

mon reason neglect his duties towards God and man all the year, but on the day of New Year he will awaken and do what is right? Be not deceived, God is not mocked. To come on the day of New Year into the house of worship and to promise to be good, but on leaving the synagogue to be the same as ever? The ringing of the fire bell will not extinguish the fire, but the water in the hands of the firemen. Not the sounds of the trumpet will extinguish the fire which man has kindled around him and which threatens to consume him, but the actions, the good and pure conscience, to do good. "You see," said my friend, "that the greatest misfortune that rests in our midst is orthodoxy—it ruins Judaism through ignorance. The orthodox Jew thinks when he has heard the sounds of the trumpet that that is all that he needs, while a true Reform Jew knows what to do after the sound of the trumpet has taken deep root in his heart. You will even find congregations, Jewish orthodox congregations, where misdeeds are practised in the house of God amidst the sounds of the trumpet; this, of course, must be excused because of their ignorance." I am afraid my friends remarks also hit some of my Christian friends rather hard.

PERE GRINATOR.

MR. RITHET'S SPEECH.

Incidental to the welcome to this port, of the Steamship Victoria, Monday night, Mr. R. P. Rithet is reported to have spoken as follows: Mr. Rithet, in responding, thanked the proposer very heartily for his kindly expressions, but said he had perhaps been actuated by simply selfish motives in having the dock built for the reception of the largest vessels afloat, and perhaps he had been given credit for being too philanthropically inclined—

A voice: No! no!

Mr. Rithet continued that when he had undertaken to build the dock many people had said he was foolish and unwise, and some had even gone so far as to say he was crazy. But if he had been crazy then, he was still crazy, for it was his ambition,—one of them at least—to make Victoria a port that could at any stage of the tide and under any conditions, accommodate at her wharves the largest vessels afloat on the Pacific or any other ocean. (Applause.) He thought he had fair grounds to congratulate himself too on the success or partial success of his scheme, for in the 12 years his wharf had been built, there had not been a single accident happen to any vessel that came within its boundaries. (Applause.) Some years ago the question of Victoria's harbor had been a serious drawback to merchants, and the town had suffered and subjected to the taunts of so-called friends, because the harbor accommodation had not been adequate. In those days everything in the way of freight from abroad had to be landed from the ships at Esquimalt and teamed to the city, and it then became a question whether the necessary wharfage facilities should be afforded at Esquimalt or at the city. In deciding upon the question he had been guided by the expense of hauling the freight from Esqui-

malt, and soon made up his mind, but was discouraged at every turn by those who thought he was making a huge mistake. From his intimacy with the captains of the Pacific Coast Steamship company he had, however, obtained some valuable information, they being accustomed to land both freight and passengers at wharves along the coast of Southern California in far more exposed positions than a wharf at Victoria would be. Their advice had proved correct. The wharf had been built and there was no risk, no danger in landing here. (Applause.) It would be premature now to intimate what his opinion of the port would be, but he felt so confident of the future of the Canadian Western transcontinental railway, which was another of his pet schemes, and which would in course of a few years become an accomplished fact, that he had no hesitation in saying that one of these days Victoria would be in a better position than any other seaport on the coast to become one of the greatest cities on the continent. (Applause.) He felt in a great measure indebted to the Northern Pacific Company for giving now a distinct illustration of the fact that Victoria's harbor facilities were all that they were claimed to be, and was glad the proper civility had been extended to the pioneer ship of the new line—a line which would be supported by each and every one of the merchants of Victoria. (Applause.)

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