit, and other necessary work at that lighthouse station.

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