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DA'S PAPER KING.

Hull, Is on a Visit to the City.

the paper king of Canada, e firm at Hull, whose wares orld over, is at the Driard. l laws Mr. Eddy should be a seems to have drunk too fountains of youth to permit ts will on him. Although he to the Psalmist's limit, his d keen glance belong to two

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OMING A NUISANCE.

or:-Scarcely an issue of your but contains ac rable gun accidents during op this? If this loss of life occurred in som s would not laws soon be s it not a fac these accidents are caused ler the age of sixteen, and aw forbid such to carry guns? mpt is made to bring them this hunting craze worth Is it not a great nuisance rs? For myself (and I beother farmers think the same). nsideration the cost and rtily wish the pheasants at ones they benefit are far he most respectable part of

oes the hunting season comar land is over-run by huntnumber under sixteen, and in their teens, damaging our s and placing the lives of selves in jeopardy. Only the Chinamen and myself were and, a narrow strip of bush ween us and the road, when owed - by bullets pattering ush, startled us, and thus could have been injured by unter. Many of these hunthunters," and do not care whether pigeons or fowl. e days of the opening of the n my boys had lost five had to pen the others up. I ers deliberately shooting my ons, and when remonstrated

back impudence. ve no desire to limit, lessen ith the pleasures of others owed the run of my farm of at let or hindrance for the s), still I do think something lessen the danger and which many are now subject.

ancisco municipal camclosed Saturday, has been il interest, as under the ly adopted the mayor of as extraordinary nowers. the appointment of com will direct the expendi-000,000 for the improvement aree candidates for mayor The Republicans h ry D. Crocker, a wealthy The Democrats have nom n D. Lane, an ex-news-Schmitz, the present as elected two years ago Labor party, is a candi-

HOUSTON REGISTERS VOW TO HEAVEN

He Swears by His Gods That He Will Pursue Premier McBride for the "Dirt" Done Him.

Nelson, Oct. 30.-(Special.)-"If the legislature meets and I get a chance to vote I will cast my vote for the Conservative party, but by the 'living gods' I will down the men who have done me dirt at Victoria. I will not fight the Conservatives, but I will fight Richard McBride, Robt. Green, R. G. Tatlow, A. E. McPhillips and Charles Wilson. I will fight them in the ranks of the party, and I believe in doing so I will be doing the Conservative party the best service

In these words John, Houston, member dent of the Provincial Conservative As-for Nelson city, stated his position to his sociation, that came to me unanimously, constituents at a public meeting last and showed I was a captain in the Connight, called by the mayor of Nelson to servative party and as such fairly endiscuss the action of the Lieut.-Governor and the Premier in refusing to admit Mr. "I went to Victoria, arriving there Houston to a position in the McBride Thursday after the election. I met Pre-

cabinet. Rose, who explained in a few words why Mr. Houston to make a statement.

Mr. Houston told of his arrival at Victoria, where Mr. McBride met and congratulated him and led him to be-holding a gun to his head. lieve that he would get the portfolio of for the bye-election," said Mr. Houston. | bye-election. Mr. Houston then gave details of several other interviews much the same, and I had another interview with him at went on:

"On Friday of last week at 2 o'clock I met him at his office and he told me posed to take the Attorney-Generalsh Lient .- Governor and that the Lieut .- [Governor did not approve of it.

'It came to me like a slap in the face. I felt as if I were unfit to associate with decent men. Mr. McBride said the Lieut.-Governor had given no reasons. He told me to wait until next session and he might take me in.

The following resolution was adopted

by the meeting:

"Whereas, at the general election held this month John Houston was elected by a majority of votes to represent Nelson in the legislature, and having sat in the previous legislature was deemed by the there of Nelson as capable of taking intro of Nelson as capable of taking intro of Nelson as capable of taking ment as a minister, and he was urged to present his claims for recognition, and, "Whereas, he proceeded to Victoria cording to the wishes of his supporters, and in an interview with the Premier he was informed that the party owed him recognition, and that he (the Premier) was prepared to take him into the government as one of his ministers, and "Whereas, the Premier did submit Mr. Houston's name to the Lieut.-Governor for approval as minister;

the Lieut.-Governor ob-Whereas. jected to Mr. Houston becoming one of his advisers, giving an incident that had occurred in the legislature that has passed out of existence as the reason for "Therefore be it

"Resolved that we, the people of Nelson in public meeting assembled, protest against this action of the Lieut.-Governor in denving to a representative elected stitutional government;

has as Premier a man who allowed the and he repeated his assurances reject his advice Lieut.-Governor to without tendering his resignation. "Resolved, that copies of this resolu-

Laurier, Promier of Canada.'

the name of the Lieut.-Governa characterized the affair as an unpleasant having heard the proposed resolution. placed in a ridiculous position of censuring the Lieut.-Governor. The Governor to stay over till the next day. was exercising a clear constitutional ity of the situation was heightened by the fact that Premier McBride assumed full esponsibility for the Governor's action not sending in his resignation when his advice was refused, and consequently he alone was censurable.

held at Nelson on Thursday night of last pears in the Daily News of that city. The report says:

"I held the honorable position of presi- Bride's statement was true. The letter stores.

titled to preferment.

nier McBride, and he was apparently The meeting was opened by Mayor I was entitled to recognition by the party, for had it not been for me the the meeting had been called, and asked party would have been defeated. 1 made no demand on him at that time or at any other time. I say this emphatically because of the statements publish-

"McBride led me to believe that I was lands and works. "So confident of this going to be taken into the government, and so confident of this was I that I was I that I sent a wire to Fred Starkey and so conndent of this was I there was I that I sent a wire to Fred Starkey to 'keep the machine in running order' for my "Next day, at the Premier's reques

which it was practically settled that 1 should get the portfolio of lands and works. He told me then that he prothat he had submitted my name to the himself and consolidate the portfolio of mines and the provincial secretaryship, because he did not think it good policy in the weak condition of the party to open more than one seat, and also to

"The result of that interview was that felt so confident that I went to see Green in his office, and told him that with his assistance the Kootenays could idea in my mind that he was hostile and then went to McBride and told him this month John Houston was elected by ernment unless I could work in absolute that I did not want to go into the gov-

> that Green was bilious-that he (Mc-Bride) had full control, and would not be swayed by any influences. He as-sured me there would be no trouble.

"I saw the Premier next the follow ing Wednesday, when he repeated his vious statements, and asked pinion on several matters of policy. He told me also that the finance had left town because he did not care about signing cheques. This I now know was a mis-statement. Tatlow had in fact gone to Ashcroft and out on the Cariboo road to find McDonald and in duce him to resign his seat and let Mc-Phillips, the defeated Attorney-General.

"The next interview I had was about a road near Nelson, on which work had been stopped, and which I wanted completed, both because it would be a good thing for the city and it would not hurt me in the bye-election

was not at the government buildings large majority for the resolution, which "And be it further resolved that we deplore the fact that British Columbia I saw him three times at his residence, "On Thursday of last week I met him

in his office at 2 c'clock by appointment tion be forwarded to the Lieut-Gover the Lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenant-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he lieutenantenant-Governor wantenant-Governor wantenantenant-Go He said to me that Tatlow had told him returned from the Governor. I did so, gold fields and other parts of Canada, an interview with the Times, has given Several protects were entered by S. S. and on his return he told me that the dian geography, but strange to say that in the matter he has introduced ballot boxes by the deputy provincial secretary, the order was granted. Exe name of the Licut. Governor. F. J. Deane, editor of the Daily News, aracterized the affair as an uppleasant the Governor the following morning and K. C., in applying family squabble in which he as a Lib- ask for the resignations of Goodeve and sea on those important subjects. For carrying out of the statutes of the preferal, preferred to take no part, but the McPhillips. I asked him then again if eting being open to the public, and I was going in, saying that if not, I wanted to go home. I also said that by which contained a direct attack upon the his delay I was being put in a false post-Lieut.-Governor, he could not refrain from expressing an emphatic protest against the citizens of Nelson being and I was prevented from denying the placed in a ridicular provision of communication of communicat story by his dilatoriness. He told me

right in refusing any individual as a min-"On Friday at 2 o'clock I met him at submitted my name to the Lieutenant-Governor and that the Lieutenant-Gover nor did not approve it. "It came to me like a slap in the face.

I felt as if I were unfit to associate with ecent men, but, knowing my own faults and frailties better than any one else, I also felt that I did not deserve this An extended report of the meeting from Richard McBride. He said the Governor had giver no reasons. I told week to consider the Houston trouble ap- him that I must return home, resign nd leave the country. He asked what

my friends believed that I was entitled mier. I wrote to the Lieutenant.Gover-nor stating the facts, and asking if Mc-

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I received in reply I will now read to Mr. Houston went on to disclaim all the interviews with him which had appeared in the press. Speaking of the occasion on which he

is alleged to have called McPhillips a "d-d fool," Mr. Houston said, "I may have done so, and if I did, I came pretty ear telling the truth." Of the other occasion which has been

eferred to, on which he is alleged to have defied the Speaker while drunk, Mr. Houston said that he was not drunk then, he had had four or five big jorums of Scotch whiskey, but was sober and he believed the stand he took that Mr. Justice Irving Rescinds His Order day was in the interests of good govern-ment. He defied the Speaker, but he had never been censured, never reprimanded, never asked to apologize. "And" were excluded from the House, they would not often have a quorum."

"If the people of Nelson," concluded Mr. Houston, "think I have acted wrongly, my resignation will be on the Speaker's table when the House opens If I have acted in an unmanly way 1 will leave the province to-morrow. Mr. Houston sat down amid a perfect

orm of applause. When the applause subsided the mayor announced that the meeting was open for discussion. Fred. Smith then rose, and in a short speech moved the resolution (which has already John Matheson.

'In response to the mayor's request for a discussion on the resolution, S. S. Taylor came forward and said:

"I deem it my duty to make a few remarks on this occasion, first as a citizen to return the Fernie ballots for purposes and also as president of the Liberal Asclared elected, I was the first to take his hand and congratulate him, and I believe I can take a non-partisan view of the present situation. I agree to part of the resolution, I disagree as to the rest. We all believe that Mr. Houston has suffered harsh and unwarranted treat-ment. The course of McBride and Green must be condemned, but we should draw the line at a proper stage and not cen-sure the Lieutenant-Governor, whose hands are tied, and who cannot defend himself.'

W. A. Macdonald took an opposite As a Conservative he wished to view. defend Premier McBride, whom it was Houston's duty to stand by as his Houston's duty to stand by as his leader. The present meeting and the proposed resolutions were unprecedented, and if the resolutions passed would only make Nelson ridiculaus in the eves of att make Nelson ridiculous in the eyes of atl Canada.

badly treated by Premier McBride, deprecated the passage of a resolution which plainly amounted to a censure upon the Lieutenant-Governor. He held that it was manifestly improper to cen-sure the Governor for an act that was defeated minister, Hon. A. C. McPhilhe might take me in. "My answer was 'No.' I put on my hat and left and haven't seen him since." Mr. Houston then read the Governor's Mr. Houston the cabinet and that a consti-tion the cabinet and the the full read the continuing to act as His Honor's chief adviser. He urged the citizens of Nel-son not to stullify themselves by adopt-tioned as likely to be made available for ing the resolutions in so far as they re- the Attorney-General, From the appeardo so would bring discredit on the city inferring that the Attorney-General will

> floor. He accused all the previous speakers of partisanship, in spite of the fact that this was not a political meet-ing. Mr. Houston then declared his inntions with regard to the Conservative party.

"If the legislature meets and I get a chance to vote I will cast my vote for the Conservative party, but by the living gods, I will down the men who gave me dirt at Victoria. I will fight for the Conservative party, but I will fight them, Richard McBride, Robert Green, R. G. Tatlow, A. E. McPhillips and Charles Wilson. I will fight them in the

by the people to accord him the honor "On Friday McBride was sick, and taken, with the result that there was a ernment will make its announcement. the mayor accordingly declared carried.

CANADIANS INTERESTED.

The Alaskan boundary dispute, the likely be disposed of, some months back the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Mon-mits, is at fault. It will require amerd-ceded, and the right to get the ballots treal have quietly been working on an ment to make it workable, and to avoid was also conceded, but only on the con up-to-date map and only waited the de clashing with respect to some of the fact, the only reliable map of the Doper copy on the map they intend pre- fore Mr. Justice Irving. The Supreme senting each subscriber for 1904 with a free copy in addition to two most beauti-duction of the ballot boxes. Acquainted Star is only one dollar, it will be easily appear before His Lordship requesting seen what immense value subscribers to the order to be reconsidered. This was that paper are to receive this season.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound. where the following t

No. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug court judge could order the boxes pro-

GOVERNMENT IS FIGHTING RECOUN

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WANTS IT OPPOSED

> as to Ballot Boxes Being Returned.

> > (From Friday's Daily.)

The government seems determined to avoid a recount in Fernie if at all possible. Why a fair test before the courts to establish the validity of the rejected to establish the validity of the rejected ballots should not be welcomed by the taken that the returning officer upon re-out of the hands of the returning officer government can only be explained on the ground that they fear that justice has ot been done Mr. Smith,

The following special to the Times from Nelson explains the situation fully ablished.) It was seconded by in connection with the recount incident ing for a recount had been delivered at legislature ought to have made these secand shows the attitude of the government on the matter:

ice . Irving yesterday rescinded his order granted the previous day directing the Provincial Secretary of a recount. This was done on the which the order was asked, was passed ficer was clearly within his right in sendbefore the recount provided for in 1899, and not subsequently amended so as to cover this case, "W. A. MacDonald, who appeared for

the Provincial Secretary against the orer, received his instructions in the form of an urgent telegram from Attorney-General McPhillips to fight the Fernie order tooth and nail."

The announcement yesterday that Hon. A. S. Goodeve had handed in his resignation as Provincial Secretary was not received with surprise. It probably is but the forerunner of the present gov All the members of the executive will be in the city to-morrow, it is expected. The F./J. Deane, the next speaker, whilst admitting that Mr. Houston had been and it is expected an announcement will shortly afterwards be made as to what members are to fill the vacancies.

Hcn. Mr. Goodeve has found it impos sible to find a seat, and in consequence As to filling the other vacancy there is

McBride. M. Houston then once more took the said to have disavowed any intention of ring offset in that connection Geo. A. Fraser, the member elected in he Conservative interests for Grand-Forks, is still in the city. He has been here for nearly a week, and with the resignation of Hon. A. S. Goodeve it hecame rumored that he might be selected to fill the Provincial Secretaryship. Mr. Fraser was seen this morning in that connection and says he has no in-timation of such being carried out. He stated nositively that he was not enter-

ing the government. He says his visit to Victoria has been | take place. ranks of the party, and I believe in doing so I will be doing the Conservative party the best service I know." repeatedly spoken of on the lower Main-land as destined to fill the place, while F, J. Fulton and C. W. D. Clifford have As Mr. Houston sat down there were cries of "Question, question," in response to which the mayor put the resolution It is expected that perhaps by Satur-It is expected that perhaps by Satur-Was never served. Mr. Alexander

(From Saturday's Daily.)

All the members of the cabinet will be in the city this evening, when the

As far as his knowledge of the matminion extant. It is said that although ter is concerned, an ex parte application the publishers put a cash price of \$2.50 | was made on behalf of E. C. Smith bel pictures entitled "Heart Broken" and with this fact the attorney-general sent "Hard to Choose." As the subscription a message empowering Mr. Macdonald, price of the Family Herald and Weekly on behalf of the provincial secretary, to done, and Mr. Justice Irving, on having his attention brought to other sections of ne act, rescinded the order. The attorney-general points out that

fuse the government's access to the

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duced did not include that of a recount

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What shrunk your woolens? Why did holes wear so soon? You used common soap, INL GHT

petition questioning the election or re-

His Lordship said the whole questio

the latter amendment was made a change was also provided whereby the

mmediately upon conclusion of that of-

ficer's count or recount.

ing the boxes forward.

secretary.

the house of the returning officer, but that officer had not received it, and had sent the boxes forward. It was held by the court that the returning officer had acted within his right in the matter.

In this instance, with no provision such as that of the Ontario act to call for the holding of the ballot boxes, it would therefore, the attorney-general thinks, be held that the returning of-Hon. Mr. McPhillips says all he wants s the carrying out of the statutes. Had

the case been reversed and had it been a Liberal who had been declared elected, he might have thrown himself open to a charge of partizanship in his administration had he pursued a course which was incompatible with what was the statutory procedure. He frankly admits the need of an

election act which is consistent in all its parts which is by no means the case with the present one. A petition has been filed against the return of the four city members, R. L. Drury, W. G. Cameron, J. D. McNiven

and Richard Hall. The petition is made on behalf of B. J. Farmer and A. R. Nobbs. It includes the usual charges in connection with such matters. D. M. Roger's represents the petitioners. (From Monday's Daily.) There exists one vacant portfolio now owing to the resignation of Hon. A. S. Goodeve having been accepted. The de-feated member for Rossland has vacated position of provincial secretary and present." has left the city. The government has announced no successor. F. J. Fulton is in the city and is in close communion with the members of the government. His visit is of a private nature, though it would be no surprise to learn that he was to receive the provincial secretaryship. The fear of a defeat in the riding

where Mr. Fulton received a very narring effect in that connection, It is said that the Premier seeks t allow matters to stand as they are until after the approaching session. If permitted to do so it is believed he will alow Attorney-General McPhillips to fill his office during the sitting of the legis-

Then, if able to control the legislature but a very short session will be held, probably February. During that interim the reconstruction of the cabinet would The Fernie Recount.

In the Fernie recount matter it tran

the box's as provided fo by section 152 of the Elections Act, made straightway for the mountains and has not been seen since. He became suddenly aware of the necessity When the application was made before order calling for the production of the

for a reconsideration of the matter, said ceded, and the right to get the ballots

ditions specified in the act. "The act states," he said, "that when the ballots have been transmitted to the custody of the provincial secretary, as the case here, no person shall b lowed to inspect any of the rejected ballots except under the order of the Speaker of the legislative assembly, or a idge of the Supreme court, to be grant ed by such Speaker or judge on being atisfied by evidence on oath that the in spection or production of such ballot apers is required for the purpose of instituting or maintaining a prosecution for an offence in relation to ballot pa pers or ballots or for the purpose of a

before a judge, as provided for in the was whether under section 154 he had amendment of 1899. Moreover when power to direct the return of the bal

Mr. Taylor said that section 154 clearregistrar of the Supreme court to the lots could have been required at the time best names were and included this very one in question. The legislation was there ered the whole scope of the act it must fore virtually re-enacted upon this point, and precluded the delivery of the boxes

turn," within the meaning of the clause. Mr. Justice Irving delivered his deci-Even had the returning officer been sion as follows: "I think the onus was A case bearing on this came up in Onceiving notice of it should hold the boxes | into the custody of the provincial secreuntil after that should take place. In tary, and under section 154 I can only tioning an election or return. Now the tions consistent, and added words to secin the present case.

"I cannot agree that the application for a recount is a petition within the meaning of section 154, for at the time that section was drawn there was no such thing as a recount, and it clearly could not have been in the contemplation of the legislature.

"Under the circumstances, I am afraid that the view I took the other day is wrong, and the order must be refused." "Mr. Taylor then called attention t the section of the act which says that the returning officer on being served with a summons for a recount must produce the ballot boxes. To this His Lordship replied that it

provincial secretary, but he preferred not to express any opinion on that point. Will Not Resign.

The Kamloops Sentinel says: "It i known that Hon, Mr. Tatlow and J. D. Prentice have been "feeling' McDonald. to withdraw in favor of Attorney-General McPhillips. With the promise of Denis Murphy to enter the field if the onstituency is thus opened, it became so the proposal has been abandoned, and Ellison or Fraser in addition to Gifford, is the only cabinet probability of the

Protested Elections.

Petitions have been filed against the turn of F. J. Fulton, the Conservative ember elected in Kamloops electoral servative member for Revelstoke. In both instances the usual charges made of bribery, corruption and other offences against the Elections Act.

.Endorse Leader.

The North Saanich Libera' Associa evening passed the following resolution animously:

loan bill being put through to meet the Liberal leader for British Columbia. We present needs, followed by a recess until pledge him our hearty support in carryelieving that the adoption of a policy high standing which it should enjoy as pires that the summons issued by Judge the province richest in natural resources the whole Dominion.

Ralph Smith, M. P., was also passed unanimously: request him to again contest this con-

PLENTY OF COAL AND COKE.

Crow's Nest Coal Company, Tells of Production.

opportunity to visit Victoria.

will be increased to about 12,000 tons daily. This will be sufficient to meet all the de-

nands put upon them. shipping purposes he admitted accounted in, part for so much being on hand. The excellence of the coke produced warrants the company in having little fear One of the most prominent business men gard to shipping to the Crofton smelter in the person of E. B. Eddy, the manufac shipping.

A POLITICAL PETTIFOGGER

"The law is a hass," in effect says Attorney-General McPhillips. "It was made by hasses, and it must be upheld deputy provincial secretary, and in do-ing so the various sections in which When the amendment of 1899 was in-hon. the Attorney-General has been these names were altered were specifical- troduced this clause was not changed in pleading for a considerable number of days that all that was necessary to secure the release of the ballot boxes required to determine who is lawfully en-Above all this the duty of the return-asked. Mr. Taylor also contended that constituency of Fernie was an order of ing officer is clearly set forth in the act with respect to forwarding the boxes "petition," and a "questioning of a re-dentiy causing considerable consternation in government circles, because immediately on receipt of the news the notified of the intention to ask for a on the applicant to establish his right legal adviser of Mr. McBride telegraphs recount before a judge, it is a question whether under this provision he could do other than immediately send the boxes forwarded to the deputy provincial ing ten days the ballots would remain "We must fight this to the order. There is a most unfor-ing for a recount contemplates that dur-ing ten days the ballots would remain "We must fight this thing to have ballots and the application should be made." "We must fight this thing to the last ditch; the fate of the government dotario. It was the case of Hays vs. Armstrong. The Ontario Elections Act to the deputy provincial secretary. In wrong, of injustice to individuals, of suppression of the rights of a whole consta tuency, is swallowed up in the more important considerations of life or death this respect it was more explicit than the make the order when satisfied on oath to a government." "We must play the British Columbia act, where no such provision is made. It was proved in the bearing of the case that the motice callliever in British fair play; but in a crisis such as that which now faces us, with tion 154 which would have given me our official positions and our salaries in power to order the return of the ballots jeopardy, with the dominance of the great Conservative party, whose principles we so nobly uphold, threatened, we must suppress abstract altruistic political tacories. we must crucify our better impulses, and meet concrete, real embarrassments in the practical American way. If we cannot win elections fairly, we may, by combining our cunning and ingenuity with the stupidity of the law as created by past legislators. contrive to hang on to office for a time.' The law, "in a moment of weakness," was about to do the right thing, when the Attorney-General's agents stepped in and secured its connivance in the conmight be that the returning officer had power to demand the ballots from the tinuation of a wrong originating with the government which appointed a returning officer whose partizan zeal was stronger than his sense of justice. And so, unless means can be found to overcome the hon. Attorney-General's conscientious adherence to the letter of the f Lillooet, with a view to inducing him law, a minority candidate will support the government during one session of the Legislature. But the McBride administration will not be permanently strengthapparent that even if he consented, Mc-Donald could not deliver the goods and veins by the member for Fernie's loyal partner in the honorable profession of the law.

TUPPERS BRAGGING AGAIN.

The Tuppers are beginning to talk upon political matters, which may be district, and of Thomas Taylor, the Con- taken as an indication that they expect something to happen before very long. are But the Tuppers have never been very accurate readers of the signs of the times. They have always been on the spot when there was anything to be had, worth picking up, however. The elder on at its regular meeting on Saturday of the politicians had the post of High Commissioner, with a salary vastly "That we, the members of the North greater than is attached to any other Saanich Liberal Association, desire to office in the gift of the government, es-Saanich Liberal Association, desire to take this, the first opportunity, of plac-ing on record our confidence in, and loyalty to, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, the ada simply and solely because it was the will of his father that it should be ng out a vigorous and progressive policy, so. It would be quite unreasonable to expect a member of the great Tupper such as he and the other Liberal mem- | family to serve his party in the ranks. bers are capable of initiating will result Sir Hibbert is nominally the member n restoring to British Columbia that for Pictou, N. S., but his appearances in the House of Commons during the term of the present Parliament have been "Be it further resolved, that a copy made at such great intervals of time the meeting. A standing vote was day night, or if not very early, the gov- was never served. Mr. Alexander, after of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. that either of two deductions may be Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier." | drawn: the Tupper family has made up The following resolution respecting its mind to withdraw entirely from the province that had the hardihood to re-"The North Saanich Liberal Associa- ject one of the family, or the family be in the city this evening, when the to go out on a hunting expedition, and the wishes to express our entire con-question of filling up the ministry will so the summons could not be served him. fidence in Ralph Smith, M. P., and we done the offence of the Conservative further pledge him our loyal support and party in refusing to adopt one of its members as leader. In other words, Sir Hibbert is beginning to recover from the attack of suiks that has so long beset him and is intimating that if the Con-General Superintendent Stockett of the servative party should be called into power at any time within the next few years he would be willing to accept a portfolio under Mr. Borden. Of course endent of the Crow's Nest Coal Company's the men who have borne the burden of mines, is in the city. Mr. Stockett has the fight in the House while Sir Hiben attending a meeting of the board hav- bert was brooding over his thwarted aming in charge the examinations for coal | bitions may object, and there may again. at Nanaimo, and he took advantage of the less speculating about such things. The Mr. Stockett says since the settlement party is not likely to have anything subf the labor troubles at the Fernie mines stantial to quarrel about for some time the company have been making marked to come. When the Tuppers and the progress in developing its property. During the year they have spent about \$500,000 in opening out new work at the progress in developing its property. Colonist begin to boast about sweeping the country when they get a chance, the mines. The regular daily output at pres-ent is about 3,400 tons of coal and 800 strength of the Liberal government is ons of coke. With the new ovens which not on the wane. There is nothing the are being opened up this coke production Conservative party dreads more at the present time than the prospect of a general election. Time brings about many Even at the present time, the general wondrous changes, however, and it is superintendent says, the output is in ex-time Mr. Borden and his followers look to bring the day of deliverance. We awaiting orders. A shortage of cars for political horizon.

> of competition. Communications with re- in Canada arrived in the city on Friday have been received by his company, and it is probable that they may send some to the Island in consequence. The superior Although nearly eighty years of age, Mr. quality of the Fernie product over that of Eddy is an alert, keen business man. He the Washington' state product, which the has been actively at the head of the great Crofton smelter is forced to utilize, would, he thinks, recompense the Northwestern company for the additional expense of its member in the Dominion House. He speaks most favorably of the West.