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LE ROI EST MORT! VIVE LE ROI!

The short, simple but impressive ceremony, which yesterday marked the induction of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes into office, was worthy of the democratic country in which it was performed.

It is also especially pleasing on an occasion of this kind to be able to say without flattery that the outgoing representative of Her Majesty is a man who was in every way fitted for the post which he adorned.

We most cordially welcome the incoming Lieutenant-Governor. His appointment has been admirably received. He is a gentleman who has been long and intimately connected with public life in British Columbia.

man. In his hands the prerogative appurtenant to his high office will be perfectly safe.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain was able to say in a speech the other day that since the reform in the British municipal system not a single instance of pecuniary defalcation had been brought to light.

Probably more than one reason can be given; but we think the chief one is to be found in the fact that in Great Britain municipal positions are not regarded as political prizes.

In cities where a permanent official staff is necessary, the salaries ought to be sufficient to give the men who hold them a good living; but the responsible heads of the service ought to be men who have enough public spirit to serve without remuneration.

We have not in Canada many grounds for complaint as to the manner in which the custodians of public funds honor the trust reposed in them.

These two considerations, the gratuitous service of those who are responsible to the taxpayers for the supervision of public affairs and permanency of official tenure for the working staff at good living salaries, would secure on the west side of the Atlantic as favorable results as they secure in Great Britain.

There will be a good deal of discussion over the result of the election in Centre Toronto, and all manner of reasons will be given for it.

It is said that the action of Germany in seizing Kaio Chan Bay, China, is a step of very considerable importance. This seems very probable. It is also said that the action has been taken with the full approval of Russia, which we do not regard as probable.

GERMANY IN CHINA.

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