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THE NEW FLAGSHIP.

H. M. S. "Imperieuse" Arrives to Relieve the Royal Arthur, Which Sails Friday.

The Well Known Excursion Steamer "Queen" to Be Remodelled and Greatly Improved.

Looking a little weather beaten but bearing no other marks of her long and at times tempestuous voyage from England, H.M.S. Imperieuse entered Esquimalt at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, fully a day ahead of her scheduled time of arrival. She is the ship which went into commission at Portsmouth on the 5th of March last to relieve H.M.S. Royal Arthur as flagship of this station, and it is expected the latter will now leave for England on Friday. Aboard the Imperieuse is Admiral Stephenson's successor, of whom the Naval and Military Record of some time ago had this to say:

"Rear Admiral Palliser, who succeeds Rear Admiral Stephenson in command of the Pacific squadron, is a Crimean veteran. Though to an observer his sprightly form does not suggest such a long service, yet he was engaged in the bombardment of Bomarsund, and took part in five hostile movements in the Black Sea, displaying great valor in the night attack on Sebastopol. For some years he was commodore at Hongkong, and while there was called upon to protect British subjects during one of the riots, which will be especially remembered because of the fatal explosion in the government magazines which occurred at the same time. The Imperieuse is officered thus:

Rear Admiral Henry St. L. B. Palliser; Captain C. H. Adair; Fleet Paymaster G. H. A. Willis, as secretary to Rear Admiral Palliser; Lieut. John K. Crawley as flag lieutenant to Rear Admiral Palliser.

Executive officers, Commander Somerset A. G. Calthorpe; lieutenants, William O. Boothby, now of the Royal Arthur; James C. Ley, Francis W. Melville, William B. Macdonald, Ernest H. Dobbin, Walter E. Woodward and Algernon J. Hotham. Hugh H. Barton is to come out on the Imperieuse and take Lieut. Boothby's place on the Royal Arthur.

Fleet paymaster, John K. Moore; assistant paymaster, Percy J. Ling.

Staff engineer, Thos. H. Hyde; engineers, Frederick C. Davis and Richard C. Cleave.

Fleet surgeon, Robert W. Williams; surgeons, Henry W. Green and Thomas W. Phillips, M.A., M.B.

Sub-lieutenant, Douglas A. Tainforth.

Chaplain, Rev. Charles E. Painter, M.A.

Naval instructor, Stanton F. Card, B.A.

Boatswains, James McGeachy and Benjamin Eve.

Gunner, James Titheridge.

Midshipmen, Wm. R. Alexander, Robert A. Rice, Robert R. Gossett, Roger De G. Kenyon, Cecil V. Usborne, John F. H. Cole, Harry T. Moore, Arthur G. Muller.

Naval cadets, Ernest L. Cardale, John Casement and Walter Dasent.

Carpenter, Charles Dean.

On the voyage to Esquimalt the ship maintained an average speed of 10 knots, and having left Portsmouth on March 26 made the passage in 82 days. The points of call en route were Madeira, St. Vincent, Montevideo, Sandy Point, Coquimbo, Callao, and Acapulco. At the last mentioned place the only mishap of the trip occurred, a carpenter named George Smith dying of fever. It was just after passing through the Straits of Magellan that the ship met her first bad weather. Every dish in the mess room was broken and tons of water continually swept the deck while the storm raged. When Coquimbo was reached the Wild Swan was met with and the latter started from there the same day as the Imperieuse's departure on a trip among the Southern islands before coming north to Esquimalt.

The Imperieuse is a sister ship to the Warspite, which was on this station a few years ago, and much resembles that vessel in appearance. She is supplied, however, with heavier armament and different pattern guns. She is a little shorter than the Warspite but possesses greater breadth. For 18 months previous to her present commission she served as flagship on the China station. She has since been extensively overhauled at Portsmouth for duty on this coast, and everything was placed in good condition except the boilers, which will here be retubed. The Imperieuse is a twin-screw first class cruiser, steel sheathed and coppered, with four barbettes hooded with two funnels (fore and aft) and a military mast amidships. Her length is 315 feet; her beam 62 feet, and her mean draught 27.4 feet. She is of 8,400 tons displacement. Her I.H.P., natural, is 8,000, which is capable of a speed of 16 knots; when forced it is 10,000 and develops 17 knots. Her coal capacity is 900 tons, but she can carry 1,130 tons and steam 7,000 miles at a ten knot rate. The difference between her machinery and that of the Royal Arthur is that the engines of the former are of the Maudsley make, while that of the latter are of the Pine make, cylindrical and oval boilers being also a special feature. The armor of the Imperieuse is partial belt, 140 feet long, 8 feet deep, of 10 compound with traverse 9 inch bulkheads. Her barbettes are from 8 to 9 inch compound, the conning tower is 9 inch compound. The deck is is of redoubt 1.5 inches thick, with a protection deck 3 inches thick. The armament consists of four 9.2 inch 22 ton, one forward, one aft and one sponsoned on each beam; ten 6 inch Q.; four 6 pound Q.; nine 3 inch Q.; two boat guns, nine Nord. machine guns; and six torpedo tubes. She has one and the Warspite has two second-class torpedo boats, and her complement of men is 527, although at the present time there are nearly 600 men aboard. The Imperieuse was launched in Portsmouth in 1883, and was laid down on August 10, 1881, while the Warspite was launched in Chatham in 1884, and was laid down on the 35th of October, 1881.

THE "QUEEN" RETURNS.

An uneventful but remarkably pleasant trip was the experience of the steamship Queen, Capt. James Carroll, which arrived from the north yesterday afternoon, after her initial excursion trip to Alaska of the season. The steamer remained ten hours in port, and afforded the passengers an excellent opportunity of seeing the sights of the city. There were several who left the steamer at Victoria, including nearly half a big Raymond and Whitcom party. These will go east from here, while some few of the passengers will stay in the city a short time. Among the most notable persons aboard, and whose names have not previously appeared were General E. S. and Mrs. Otis, of Vancouver, Washington, and Williams Alvord, a prominent San Franciscan. It was learned from the officers of the Queen yesterday that next season the vessel will be an entirely different craft. Something like $200,000 are to be expended on improving her for the excursion business. When she lays up again she will be remodelled above water, new and powerful machinery that is now being specially constructed for her in San Francisco will be placed in position and the vessel generally speaking will be made one of the finest excursion craft afloat. At present she has no equal on the Coast, but her style does not exactly suit the enterprising company operating her. The Juneau Searchlight says:

"Preparations are now under way for extensive improvements at Sheep creek. The Silver Queen mining Company will lay a malleated track from the stamp mill to the ore bin on which they will run an engine and a train of cars for the purpose of carrying the ore from the bin to the mill. The company has also purchased an Ingersoll-Sargent 8-drill duplex air compressor which in all probability will arrive by the first boat in July. The drill will be first used in the Silver Queen mine and the amount of ore it will be possible to turn out when the machine is in perfect running order seems almost unlimited. One thousand tons of rock per day is perhaps a reasonable estimate of the wonderful work of this machine and when it is considered that with their present modern drills the amount of ore taken from the Silver Queen is but fifty tons a day the vast difference will be readily seen. In the mill extensive improvements will also be made. Some alterations will be made about the buildings, other small buildings will be erected and five more stamps will be added to the present number, making it a twenty-stamp mill."

THE CITY.

Whiskey cases monopolized the attention of the magistrate at yesterday's session of the city police court.

The Methodist Sunday schools of the city will hold a joint picnic at Sidney on July 1, the day of their annual outing.

Captain Sheard, for some time attached to the local corps of the Salvation Army, has made his farewells and is leaving for other fields of usefulness.

There is some talk in Victoria of the investment of private capital in a thoroughly equipped hospital, to be placed in the hands of the Sisters of St. Anne.

The quarterly meeting of the Pride of the Island lodge of the Sons of England was held last evening. Three new members were initiated and nine applications for membership were made, making a total of thirty new members this year.

Owing to the decrease in passenger business east of Spokane, the N.P.R. have cancelled their second train daily east of that point. The two trains a day will continue to be operated as before from the Coast to Spokane, to accommodate the rush to the Kootenay country, now reached in 44 hours from this city.

Last Saturday's issue of the New York Truth, the most artistic illustrated weekly of America, contains a clever storyette from the pen of "Madge Robertson," Mrs. A. T. Watt, of this city. "The Serious Question Which" it is entitled, and its charm lies chiefly in the brightness and easy flow of its dialogue. The sketch is most artistically finished, and while it reminds one unconsciously of Anthony Hope, it is essentially original in both scene, characteristics and treatment.

At a meeting of the Natural History Society on Monday, a letter was read from Prof. Dr. Schaunisland, director of the Museum of Natural History and Ethnography, Bremen, with reference to the museum, in which he expressed his appreciation of the work done there in terms of unstinted praise. A resolution was passed conveying sentiments of appreciation and good-will towards Mr. Fannin, curator of the museum, who leaves to-night on an extended trip to the East and England.

Victoria Chinese are more than suspected of being at the present time engaged in the old trick of boring out $20 gold pieces, filling the excavations with lead and restoring the mutilated coins to circulation. A number of filled twenties have been passed upon Victoria business men during the past week or so, and it would be well for all who do not desire to purchase experience at a high price, to see that all twenties ring true that they accept. As yet there appears to be no clue to the identity of the operators.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Jubilee hospital desire to express their sincere thanks to Messrs. C. Wrigglesworth, H. P. Mellish, C. Esnouf, H. Erskine, W. Pedon, J. Hill and C. Hill for their splendid exhibition on Saturday evening. They also extend their thanks to the young ladies and gentlemen who kindly assisted to make the performance a success. The ladies wish to add that they were greatly pleased with the exhibition and trust the young gentlemen will see their way clear to repeat the performance in the early fall.

It is expected that the United States fish commission steamer Albatross will return here in a few days to receive as passengers Professor Thompson and Mr. J. M. Macoun, who arrived here on Monday evening on their way North to engage in a scientific study of seal life. Mr. Halkett, the third member of the party, will not accompany them on the steamer, his intention being to follow in part the plan adopted by one of the American naturalists last year, and make himself acquainted with all the details of sealing by becoming for a time a sealer. That is, he will be one of the company on board the Victoria schooner Dora Siewerd, soon to sail for the Sea, and will make his observations as the seal are laid on the deck fresh from the hands of the hunters. Professor Thompson's immediate destination is the Pribyloff islands, from which he will afterwards go to the Commadersky group and the Russian islands. Mr. Macoun accompanies him and will continue his observations on the life and habits of the seal initiated during former visits to the rookeries.

FORMALLY NOMINATED.

Four Candidates Enter the Contest for the Two Seats for Victoria District.

List of Representative Citizens Who Stand Sponsors for the Several Nominees.

Yesterday was the day of nomination of candidates for seats in the eighth House of Commons for Canada, to be elected on Tuesday next, June 23. In Victoria it passed without noteworthy incident save that the candidates for many months in the field complied with the formalities required by law and placed their nomination papers in the hands of the returning officer, Sheriff J. E. McMillan. The candidates and their agents are as follows, (each elector being entitled to vote for two candidates):

LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE.

Hon. E. G. Prior, Controller of Inland Revenue. Agent, Mr. H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., M.P.P.

Thomas Earle, Merchant. Agent, George Jay, jr.

OPPOSITION.

William Templeman, Publisher. Agent, Geo. E. Powell.

Geo. L. Milne, Doctor of Medicine. Agent, P. S. Lampman.

The names on the nomination papers are as follows:

NOMINATING HON. E. G. PRIOR.

J. S. Helmcken,	Joseph Shires,
Thos. B. Hall,	Geo. Bishop,
J. G. Mann,	R. Phillips,
H. C. Macaulay,	F. W. Adams,
R. Seabrook,	John Spence,
John Bryden,	George Jeeves,
D. R. Ker,	George Kirsop,
N. Sabin,	John Bell,
J. Porter,	John Robertson,
J. H. Lawson,	R. S. Byrn,
Sidney Shore,	James Blackwood,
Mat. T. Johnston,	H. S. Blanchard,
H. Saunders,	G. A. Kirk,
Simon Leiser,	John Allen;
Wm. Radford,	Wm. Thistle,
Watson Clark,	R. Penketh,
F. Gilchrist,	C. W. Rhodes,
John Hays,	James Deans,
Alex. McGregor,	Wm. Boddy,
J. W. Knight,	J. Raymond,
E. B. Marvin,	R. D. Finlayson,
Joseph Hunter,	Geo. Lindsay,
Frank Sere,	Geo. S. Russell,
M. McGregor,	J. Costello,
Wm. McKitrick,	C. Phillipps-Wolley,
Thos. Shaw,	F. B. Pemberton,
Geo. H. Morkill,	F. M. Kettler,
Wm. Turple,	J. H. Buckett.
L. G. McQuade,	John Partridge,
Geo. Powell,	Jeremiah Madden,
W. D. Carrall,	Wm. Batchelor,
William Prout,	Colin Cameron,
John McHardy,	Thomas E. Wood,
W. H. Ellis,	B. R. Seabrook,
H. G. Ross,	C. F. Barron,
H. F. Heisterman,	Ross Eckardt,
Frank Burrell,	Thos. F. Helgesen,
Thos. S. Futcher,	W. H. Hayward,
H. Firth,	R. Swanwick,
J. Gerhard Tiarks,	W. H. Bone.
G. F. Matthews,	Edward Vine,
Fred. Norris,	George Pears,
James F. Fell,	Thomas Duke,
R. S. Cavin.	John F. Deans,
H. H. Evans,	Michael Finnerty,
H. Watt,	John Dougall,
W. Garnham,	William McNeill,
Josiah Bull,	Charles Hayward,
J. Griffiths,	S. W. Bucknam,
James Miller,	George Byrnes,
Jos. Nicholson, jr.,	Peter Steele,
William Graham,	W. Steinberger,
William Allen,	J. P. Hibben,
Maurice Salmon,	Chris. Farrington,
H. E. Smith,	Richard Morrison,
John A. Wilson,	J. B. Harrison,
William Bull,	Hamilton Smith,
G. Coverdale,	J. Critchley,
John S. Young,	

NOMINATING THOMAS EARLE.

Dr. J. S. Helmcken,	M. T. Johnston,
Capt. John Irving,	F. Gilchrist,
M. Baker,	R. Seabrook,
Geo. S. Russell,	Ambrose B. Burid,
Jos. Clearihue,	Jonathan Bullen,
H. Saunders,	F. T. Child,
J. B. H. Rickaby,	E. Pearson,
James F. Fell,	Ed. White,
And. Glendinning,	D. Banfield,
L. G. McQuade,	W. Allen,
E. B. Marvin,	H. H. McDonald,
F. T. Hedges,	James Miller,
Simon Leiser,	J. Griffiths,
R. S. Byrn,	H. H. Evans,
C. F. Gardiner,	Watson Clark,
D. Rose,	Richard Ryan,
Joseph Nicholson, jr.	David Dale,
W. Garnham,	F. Glinn,
R. S. Cavin,	Dr. R. Morrison,
William Graham,	Jno. J. Hart,
H. E. Smith,	O. T. Monk,
Maurice Salmon,	J. W. Knight,
Jno. A. Wilson,	W. Radford,
John S. Young,	Wm. McKitrick,
Henry C. Watts,	A. McGregor,
William Bull,	Chas. Pardoe,
G. Coverdale,	William White,
D. R. Ker,	Fred. Whitefield,
W. Attwood,	Thomas King,
William Prout,	Sidney Shore,
J. G. Mann,	Richard Keeler,
B. R. Seabrook,	And. Gray,
C. F. Barron,	James McCandlish,
Thos. F. Wood,	M. McGregor,
Thos. F. Helgesen,	S. J. Booth,
W. H. Hayward,	S. Cooness,
R. Swanwick,	N. Pointer,
Ed. Vine,	S. Duck,
George Pears,	Geo. Cruikshank,
Thos. Duke,	N. Sabin,
John Dougall,	Hamilton Smith,
Wm. McNeill,	Geo. Bishop,
Chas. Hayward,	Geo. Jeeves,
C. F. Todd,	W. Lorimer,
L. Goodacre,	John Piercy,
David Miller,	W. E. McCormack,
J. F. Stewart,	J. Critchley.
R. Caselton,	

NOMINATING DR. G. L. MILNE.

A. H. Scaife,	H. G. Hall,
M. J. Conlin,	R. A. Cunningham,
Archer Martin,	E. S. Field,
Ald. Wm. Humphrey,	Jno. Teague,
Jas. A. Grant,	C. E. Renouf,
Jas. S. Murray,	F. W. Garland,
George E. Powell,	H. A. Munn,
Captain John Irving,	D. Campbell,
A. A. Davidson,	John Kinsman,
W. A. Dier,	D. Stevens,
Lewis Casey,	Geo. Riley,
A. L. Belyea,	T. J. Burnes,
Hon. A. N. Richards,	C. H. Bowes,
Gordon Hunter,	John Nicholles,
Richard Hall,	John Meston,
Andrew Calderwood,	John Grant,
Geo. Shedden,	George Sangster,
J. C. M. Keith,	Wm. T. Hardaker,
D. Cartmel,	I. J. Fisher,
Dr. A. C. West,	S. W. Edwards,
Wm. J. McKeon, jr.,	G. Osborn,
William Denny,	J. W. Rowlands,
F. A. Gowen,	Alex. Wilson,
Dr. Lewis Hall,	H. N. Howard,
Sam Sea, jr.,	R. Roskell Bayne,
W. H. Gibson,	A. C. Martin,
W. A. Stevens,	John R. Giscome,
Ald. W. G. Cameron,	W. J. Fraser,
Frank Higgins,	Dr. R. L. Fraser,
W. O'Connor,	D. Hart,
Jas. W. Speed,	F. B. Gregg,
Thos. Roarke,	Ald. Marchant,
Ald. John Macmillan,	P. C. McGregor,
Hon T. R. McInnes,	A. B. King,
S. G. Campbell,	W. J. Dwyer,
J. H. Gilchrist,	F. F. Raitt.
F. Hinds,	Thomas A. Brydon,
W. J. Clark,	Christian Sivertz,

NOMINATING WM. TEMPLEMAN.

C. E. Redfern,	A. Calderwood,
D. E. Campbell,	George Shedden,
C. A. Lombard,	J. C. M. Keith,
A. L. Belyea,	R. A. Cunningham,
Hon. A. N. Richards,	H. G. Hall,
Richard Hall,	John Teague,
T. W. Patterson,	E. S. Field,
A. H. Scaife,	C. E. Renouf,
M. J. Conlin,	F. W. Garland,
Archer Martin,	D. Campbell,
Ald. W. Humphrey,	John Kinsman,
Jas. A. Grant,	Joshua Holland,
James S. Murray,	G. Osburn,
P. S. Lampman,	D. Stevens,
John Grant,	Capt. J. Irving, M.P.P,
W. J. McKeon, jr.,	William Denny,
W. G. Cameron,	F. A. Gowen,
George Riley,	John Nicholles,
J. W. Rowlands,	W. T. Hardaker,
H. A. Munn,	Dr. Lewis Hall,
Alex. Wilson,	S. Sea, jr.,
Thomas Tubman,	John Meston,
Wm. H. Langley,	Ald. W. Marchant,
John Hall,	Dr. A. C. West,
T. J. Burnes,	P. C. Macgregor.
D. Hart,	

SPRING ASSIZES.

The Spring assizes opened yesterday before Mr. Justice Drake, Mr. A, G. Smith, deputy attorney-general, appearing for the crown, assisted by Mr. L. P. Duff. So promptly were the cases dealt with that only those against Creech and Garrow remain.

The Grand jury was composed of E. B. Marvin, foreman; M. Bantly, D. Cartmel, C. A. Goffin, G. R. Jackson, S. Leiser, E. Lewis, John Nicholles, W. H. Perry, S. Reid, G. C. Shaw, J. Savannah. J. G. Tiarks, G. P. Ward and P. Wollaston.

True bills were returned against Archie Reid, stealing; Newman, burglary; Farrell, unlawfully wounding; Evans, cutting and wounding; and no bill in the case of Redfern, charged with arson. For the rest of the day the grand jury considered the indictments for murder against Harry Creech and Dr. Garrow, and are expected to give their finding this morning, when the court meets at 10:30.

William Farrell was first put on trial for unlawfully wounding Georgie Douglas, by discharging his pistol in the American hotel on October 11 last. He was defended by Mr. J. P. Walls. The evidence was similar to that brought out at the preliminary exrmination and resulted in the prisoner being found guilty.

Evans, charged with cutting and wounding a Chinaman a couple of weeks ago while drunk, pleaded guilty without waiting to be tried.

Newmann, who a short time ago was captured by Mr. S. A. Stoddart while trying to sell a watch he had stolen from Mr. F. Henski's house, was found guilty of burglary. The prisoner conducted his own defence and made a speech half an hour long in a highly dramatic strain, which showed it was not his first address to a jury.

Archie Reid, charged with stealing from the person of Dr. Wilson, was acquitted and left the court room with a beaming face.

The court meets again this morning at half-past ten. No sentences have yet been delivered.

A MOTHER'S THANKS.

SHE TELLS WHAT PINK PILLS DID FOR HER CHILD.

Suffered From St. Vitus' Dance—Lost the Use of Her Right Side and Almost Lost the Power of Speech—Cured in a Few Weeks.

[Aylmer, Que., Gazette.]

Of all the discoveries made in medicine in this great age of progress none have done more to alleviate human suffering than have Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. We suppose there is not a hamlet in this broad land in which the remarkable healing power of this favorite medicine has not been put to the test and proved triumphant. It is a great medicine and the good it has accomplished can only be faintly estimated. There are many in Aylmer who speak of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in terms of praise, and among them is the family of Mr. John Smith, the well known blacksmith and wheelwright. Having heard that his daughter, Miss Minnie, had been cured of St. Vitus' dance by the use of Pink Pills, the Gazette called upon Mr. Smith to learn the

particulars. Upon mentioning the matter to him he expressed pleasure in making the facts public, if it was thought that they would benefit anyone else, and remarked that he thought Mrs. Smith could probably give the particulars better than himself. Mrs. Smith said that about a year ago Minnie was attacked with St. Vitus dance, of a rather severe nature, and a number of medicines were tried, but without any effect upon the trouble. An electric battery was also used but had no beneficial effect. The trouble appeared to be getting more severe, and finally Minnie was obliged to discontinue going to school, having lost the power of her right side. Her speech was also so much affected it was with difficulty she could be understood. She was out of school for about six months and all this time she was undergoing treatment, which however, proved ineffective. One day Mrs. Smith saw in the Gazette the particulars of a case of St. Vitus dance cured by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and determined to try them with Minnie. By the time two boxes were used Mrs. Smith was sensible of a great improvement in her daughter's condition, and after the use of four more boxes was satisfied that Minnie was completely cured, as no symptoms of the trouble remained. This was about the end of June last, and since that time there has not been the slightest recurrence of the dread disease. While Minnie was taking the pills her weight increased, and her general health was much improved. Mrs. Smith also said that her younger daughter showed symptoms of the same trouble, but the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills speedily dissipated it.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are offered with a confidence that they are the only perfect and unfailing blood builder and nerve restorer and when given a fair trial disease and suffering must vanish. They make rich, red blood and cure when other medicines fail. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail on receipt of 50 cents a box or $2.50 for six boxes, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Beware of imitations and refuse trashy substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

SAMPLE GRIT TRICK.

Performed by Imported Talent—Why the Conservatives Avoid Opposition Platforms.

Further Remarkable Statements by the Candidates—Hugh John Macdonald a "Knave!"

To invite an opponent to speak at their meetings and then abuse and insult him for having done so, is a favorite practice of the opposition in Victoria, who yet make a grievance of the fact that Liberal-Conservative speakers prefer to stay away from the Grit platforms. The most flagrant instance, perhaps, was that which occurred at the Victoria West meeting last night, when a speaker brought from Vancouver to help Mr. Templeman for the rest of this campaign grossly insulted a gentleman who was so incautious as to accept an invitation to speak, given by the chairman and Mr. Templeman's visiting friend.

Mr. Thomas Trahey took the chair on motion of Dr. Milne and called upon that gentleman to speak. The Doctor gave his views as already printed on the matters of the Manitoba schools and the tariff. Then he took up the British Pacific, and he read with approval the insulting "open letter" addressed by the Globe to the Governor-General on the subject of the promised railway subsidies. He asserted that "it is only recently these men (Col. Prior and Mr. Earle) have taken an interest in the British Pacific"; that Col. Prior said to the Board of Trade in April 1895 that "there is nothing but a cock and bull story about a charter and a company"; and also "that the present provincial government have really rejected this matter altogether." Then in strange contradiction to his previous statement that "it is only recently these men have taken an interest in the British Pacific," he proceeded to hold Col. Prior and Mr. Earle responsible for the request made several years ago to remit the poll tax on Chinese introduced to build the road! He declared himself in closing as in favor of a grant of more money and less land than had been proposed for the British Pacific.

Mr. Scaife was the next speaker.

The chairman, after an invitation that anyone in the audience who wished to speak for the Liberal Conservative candidates should do so now, and there being no response, introduced Mr. D. G. McDonell, as an ex-member of parliament from the East.

Mr. McDonell explained that he lives now in Vancouver, but used to be a resident of the town where Mr. Templeman lived in the East, and as Mr. Templeman had helped him in his election there he felt it a duty to assist Mr. Templeman here. Proceeding to deal with the members of the present government Mr. McDonell gave each and every one whom he mentioned a very bad character indeed—though he said "far be it from me" to attack any man's character. Then he took up the tariff question and was descanting on the peculiar beauties of a tariff for revenue only, and from time to time lamenting that there was no Conservative speaker present to argue the point with him, when someone at the back of the hall remarked that "Mr. Cassidy is here." Mr. McDonell immediately expressed a wish to hear Mr. Cassidy, and that gentleman being then invited to the platform by the chairman also, obligingly came forward, amidst applause.

Mr. Cassidy, though so unexpectedly called upon, and speaking without notes or preparation of any kind, made a strong and interesting presentation of the principal issues of this contest. With respect to the schools, he showed—what the opposition speakers had so carefully refrained from stating—that the Liberal leaders as well as the Conservative admit that it is the duty as well as the right of the Dominion government to interfere in this matter to restore to the minority the rights to which they are entitled under the constitution. He pointed out that this is not a question of the principle of separate schools, but only as to whether or not the bargain made with the minority is to be respected. As to the tariff, he found it admitted—for indeed it could not be denied—that protection has a strong hold upon the feelings of this community, and such being the case he felt confident that the electors would cast their votes for the staunch friends of the protective policy rather than those who declare for free trade or a revenue tariff which is the next thing to it. Mr. Cassidy then dealt eloquently with the great public enterprises which have been carried out by the Liberal-Conservative governments, despite the bitter opposition and the predictions of failure on the part of the Liberals. In conclusion he referred to the indications in Manitoba that Hugh John Macdonald is about to be returned by a large majority, showing that the electors there recognize that their substantial interests demand that the National Policy government be maintained. Mr. Cassidy left the platform amidst generous applause from both Liberals and Conservatives in the hall.

Mr. McDonell then rose from his seat beside Mr. Templeman and Mr. Martin, and proceeded to offer a deliberate insult to the gentleman whom he and the chairman had invited to the platform, and who had not said one offensive word throughout his address. That fact did not, however, save him from insult, for Mr. McDonell, hugging himself in ecstasy over his happy thought, said Mr. Cassidy reminded him of the story of the fox, who, finding a cowbell in a pasture, remarked, "I don't know what you are or who you are, but you are a long-tongued, rattle-headed thing anyway."

To the credit of the audience be it said, they liberally applauded Mr. Cassidy when he rose to resent this wanton insult, and in response to loud calls of "platform" he again ascended to it. He reminded the audience that he had previously come forward in response to an explicit invitation, and that in his address he had said what he had to say as well as he could, without hurting the feelings of anyone in the hall. He would excuse the person who had offered him this unprovoked insult because he is a stranger here, but he could assure him that no gentleman in Victoria would speak in that way. (Applause.)

Mr. McDonell then proceeded with his address, to which it is not necessary to refer further after the above exposition of his style—which before he closed permitted him to refer to Hugh John Macdonald as "a knave." This appellation the "Liberals" on the platform applauded, while Mr. Cassidy rose indignantly to resent it. And Col. Prior's friends will no doubt be glad to hear that he also meets with Mr. McDonell's disapproval.

Mr. Templeman followed "my friend McDonell," and claimed credit for magnanimity in allowing Mr. Cassidy to speak! He made one new assertion in the course of his address—that he did not believe that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company ever applied for the loan for the Crow's Nest Pass railway, but that it was brought forward by the government merely to fool the people of British Columbia! After this, he said he "honestly" believed that he and Dr. Milne will be elected.

A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the meeting at 11:15 o'clock.

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Lot 452, Group I.—Original grantee, George Byrnes.

Lot 525, Group I.—Original grantee, Charles Edward Perry.

Lot 528, Group I.—Original grantee, William Arthur Beddoe.

Lot 496, Group I.—Original grantees, Simon John Tunstall, James K. Callbreath.

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