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Civic Government

Staunton, Va., a city which has a population of about 12,000 inhabi tants, has a business manager. was appointed last April and apparently proved a success.

The city retains the form of political organization required by law, and is governed from a legal standpoint by a mayor and city council, says the Washington Herald.

These officers, however, have delegated the purely business functions of local administration to the business manager, elected by them for a period of one year and directly responsible to them. He has saved mon ey, according to his own statement, and given them an economical and efficient service.

For one thing, he was able to place contracts for granolithic paving at 71 cents a square-yard, instead of the \$2 the council was paying prior to his appointment. Perhaps Regina would make no mistake in following the example of Staunton.

Liberal Prosperity

"Five years more of prosperity," was the cry of the Liberals prior to the recent general elections. The laboring men were told that there

would be work for all and at good

longer prove the downfall of the graft system and its protectors. To the government the effect of the scandals brought to light in the two sessions was most damaging. In the minds of honest people throughout the country those revelations produced an indignation that would have swept the government from power their ill gotten money upon corrupper annum. All subscriptions payable in ad-vance. Arrears charged at Flfty Cents per anti-graft explorations of the opposi-

tion had to be restricted if the govoffice, or any secrecy in its dealings

with the grafter element. Hence the proposal to introduce the closure, whereby debate can be choked off when it tends to become embarrass-

ing. Along with the gag the government will doubtless use its former coercive measures. When original documents are called for, Mr. Oliver or

Mr. Fielding will, no doubt, again have the brazenness to refuse to produce them. Sir Willird Laurier may be expected to be at hand to maintain once more that it is really the custom to lay before the House not the genuine documents, but copies thereof. The plea will again be

> set up as before that to keep the documents from being stolen or des troyed it is necessary to with hold hem from members. The finance minister can be relied upon to lay lown at need the outrageous proposition that minorities have no rights. and that every member's rights as a representative of the people are only such as the grace of the majority ed to start operations on some of permits. Upon the activity of the his timber limits and give employ-

ted the members of the public ac- larger centres. counts committee several will not be in the new house. It will be the care

of the government to see that they have capable successors. Knowing that the opposition means to keep

government can be trusted to use

The intimation that the gag is to



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The citizens of Regina have a posi- Calder's opportunity. Yesterday he on to be filled and they want P. received the nomination for Saltcoats. Do any say this was not dic-McAra, jr., to take it, and he does tation? Dictation is not now connot seem very anxious. It is a case sidered a pleasant term; perhaps it this time of the position seeking the would be more acceptable to say tions concerning Marine Department Gyod "

Tad Burrows ought to be compell-

Press Comment

(Moose Jaw News.)

nomination in Humboldt ?

it think of Hon. W. R. Motherwell's taken.

Dr. Neeley. It was decided that he

should stand for the Commons. Thus

an opening was made for the Minister

Another safe constituency being de-

sired for the provincial treasurer the

alluring temptation of nomination

for a sure thing in the Commons was

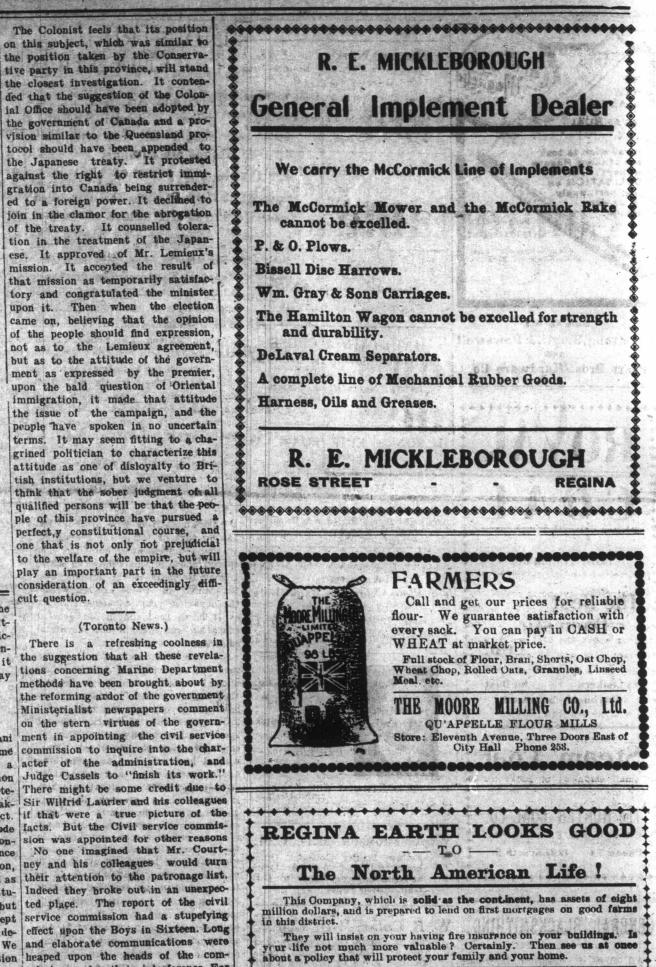
of Agriculture.

(Saturday Sunset, B.C.) When Sir Thomas Shaughnessy said

qualified persons will be that the people of this province have pursued a perfect,y constitutional course, and one that is not only not prejudicial to the welfare of the empire, but will play an important part in the future consideration of an exceedingly difficult question. (Toronto News.) There is a refreshing coolness in the suggestion that all these revelanethods have been brought about by the reforming ardor of the government Ministerialist newspapers comment (Victoria Colonist) on the stern virtues of the govern-Premier Scott of Saskatchewani ment in appointing the civil service who has returned to his prairie home commission to inquire into the charafter contributing his efforts to a acter of the administration, and 'blockers'' too the government will ment to some of the western army of vain attempt to prevent the election Judge Cassels to "finish its work." depend. Of the brigade that obstruc- unemployed who are flocking to the of Conservative candidates in Koote- There might be some credit due to nay and Yale-Cariboo, has been mak- Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues ing some observations on the subject. if that were a true picture of the He says that Mr. Borden's attitude facts. But the Civil service commisin 1907 and as presented by the Con- sion was appointed for other reasons No one imagined that Mr. Courtservative candidates in this province in respect to Japanese immigration, ney and his colleagues would turn

"certainly cannot be characterized as their attention to the patronage list. one of loyalty to British institu- Indeed they broke out in an unexpecon the trail of the marauders, the in Victoria the other day that his tions." These are brave words, but ted place. The report of the civil company would be glad to forego ev- they do not mean anything, except service commission had a stupefying every expedient to cover up the lat- erything in the shape of a public that Mr. Scott is angry at the de- effect upon the Boys in Sixteen. Long every expedient to cover up the lat-ter's escape, and keep wrongdoing concealed. ways, he expressed himself just as of truth it seems necessary to define several days Parliament Hill was a another prominent official of the C. what the attitude of the Conserva- veritable Mount Ebal, a mountain of

be applied in the House forewarns P.R. did on a recent occasion to me. tive party in British Columbia upon cursing. There was gnashing of teeth the country, and should forearm all. The time has surely gone by in Ca- the Oriental question is, and what in the office of La Presse in Montreal wages. The organ of the Liberal those whose duty it is to combat the party in Regina recently boasted of graft evil. In particular it should it was the greatest railway experi-



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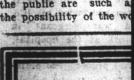
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larger centres in the province.

William to Victoria for men to keep away from these places. Why should the cities he burdened during the winter with the unemployed who Big Bill Motherwell have not lived in their confines for two months ?

Tries Humboldt for a spell."

ed him to win.

Editorial Notes

Where is the work which means prosperity ? Why are there so many Saltcoats line up behind Thos. Macunemployed ? Is this some of the Nutt on December 7th and march to work that Laurier wanted to finish ? the polls to vote for Jim Calder.

Did he want to starve out completely the working men? This question of Where will W. W. Rutan of Prince er expressed the opinion that the tion of Oriental immigration again the unemployed recurring every win- Albert constituency, get off at if he failure of many of the Conservative is not allowed free scope to tell the to the fact that they were nominated have a potent influence in determinter is one which the Department of people how the deferred election help- under orders from Regina. What does ing the line of action that shall be the Interior ought to consider.

Preventing Discussion

It is intimated that the Laurier government will endeavor at the next session of parliament to introduce a bill amending the rules of debate in the House "with a view to expediting public business and preventing useless prolongations of debates." Dealing with this proposed feature the Toronto Mail and Em pire says : "In the new House the opposition will be stronger than it was in the last one. It will enter upon its duties with an energy and determination not in the slightest degree weakened by the result of the elections. Its members go to the House to continue the fight against graft that was interrupted by the closing of the last session. The government is well aware that there is to be no truce in the fight between the opposit on and the entrenched forces of graft. It has good reason to fear that the same aggressiveness as was shown by Mr. Borden and his followers in the last two sessions will, if kept up a session or two

the prosperity of the country, and impress upon Mr. Justice Cassels a ment in the world. It was a condi- Lemieux agreement nor the Japanese to prove that Mr. Fyshe was in mis yet a few days after it comes our sense of the importance of carrying tion of the Act of Confederation and treaty. It was the attitude taken dotage and that Mr. Courtney and whether it was good railroading or by the premier of Canada in respect Mr. Bazin did not know what they with an article warning the unem- ais investigations to the very root not, it had to be built in order to to the Oriental question. Sir Wil- they were talking about. For months ployed who were drifting to the to which the evil fruits he has dis- complete the organization of the Do- frid Laurier with great frankness after the commission presented its covered at Quebec draw their susten- minion. Many there were who de- specifically stated his views on this report there was no mention made The Liberal party boasts of what ance. Made at the present time on amount to a streak of rust across the theatre at Ottawa. He then sent a Dauntless Three. The government its immigration policy has done for the morn of a general election, this prairies. They did not believe in nor message to the people of British Co- and its following were utterly dewestern Canada. Granting them all threat has a gravity that cannot be forsee the possibilities of the coun- lumbia in which he said that our at- moralized by the report.

they deserve it looks as if there was ignored. If the government can gag try. But the resources of the west titude towards the Oriental people is So angry were the ministers that bad judgment somewhere or else we the House, it is for Mr. Justice Cas-would not have the warping issued cals to chorn that the did not share in our sentiments. To this the reply sioners to make further investigawould not have the warning issued sels to show that the government of public and private capital. The of the people of British Columbia has tion. Instead they issued a new comfrom every large centre from Fort cannot stay the rigor of his enquiry. road is a success. The building of a been given in the only way in which mission to Judge Cassels, limiting railroad in Canada is no longer an public opinion can be constitutionally the scope of the enquiry as much as

experiment. Railways should no long- expressed under British institutions. they dared, and trusting, perhaps, er be regarded as struggling enter- A declaration of this kind seemed that he would not be too ardent. prises, embarking upon a hazardous undertaking and treated as public meodicants. Sir Thomas Shaughnes-the postmaster general was sent 'to sy probably appreciated that fact. He knows his own company's success of the people of this province, it department has been brought to light Just watch those Galicians in makes it easily possible to secure all seemed right to the Conservative par- in spite of the administration, which the capital necessary for new rail- ty to invite them to make an ex- has glorified the motto "Be Good to

plicit declaration that their views Our Friends." ways without public subsidies. have in no way changed. When the hard feelings engendered by the con-A short time ago the Regina Lead- test have worn away, and the quesbecomes acute, the decision of the cl-

One cow's milk for baby, Ordered Doctor Summersall But how did he think the baby, Would manage to hold it all?"candidates to secure election was due ectorate of British Columbia will R. J. in the Canadian.

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