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Booklet Free.

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for Nelson city, stated his position to his
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and the Premier in refusing to admit Mr.
Houston to a position in the McBride
cabinet.

AGENTS.

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ADAM'S PAPER KING.

of Hull, is on a visit to the
City.

the paper king of Canada,
the firm at Hull, whose wares
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al laws Mr. Eddy should be a
seems to have drunk too
e fountains of youth to permit
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is making his first extended
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ishment was wiped out. Fires
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in which it took him to rebuild
and again start them in run-
proves that the paper king has
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matters are back upon the old
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even when pleasure bent
to stretch in enough heat,
his mind occupied. Mr. Eddy
lard, and while in town is be-
ed" by his B. C. representa-
Mitchell.

COMING A NEIGHBOR.

Hog—Scarcely an issue of your
reaches me but contains ac-
ceptable gun accidents during
it not quite something
stop this! If this loss of life
to person occurred in some
slowness would not laws soon be
under with it? Is it not a fact
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law forbid such to carry guns?
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Is it not a great nuisance
rners? For myself and for
other farmers think the same),
consideration the cost and
heartily with the pheasants at
the ones they benefit the far-
the most respectable part of

does the hunting season com-
and is over-run by hun-
number under sixteen, and
ely in their teens, damaging our
fences and placing the lives of
old selves in jeopardy. Only the
the children and myself were
hand, a narrow strip of bush
between us and the road, when
followed by bullets pattering
the brush, startled us, and thus
we could have been injured by
the hunter. Many of these hun-
ters" and do not care
shoot, whether pigeons or fowl,
the days of the opening of the
then my boys had lost five
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geons, and when remonstrated
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have no desire to limit, lesson
with the pleasure of others
allowed the run of my farm of
thout let or hindrance for the
bars), still I do think something
done to lessen the danger and
to which many are now subject.

San Francisco municipal cam-
closed Saturday, has been
usual interest, as under the
ently adopted the mayor of
sees his extraordinary powers,
and the appointment of com-
with will direct the expendi-
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Three candidates for mayor
field. The Republicans have
Henry D. Crocker, a wealthy
in. The Democrats have non-
William D. Lane, an ex-coun-
Eugene Schmitz, the present
was elected two years ago
on Labor party, is a candi-
dication.

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. Tattow, 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 I know."

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The meeting was opened by Mayor Rose, who explained in a few words why the meeting had been called, and asked 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 believe that he would get the portfolio of lands and works. "So confident of this was I that I sent a wire to Fred Starkey to 'keep the machine in running order' for the bye-election," said Mr. Houston.

Mr. Houston then gave details of several other interviews much the same, and went on:

"On Friday last week at 2 o'clock I met him at his office and he told me that he had submitted my name to the Lieut.-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.

"My answer was 'No.' I put on my hat and left and haven't seen him since. Mr. Houston then read the Governor's letter to him.

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 electors of Nelson as capable of taking charge of a department of the government as a minister, and he was urged to present his claims for recognition, and

"Whereas, he proceeded to Victoria and according to the wishes of his constituents, 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;

"Whereas, the Lieut.-Governor objected 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 objection;

"Resolved that we, the people of Nelson in public meeting assembled, protest against this action of the Lieut.-Governor in denying to a standing vote was given by the people to accord him the honor of constitutional government;

"And be it further resolved that we deplore the fact that British Columbia has as Premier a man who has assumed the Lieut.-Governor to reject his advice without tendering his resignation.

"Resolved, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Lieut.-Governor, to the Premier, and to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada."

Several protests were entered by S. S. Taylor and others against dragging in the name of the Lieut.-Governor.

F. J. Deane, editor of the Daily News, characterized the affair as an unpleasant family squabble in which he, as a Liberal, preferred to take no part, but the meeting being open to the public, and having heard the proposed resolution, which contained a direct attack upon the Lieut.-Governor, he could not refrain from expressing an emphatic protest against the resolution what he placed in a ridiculous position of censuring the Lieut.-Governor. The Governor was exercising a clear constitutional right in refusing any individual as a minister in the Crown. He said the absurdity of the situation was heightened by the fact that Premier McBride assumed full responsibility for the Governor's action by not sending in his resignation when his advice was refused, and consequently he alone was censurable.

An extended report of the meeting held at Nelson on Thursday night last week to consider the Houston trouble appears in the Daily News of that city. The report says:

"The meeting was opened by Mayor Rose, who explained in a few words the objects with which it had been called, and asked Mr. Houston to make his statement."

Mr. Houston said: "Mr. Mayor and Fellow Citizens.—It is not so long since that the two political parties of the province had a heated campaign, one result of which was my election. I believe it was somewhat of a surprise, but it must be conceded that the majority of the people of Nelson preferred me to my opponent. The fight was won and my friends believed that I was entitled to the fruits of victory."

"I held the honorable position of presi-

GOVERNMENT IS FIGHTING RECOUNT

ATTORNEY-GENERAL WANTS IT OPPOSED

Mr. Justice Irving Rescinds His Order 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 ballots should not be welcomed by the government can only be explained on the ground that they fear that justice has not been done Mr. Smith.

The following special to the Times from Nelson explains the situation fully in connection with the recount incident and shows the attitude of the government on the matter:

"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 and also as president of the Liberal Association. When Mr. Houston was declared 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 with the resolution, I disagree as to the rest. We all believe that Mr. Houston has suffered harsh and unwarranted treatment. The course of McBride and Green must be condemned, but we should draw the line at a proper stage and not censure the Lieut.-Governor, whose hands are tied, and who cannot defend himself."

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

F. J. Deane, the next speaker, whilst admitting that Mr. Houston had been badly treated by Premier McBride, deplored the passage of a resolution which plainly amounted to a censure upon the Lieut.-Governor. He held that it was manifestly improper to censure the Governor for an act that was clearly within his constitutional rights, the full responsibility for which had been accepted by Premier McBride by his letter to the Lieut.-Governor.

He urged the citizens of Nelson to abstain from any act that would tend to stultify themselves by adopting the resolutions in so far as they referred to the Lieut.-Governor. To do so would bring discredit on the city of Nelson. If there was anyone in the city who was not satisfied with the course of McBride, that individual was Premier McBride.

"He said I was not to mind Green—that Green was bilious—that he (McBride) had full control, and would not be swayed by any influences. He assured me there would be no trouble."

"I saw the Premier next the following Wednesday, when he repeated his previous statements, and asked my opinion on several matters of policy. He told me also that the finance minister had left town because he did not care about signing cheques. This I now believe to be a statement. Taylor had in fact gone to Ashcroft and out on the Cariboo road to find McDonald and induce him to resign his seat and let McPhillips, the defeated Attorney-General, in.

"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 one for the city and it would not hurt me in the bye-election."

"On Friday McBride was sick and was not at the government buildings again until the Thursday following, but I saw him three times at his residence, and he repeated his assurances."

"On Thursday last week I met him in his office at 2 o'clock by appointment. He said to me that Tattow had told him the Lieut.-Governor wanted to see him, and he asked me to wait until he returned to the Governor. I did so, and on his return he told me that the Governor had informed him he must fill up his cabinet. McBride said he proposed to say his full programme before the Governor the following morning and ask for the resignations of Goodere and McPhillips. I asked him then again if I was going in, saying that if not, I wanted to go home. I also said that by his delay I was being put in a false position before the country, as the papers were saying that I was holding him up and I was prevented from denying the story by his dilatoriness. He told me to stay over till the next day."

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"It came to me like a slap in the face. I felt as if I were unfit to associate with decent men, but knowing my own faults and frailties better than any one else, I also felt that I did not deserve to be taken down by the Premier. He said the Governor had given no reasons. I told him that I would return home, resign my seat and let McBride take my place. He said that I was being put in a false position before the country, as the papers were saying that I was holding him up and I was prevented from denying the story by his dilatoriness. He told me to stay over till the next day."

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before a judge, as provided for in the amendment of 1899. Moreover when the latter amendment was made a change was also provided whereby the custody of the boxes passed from the registrar of the Supreme court to the deputy provincial secretary, and in doing so the various sections in which these names were altered were specifically mentioned, and included this very one in question. The legislation was therefore virtually re-enacted upon this point, and precluded the delivery of the boxes for purposes of a recount.

Above all this the duty of the returning officer is clearly set forth in the act with respect to forwarding the boxes immediately upon conclusion of that officer's count or recount, where no such order is issued by the deputy provincial secretary.

Even had the returning officer been notified of the intention to ask for a recount before a judge, it is a question whether under this provision he could do other than immediately send the boxes forward to the deputy provincial secretary.

A case bearing on this came up in Ontario. It was the case of Hays vs. Armstrong. The Ontario Elections Act was amended so that the returning officer upon receiving notice of it should hold the boxes until after that should take place. In this respect it was more explicit than the British Columbia act, where no such provision is made. It was proved in the hearing of the case that the notice calling for a recount had been delivered at the home 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 officer was clearly within his right in sending the boxes forward.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips says all his wants is 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 partisanship in his administration had he pursued a course which was incompatible with what was the statutory procedure.

He frankly admitted 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. McNeven 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. Rogers represents the petitioners.

(From Monday's Daily.)

There exists one vacant portfolio now owing to the resignation of Hon. A. S. Goodere having been accepted. The defeated member for Howland resigned the position of provincial secretary and 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.

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A POLITICAL PETTIFOGGER.

"The law is a hass." In effect says Attorney-General McPhillips. "It was made by hasses, and it must be upheld in its assinity by—well, wise men." The hon. the Attorney-General has been pleading for a considerable number of days that all that was necessary to secure the release of the ballot boxes required to sit in the Legislature for the constituency of Fernie was an order of the court. The order was made, evidently causing considerable consternation in government circles, because immediately upon receipt of the news the legal adviser of Mr. McBride telegraphed orders to apply for a rescinding order and suggesting a technicality under which the application should be made.

"We must fight this thing to the last ditch: the fate of the government depends upon it. The question of right or wrong, of injustice to individuals, of suppression of the rights of a whole constituency, is swallowed up in the more important considerations of life or death to a government." "We must play the game," the Hon. A. E. McPhillips tells us.

"In the abstract I am a firm believer in British fair play; but in a crisis such as that which now faces us, with our official positions and our salaries in jeopardy, with the dominance of the great Conservative party, whose principles we so nobly uphold, threatened, we must suppress abstract altruistic political theories, we must crumple our better impulses, and meet concrete, real embarrassments in the practical arena of the legislature.

"I cannot agree that the application for a recount is a petition within the meaning of section 154, for at the time the section was drafted 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 to 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 might be that the returning officer had power to demand the ballots from the provincial secretary, but he preferred not to express any opinion on that point.

Will Not Resign.

The Kamloops Sentinel says: "It is known that Hon. Mr. Taylor and J. D. Pringle have been 'feeling' McDonald, of Lillooet, with a view to inducing him to withdraw in favor of Attorney-General McPhillips. With the promise of Dr. Murphy to enter the field if the constituency is thus opened, it became apparent that even if he consented, McDonald could not deliver the goods and so the proposal has been abandoned, and Dr. Murphy or Fraser in addition to Gifford, is the only cabinet probability of the present."

Protested Elections.

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

Endorse Leader.

The North Saanich Liberal Association at its regular meeting on Saturday evening passed the following resolution unanimously:

"That we, the members of the North Saanich Liberal Association, desire to take this, the first opportunity, of placing on record our confidence in, and loyalty to, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader for British Columbia. We pledge him our hearty support in carrying out a vigorous and progressive policy, believing that the adoption of a policy such as his and the other Liberal members are capable of initiating will result in restoring to British Columbia that high standing which it should enjoy as the province richest in natural resources of the whole Dominion."

"Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

The following resolution respecting Ralph Smith, M. P., was also passed unanimously:

"The North Saanich Liberal Association wishes to express our entire confidence in Ralph Smith, M. P., and we further pledge him our loyal support and our best wishes to retain his constituency for the Federal House."

PLENTY OF COAL AND COKE.

General Superintendent Stockett, of the Crow's Nest Coal Company, Tells of Production.

Thos. R. Stockett, jr., general superintendent of the Crow's Nest Coal Company's mines, is in the city. Mr. Stockett has been attending a meeting of the board having in charge the examinations for coal miners' certificates. The meeting was held at Nanaimo, and he took advantage of the opportunity to visit Victoria.

Mr. Stockett says since the settlement of the labor troubles at the Fernie mines the company have been making marked progress in developing its property.

During the year they have spent about \$500,000 in opening out new work at the mines. The regular daily output at present is about 3,400 tons of coal and coke, and is being opened up this coke production will be increased to about 12,000 tons daily. This will be sufficient to meet all the demands put upon them.

Even at the present time, the general superintendent says, the output is in excess of the demand. When he left there were about 50,000 tons of coke on the dump awaiting orders. A short time ago for 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 of competition. Commenced in the city in the person of E. B. Eddy, the manufacturer, he will spend a few days here, making his quarters at the Driland. Although nearly eighty years of age, Mr. Eddy is an alert, keen business man. He has been actively at the head of the great firm which bears his name for many years, and was Hull's mayor several times, and also its member in the Dominion House. He speaks most favorably of the West.

COASTALIANS INTERESTED.

The Alaskan boundary dispute, the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific, the newly discovered territory in the Yukon gold fields and other parts of Canada, has caused Canadians to study Canadian geography, but strange to say an up-to-date map of the Dominion of Canada was not in existence and the members of parliament were even at sea on those important subjects. For some months back the publishers of the Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal have quietly been working on an up-to-date map and only waited the decision of the commissioners on the disputed lines between Canada and the United States to complete what is going to be the most authentic, and, in fact, the only reliable map of the Dominion extant. It is said that although the publishers put a cash price of \$2.50 per copy on the map they intend presenting each subscriber for 1904 with a free copy in addition to two most beautiful pictures entitled "Heart Broken" and "Hard to Choose." As the subscription price of the Family Herald and Weekly Star is only one dollar, it will be easily seen what immense value subscribers to that paper are to receive this season.

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