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Victoria Theatre Crowded to the Doors to Hear Conservative Speakers

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G. H. Barnard, the Candidate, Premier McBride and Others Deal With the Issues

(From Sunday's Daily) A most enthusiastic audience faced the speakers at the grand Conservative rally at the Victoria theatre last night. The auditorium was fairly well filled at 8 o'clock and by the time Mr. Barnard had got well into his speech there was not a vacant seat left in the door of the house, with exception of one or two in the boxes. Every seat was taken and there were rows of at tentive listeners lining the back of the auditorium, the same being true of

the lower gallery. The audience, which counted among its members quite a sprinkling of the fair sex, followed keenly and with relish the points made by the various speakers, and roared with laughter when Mr. Beckwith announced that the amazing political postcard issued by Ralph Smith, bearing the device Vote for Smith and watch Esquimalt grow," was a misprint. It was intended to read "Vote for Smith and watch Bullens grow.

Mr. McBride's Reception Another feature of the evening was the tremendous reception accorded to Mr. McBride. He was a trifle late and failed you then. Mr. McBride. He was a trific late and endeavored to slip unostentatiously endeavored to slip unostentatiously into his seat on the platform. He was observed, however, and thunderous into it at length tonight. Mr. Templeman's attitude throughout the controversy was hostile to British Columbro.

his points. One of the sensations of his speech was his treatment of Mr. Templeman's latest prescription for Better Terms. The speaker referred to the minister's recent speech at New Westminster, when he repeated that Better Terms was as dead as Julius Caesar and went on to say that the kind of Better Terms that British Co-lumbia needed was more liberal appro-priations from the Federal government for public works of various kinds. Mr. Barnard took up the principal appro-priations in the current estimates and showed that where British Columbia got fifty cents, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick a dollar apiece, a kind of Better Terms hardly calculated to appeal to a province which is admitted to have special claims on the Dominion purse. Mr. Barnard again evoked rounds of applause when ridiculing Ralph Smith's egregious postcards with the inscription that Laurier would bring the neet back to Esquimalt. He

"In the campaign of 1896," said Mr. Beckwith, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier made this statement at one of his public meetings: "The expenditure of the country has grown until the people are unable to bear it. If returned, I

ada by the Liberal party had furnished food for comment to the London press, and it was probably the first time that it had had such an opportunity. He closed his remarks by asking for a fair hearing for all the speakers, adding that he had no doubt speakers, adding that he had no doubt about its being accorded as nowadays Victoria meetings were always orderly. Years ago it was not always so, as certain persons were wont to go to the upper gallery in order to break up meetings. Mr. Beckwith then read a letter from Senator Macdonald evpressing regret that he was not able to be present, after which he introduced Mr. Barnard.

The Conservative candidate was re ceived with salvos of applause. After congratulating the audience on the splendid turnout, he said in part: The Candidate's Address

"In the present fight Mr. Temple-man is asking for election because he man is asking for election because he has obtained certain appropriations for the province. He tells you about a dredge, a trail on the west coast, an immigration shed, and so forth, but he does not tell you about the larger needs of the province. In fact he reminds me of a story about a parson, a poor man with ten children. The stork came again, and he was breaking the news to one of his children and telling how there was another little sister, when the child replied:

"'Well, dad, that's good news, but there are things we needed more.'
(Laughter.) (Laughter.)

"Now, I think that there are things that British Columbia has needed more, and which Mr. Templeman has never tried to get. The first of these larger issues is the Grand Trunk Pacific. When the contract between the railway and the country was before the House, Mr. Templeman falled signally in his duty to the province. All the other provinces through their rethe other provinces through their re-presentatives caused stipulations to be entered into that construction should be commenced promptly and practically simultaneously in their respective ly simultaneously in their respective provinces. It was most important that construction should have begun at once from the Pacific seaboard, but did it begin? No. Mr. Templeman put up a notice of motion in the House on the question, and then said that he had got a letter of some kind from Mr. Hays and promptly took it down again. The construction has not begun properly yet. Mr. Templeman

endeavored to slip unosciptoring endeavored to slip unosciptoring endeavored, however, and thunderous cheers rang out, a spontaneous tribute which must have been very gratifying to the premier.

Mr. Barnard was in splendid fettle, arrected with round after was effected with round after arrected with round after was before the House he said absolutely nothing, although the leader of little province, and alwas before the House he said absolutely nothing, although the leader of his party in this province, and allowed it to go as an unanimous resolution to the British House that the final and unalterable terms were to he a pairty \$100.000 a year for ten be a pairry \$100,000 a year for ten years—a miserable crumb from a rich man's table. (Cheers.) And this al-though it had been admitted by the Liberal party in British Columbia and the other provincial premiers that we were under permanent disabilities which would not be removed in ten years or in a hundred years. Then Mr. Templeman comes out here, and I see that the other night at New Westminster he used his famous phrase once more—'Better Terms is as dead as Julius Caesar.' Then he goes on to talk of a better kind of as dead as Julius Caesar.' Then he goes on to talk of a better kind of better terms. The right kind, according to Mr. Templeman, are Dominion appropriations, leaving the province at the emercy of the politicians so as to give them an opportunity to throw the electors a sop at election time by way of bribing the constituencies.

I nave another criticism to make of his conduct in the House, and that is on the Asiatic question. Here again he is deserving of censure. You are de la aware of Mr. Bordens stand, how he has declared for a white British Columbia. Mr. Templeman said nothing, but he voted against a white British Columbia. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said that he does not share our sentiments in this question, Mr. Fisher 100,000 or so of Japan.

A Dutch Auction.

"The Songhees reserve is another most important question from the standpoint of Victoria, and has been a burning question for the last twenty years. Mr. Templeman went to the senate in 1837 and joined the government four or five years afterwards, yet he told us himself the other night that he did not take up this question until 1906. Why did he not take it up the fore? And why did he take it up the elections were coming on. What did he do? Why, he ran a kind of Dutch auction. He bid so much, and then so much and then so much and then so much and then so much and then so he thought that that he was getting near his limit so he stopped, and the Indians stopped too. And there they both are. We have his authority for saying that an offer was made and refused in 1908. Thus the matter is in the same position that it was 35 years ago. So how far has he brought you

"This question can be settled, if it do justice to British Columbia. It was a humiliating position for Canada to have to send Hon. Mr. Lemieux to Japan to beg for consideration of Canada's wishes. Mr. Drury was sent to back up Hon. Mr. Lemieux's plea, and Preston was also sent, but what for God alone knows. Hon. R. L. Borden had declared that this question should be declared that the records of British Co. "This question can be settled, if it is properly handled. He had no trouble in getting the Indians off the Kaien island reserve when his friends the G.T.P. wanted it. It is only a question of giving the Indians what is just and passing the necessary legislabe decided as the people of British Co-lumbia wish. But Laurier, by his fall-ure to protect the interests of Canada, has shown himself a weakling.

just and passing the necessary legisla-"Harry For Ottawa" tion. But the Liberal government does not want to give more to British Columbia than it can help. We had an instance the other day when the Scotch agriculturists came out here under the auspices of the Liberal government. They gave them half a day in the Okanagan, five hours in Victoria and two weeks in Now Provention Hon. Dr. Young, in complimenting Mr. Blakemore on his remarks on the Asiatic question, declared it to be one of life or death for this province.
Complimenting Mr. Barnard, Hon.
Dr. Young declared that "Harry is going to Ottawa and the rest of us will stay at home and celebrate." Discussing the issues in general and why the provincial ministers were on the platform, Hon. Dr. Young agreed with the Times that the provincial brand. Mr. Borden has promised us an sioner to be appointed by British Col-umbia one by the Dominion and one by the Imperial authorities, and he has ministers had their coats off and were going to show why the Conservatives would be returned to power. Sir Wilagreed to abide by their verdict. (Loud frid Laurier had grown fat on the Con-

servative platform, so had many of

wish there was a magic lantern here it's up to Sifton, it's up to the Times, so I could throw it on a screen. You it's up to "Manitoban" to explain where will see that it has a picture of a boat all the yachts, automobiles, the milwith Laurier in it dressed as an old pilot. It bears this inscription: 'Vote Dr. Young declared it was time for for Ralph Smith and watch Esquimalt a change and the electors in electing grow. The old pilot will bring the Mr. Barnard a pative son a man

with Laurier in it dressed as an old pilot. It bears this inscription: 'Vote for Ralph Smith and watch Esquimate grow. The old pilot will bring the navy back.' (Laughter.) If the navy can be brought back by Templemun, Laurier and the rest of them, why in the name of goodness did they ever let the navy go?' (Cheefs.) Look at the way the government has treated the Fifth Regiment here, a regiment which sent its quota to South Africa and left its dead on the field. If Lau-

rounds of appliance when ridiculing the mercy of the politicians & as to give them an opportunity to throw the mercy of the politicians & as to give them an opportunity to throw the sunted to know why, if ne could bring the neet back to Esquimait. However let it go.

Templeman's Better Terms.

"Now, what does he propose in this way? And remember that the Liberal in their desire to secure advantageous seats. The curtain did not rise till a few minutes after eight, and the audience began to manifest a certain amount of impatience. Meanwhile the platform seats were being filled and level chairman, H. G. Barnard, K.C.
Hon. R. McBride, Hon. Dr. Yong, H. F. W. Behnsen, M.P.P., F. Davey, M.P.P., as the work is to be built by the platform seats were being filled and herbors? British Columbia gets with platform seats were being filled and herbors? British Columbia gets with platform seats were being filled and herbors? British Columbia gets with platform seats were being filled and herbors? British Columbia gets with processed his pleasure in being present his quota to South Africa at all But that will not be the support in soid associate in law, and that Mr. Barnard would give good friend the work is to be platform the seater repent to south the way? And remember that the Liberal treatment than the rest of Canada as a whole have kept gove the Mr. Will be certain due

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Fraser river bridge? Not one cent, though British Columbia asked for it, and contributed \$1,000,000 herself.

"But they did say that if we would form a company we might get some. No doubt if we had put their friends in the company we would have got the money and all we wanted."

Mr. McPhillips quoted Hon. Mr. Borden's words concerning the gravity of the civil service investigation. No wonder the old country papers were beginning to take cognizance of the corrupt state of affairs here and predict that on the 26th the Conservative party will be returned.

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"This brings me, ladies and gentlemen, to my friend, Dr. Young, and I was glad to observe that you were beginning to take cognizance of the corrupt friend, Dr. Young, and I was glad to observe that you were beginning to take cognizance of the corrupt friend, Dr. Young has mentioned. It is the conservative party with the Conservative party in the conservative party in the company we would have got the most successful in this sign friend of the fact that the generally with the Conservative party in the conservative party in the conservative p

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Mr. McPhillips showed by figures the enormous increase in the per capita tax until now it has reached enormous proportions, an increase which many may not notice, but the fact remains that that increase is paid by the people of Canada whose necessities of life are daily growing higher in price.

Hon. Richard McBride. Hon. Mr. McBride, who had an exceedingly warm reception, which de-layed his speech for several minutes,

Some Red Herrings

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(Hear, hear.)

"I am pwself, I may say, under obligations to the Times, for when I first came to this city, after I had entered upon my political career, I was a mainlander, and prætically a stranger, but my very good and faithful friend, the Times, kept at me, in season and out of season, until it had me elected to the local House and triumphantly placed at the head of the poll. (Laughter and applause.) And I now say to the Times: Keep hammering at my good friend, Dr. Young, to keep up the good work, as I am quite satisfied that in such circumstances, on the 26th day of this month it will hammer Mr. R. L. Borden and Mr. Harry Barnard into office and into the House of Commons, while Mr. Templeman will be down and out. (Laughter and applause.)

Issues Not Personalities.

"I am pwself, I may say, under obligations to the fort votes, and the toughter the voter the harder, will I work to convince him that he should favor our side in this contest. (Applause.) And if he belongs to British Columbia, and knows what a great work has been set for the hand of Canadians to do, or if he has only come among us recently and having cast his lot in with us prizes the high duties attending upon our common citizenship, I appeal to him to join hands with us in the development of this wonderful country, to take some which we are making, with regard to the policy of the Liberal party towards Western Canada, and then let us all go forward together, hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder, and man to man different and applause.) I am not after Tory but after Grit votes, and the toughter the toughter the bounds of the sould favor our side in this contest. (Applause.) And if he belongs to British Columbia, and knows what a great work has been set for the hands of Canadians to do, or if he has only to me among us recently and having the strike to the work has been set for the hands of Canadians to do, or if he has only to me among us recently and having the strike to make the tought in t

"For my own part, ladies and gentlemen, I always hold the view that the proper plea for the public men of British Columbia to pursue upon these occasions is to all the proper plea for the public men of British Columbia to pursue upon these occasions is to all the proper plea for the public men of Canada!

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ply endeavoring to throw dust into the eyes and to deceive the electors. (Hear, hear.) This is but a good sample brick of their general tactics at this election, and while I am mentioning this apposite circumstance I do not wish to appeal to Conservatives, I wish to appeal to the Liberals. (Hear, hear.) For these are the chaps I am after! (Laughter and applause.) I am not after Tory but after Grit votes, and the toucher the voter the harder, will I work to convince him that he

"Mr. Barnard has referred to a certain picture postcard, very pleasantly, but this particular postcard should not give any cause for surprise, for if there was ever a nervy performance disclosed before the electorate of British Columbia, it was the part which the Liberals played during the whole of the campaign to which reference is postcard. (Hear, hear.) And just fancy, a serious argument being made in support of the bellef that the Liberals can bring the navy back to Esquimalt! (Hear, hear.)

The Incident Explained the sive wharf was the expensive wharf which was built some months ago in the interior, where after the wharf was finished a channel had to be dredged in order that this precious wharf might be used for wharfage purposes. (Laughter.) There laddes and gentlemen, are merely sample bricks, but at the same time, they serve as excellent object lessons to show you how things are done from Ottawa, and why the people of Canda ada cannot be blamed for in this great crisis in their national history rising in their might and destroying the Laurier administration. (Cheers.)

The Incident Explained "With respect

last couple of weeks I have been addressing large audiences, and following the work which is being done by the different parties as closely as possible, and I have simply this to say to mainat Eswou tonight, that as far as Nanaimo,
vou tonight, that as far as Nanaimo,
vancouver, New Westminster and
victoria citles are concerned, the Liberal party is not only on the run, but
is literally down and out. (Cheers.)
"Ladies and gentlemen, I am encitled to lay some claim to the gift of
prophecy, because during the last Provincial elections the people of Vicladies toria were good enough to come here

vincial elections the people of Victoria were good enough to come here and listen to my prophecy that the Conservative party was going to win in Vancouver as well as Victoria, and we did so. (Cheers.)

"I think that tonight we all rejoice in the splendid victories which came to our cause upon that occasion, and the wonderful margins by which the Conservatives headed the polls in their different constituencies, give me some right to consider myself a prophet, and taking up again that role this evening, I venture and with the

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