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Mr. Cuppage also completely disposes of the World's statement that coal leases were issued to the Transportation Exploration Syndicate. He also says that the Times was informed by him that he was not a director of the above-mentioned company, and that paper printed the World's assertion without qualification.

We have also inquired from Lands and Works Department, and have been officially informed that the Department has not dealt in any way with lands in the portion of the province, which includes the Pine River Pass. This appears to dispose conclusively of the World's statement that leases for coal lands in the Pine River Pass were granted by Mr. Green after he had received shares in a company of the par value of \$37,000. Our information is that the coal leases in the Telqua valley were applied for and issued in the ordinary without of the province in the lands in the portion of the province in the lands and Works Department, and have been officially informed that the poper of British Columbia stand. In fact, until Mr. Macdonald dealth in the responsibility of the company of the company of the company of the province in respect to better that leases for coal lands in the Pine River Pass were granted by Mr. Green after he had received shares in a company of the par value of \$37,000. Our information is that the coal leases in the Telqua valley were applied for and issued in the ordinary of the part value of \$37,000. Our information is that the coal leases in the Telqua valley were applied for and issued in the ordinary of the part of the canadian Pacific Railway Company of the part of the province in respect to better that the coal that the leases in the Telqua valley were applied for and issued in the ordinary

time limited. We have refused publication to all letters recommending the admission of the Chinese as a solution of the labor problem here, but we print Mr. Bell's letter because we are impressed with the idea that an effort will be made on behalf of the company to secure action along the line indicated by Mr. Bell and we wish to take the earliest opportunity of protesting against anything of the kind this remedy at law. We do not think that this rule is generally understood. Whether or not it has been extended to apply to street cars we are uncertain, but we are inclined to think that it covers them as well. We think the motorneer is bound to stop his car to enable pedestrians to get across the tracks, and that a furious sounding of the kind this rule is generally understood.

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ligious worship.

NO UNPAID TAXES

in the Opposition press that the Can-adian Pacific Railway Company owes the province a large sum of money, usually put at \$750,000, for taxes, selves with the bald proposition. It is always difficult to meet a general statement of that nature, except by a general denial which has been given in respect to this particular assertion ject to the whim over and over again. The Canadian session to session. Pacific Railway Company has paid could be assessed legally. It has not been exempted to any extent what-

In this connection reference may be the World's statement that coal ses were issued to the Transporta-

P. R., the land would not subject to taxation. By the terms o the original grant the land cannot be taxed, while it is vested in the E. & sold to the Grand Trunk Pacific 13, sold to the Grand Trunk Pacific 14, sold to the Grand Trunk Pa

motor cars are governed by the genagainst anything of the kind motor cars are governed by the generally to unite in opposing eral rule of the road. At the same generally to unite in opposing time the rights of pedestrians must be effort to deluge this country with less labor in order that the Grand lk Pacific Railway Company may \$6,000,000 or so in the construction of their line across British Co-

The statement is made frequently toria is justly celebrated.

The provincial government stands it is usually put at \$750,000, for taxes, which the government has neglected to collect. Those who make the statement are careful to content themselves with the bald proposition. It is always difficult to meet a general would be available to all and every ministry that might be in power in the province. It would not be sub-ject to the whim of parliament from

The opposition stands for larger c Railway Company has paid dollar of taxes for which it be assessed legally. It has not exempted to any extent what-

Mr. Macdonald has gone back upon them.

We are told by the Times that the

pany. There is no comparison between the two transactions, as far as the benefit of the province is concerned. Under the Kaien Island sale, the province would have made an interest of the province will be reduced to a minimum water from the comparison of the province would have made will be reduced to a minimum water from the comparison of the province would have made will be reduced to a minimum water from the province would have made will be reduced to a minimum water from the province will be reduced to a minimum water from the province water from t waterfront will belong to the com-

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they are citizens of the country, and as long as they confine themselves to reasonable agitation, and do not advocate the violent overthrow of advocate the violent overthrow of the province stable. To elect Mr. Jardine—no one can foresee what divided the violent overthrow of existing institutions, they are entitled to deal with the questions of the day in such manner as seems best to themselves.

The Labor Party stands on a different footing Daylor the lest current of the control of t

has nothing in common with Social-ism. It is the outcome of political We do not believe that this province; but as it is absolutely non-progressive, as it is hand-inclaim for better terms.

Larger appropriations have nothing to do with better terms.

This is the issue between the two cause they believe that they cannot get justice otherwise. There is no conservatives claim with that party, it will only be be-cause they believe that they cannot can be answered. concerned in the welfare of the country than the wage-earners. Their prosperity depends directly upon the condition of business. There inter-ests demand stable government. They These are subjects which com have nothing to gain by overthrowwords strong enough to denounce ince is maintained upon stable

AN ENGLISH VIEW

Following is an extract from a letter written by a resident of London, prominent in financial circles, who has been in the past, and we believe now is identified in a large way with British Columbia investments:

saying 'McInnes has resigned from Governorship of Yukon and is going to the time when, having taken offic into provincial politics.' We conclude this means he is going to fight the provincial battle backed by the Dominion government. We feel here

complied with and the reversionary right of the province to those 13,000 acres will be surrendered without any consideration. We challenge the Times to deny this statement.

In the land sold by the province to the company one-fourth was reserved to the province, including a large part of the waterfront. In the land, which the Dominion government is seeking to have the province give the company, every acre and every foot of waterfront will belong to the company. centres as a danger signal. The thing

Canadians from the Middle West a little of the courtesy for which Victoria is justly celebrated.

THE ISSUE STATED

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> The Labor Party stands on a different footing. During the last quarter of a century conditions have arisen, which put a new complexion upon politics, and these are finding expression in the Labor movement as a political organization. With the spread of education and the general improvement in the status of working men, there has arisen a demand as will unsettle the public mind, preing men, there has arisen a demand sa will unsettle the public mind, prefor the recognition of new principles in legislation. The Labor movement work that has been wrought during the last three and a half years.

THE TWO CHIEF ISSUES

the Labor Party will be a permanent political organization, because the interests which it represents are too paign, which, by reason of their very closely identified with those of the great importance, far transcend all whole community. If British Colum-bia Liberalism had been progressive, that is to say, they do not affect one there would be no Labor Party in this province; but as it is absolute-thy non-progressive, as it is hand-inove with interests, which are hos- urging them upon the consideratio tille to the Labor movement, the of the electorate, it is discharging a wage-earners have resolved to place their own candidates in the field, and will bear us out in the statement that hereby secure representation of their we have endeavored throughout the views upon the floor of the legis'a-ture. There is no warrant for class-ting Labor men with Socialists, and ask that the views hereinafter set out ing Labor men with Socialists, and ask that the views hereinafter set out if they are driven to ally themselves may be dealt with in a spirit of in-

> The two principal issues are: The maintenance of a stable gov ernment; The claim of the province for bet

home to every British Columbian. No ing the present administration and matter what a man's political allegi-placing in power an untried party, ance may be he is interested in seeg in power an untried party, ance may be he is interested in see so that there may be no return to the uncertainty prevailing a few years ago, which seriously affected the credit of the province at home and abroad, and led investors to hesitate ago, which seriously about embarking in enterprises Nearly every person who reads these lines knows that from the day that lines knows that from the day that Mr. T. R. McInnes, in his capacity of lieutenant-governor, "A cable has arrived from Ottawa make and unmake political parties We are told ye to taxation the ordinary of the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. We have the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject. The first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subject to the first fias far as we have been able to investigate the subjec

by the defeat of the present government? Can any good reason be advanced why the outside public will consider a change in administration as likely to be beneficial to the province? If there is any such reason, we shall be gled to be such that the position of the provincial government has been difficult in the past, when by the defeat of the present governwe shall be glad to hear what it is. We assert, and we believe we have the of their line across British Co.

The Grand Triang. Positifs have a controlled to the province of the prov excellent grounds for the assertion, that, if the electorate should pro-

We ask all men to consider if they

think the satisfactory state of things now existing is likely to be improved

with the Conservative Party and trust to their influence upon its councils to secure the introduction of such measures as they deem necessary; but they seem to have reached the conclusion that they must have direct representatives of Labor in the Market and was supply to them that they seem to have reached the conclusion that they must have direct representatives of Labor in the House; and we sumbit to them that, so far as they can consistently with the ideas in the respect to which they have committed themselves, they ought as men, having the keenest interest in the prosperity of the country, to lend their aid to continue the present satisfactory and stable conditions.

We pass on now to speak of the second issue, that of Better Terms. Unless disturbed political conditions are again brought into existence, it British Columbia may look forward with confidence to a period of great in the province to the existing arrangement, they should vote for the government candidates. If they believe that the rights of the province to the treat the thouse; and we sumbit to them that, so far as they can consistently with naturally vote of the provinces, they will naturally vote for the opposition candidates, so far as this particular question is concerned. There can scarcely be any doubt as to how the people of British Columbia ought to vote on such a question. A vote for the opposition candidates is a vote to kill our claim for better terms. There is no escaping this conclusion. If the Liberals win, the claims of the province will be disposed of for all time, or at least Defeat has marked them for its own.

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Report of Year's at Session Hel

Yesterday.

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Comprehensive P coming Season Secretary

The annual meeti Tourist and Develo was held in the off zation yesterday a there was a fairly citizens. The chair His Worship Ma among those preser cent, Henderson, E. G. Prior, A. W son, J. E. Wilson, Pendray, S. Sea, speare, E. C Smith Fell, B. S. Oddy a The minutes of meeting were read which the report for the year was re The financial s year was presente sociation to have hand.
A. W. McCurdy of the report of mittee, and in doing "I beg leave to of the report of the of the report of the of the Victoria Tourist association your executive. every word of it has not been told. the beginning of a toria. A year ago very different place today. Trade was

today. Trade was were different; ren The sun was just a years, the scenery climate as good, year have we felt to year have we felt is side investor, who in placing his mo produce the greate Those who have fall are but the for horde of investors in ever-increasing ter year, if you but forts, and from spread out all over "A lumber merc cidentally buys a land avenue. He is fore he reaches out in lumber mills at ufacturer is drawn tractive picture of buys another estat nd within a few and within a lew ized a company p 3300,000 in develop building resources this Island. "And I venture t these gentlemen y

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of the advertising dental to this tra Time will not p readily occur to yo this institution to t toria. In it the cit her best investmen no mistake in supp Development and much more hands coming year than "Nothing succeed the executive mus upon the patriotic of the past year.
indeed fortunate is
secretary a gentle peer on this coast that he has under "I have much p the adoption of this port."

The motion was Wilson, who, in doi sult of the work t by the association by the association years it had been now apparent, and great pleasure in I hough a direct though a direct before the association, the ecutive should no pointed out that the citizens did not rea work that was incu tive; and after sper on the board, he has nessing the effect (gave credit to Secrithe work that has asked new member and take their shall ccepting positions

The report was Mr. Ker moved a the executive of the past year. amount of work v had on hand. He committee had fu in a very credi which they should of the citizens. Th of the citizens.

The election of o suing year then to ture of his office, occupied by the Mand first vice-president dent of the Board McCurdy was una second vice-president, honorary tr