

PREMIER M'BRIDE HAS ENTERED THE FRAY

Has Thrown Himself Into the Battle in Earnest—Great Speech at Smoker

Premier McBride will be a very busy man from now until October 26. Following the example of the premiers of the other provinces, Mr. McBride has taken his coat off, and will do some of the most effective kind of work for the Conservative party.

As stated elsewhere, Mr. McBride's engagement at Ladysmith next week has had to be cancelled, but the date has probably been agreed before the campaign is over.

The Outlook. Speaking of the outlook for the Conservatives in the various parts of the province yesterday, Mr. McBride said that the reports sent to him from the various sections were of the most encouraging nature.

Mr. McBride said that his advice were that in Kootenay Mr. Goodew's great campaign was coming as a pleasant surprise to his friends as well as being a most startling fight for his opponents.

At the Conservative smoker in the Institute Hall, the premier delivered one of the finest speeches of his political career. Effectively it dealt with the great issues of the day, and held the great audience in spell.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I am sure that if there is a candidate in British Columbia," remarked Mr. McBride, after the enthusiastic applause greeted him had subsided and he was permitted to begin his address.

"The slight mistake was on entering this hall must be more than inspiring, not only to us, but also to everyone who has at heart the cause of the good old Dominion of Canada.

"I can very clearly recall the incidents of 1896, and the great campaign of that year; when along with several other gentlemen I went down to defeat and I remember our committee rooms in New Westminster.

"In our last political campaign in this province I was rejoiced to discover that when we told our different stories, the Conservatives and the Liberals in the province upon our side (Applause.)

waiting us, a great deal of the credit is and must be due to the prominence and to the effectiveness in our organization of young British Columbia, of young Canada (Cheers.)

"Tribute to the Old. "But nevertheless, gentlemen, to those who have so steadfastly stood by the old flag and the old party, the older and the grayer heads, it is only paying to them the splendid compliment which is so justly their due.

"On the other hand we have our Liberal friends making their last, their frantic appeal, and this intensely interesting as well as momentous campaign; and what is particularly deserving of our attention is the fact that it is purely a material, a sordid appeal.

"The Signs of the Times. "Now, gentlemen, what are the signs of the times? They are indeed remarkable, indeed significant.

"But we need not go as far as Nova Scotia for competent evidence as to what we may expect for the future, for what have we in this province of British Columbia, which four years ago sent down seven Liberals to Ottawa to represent the province in the House of Commons to make up a cabinet out of their ranks; but has felt himself compelled to resign the office of premier.

"But speaking as I may am to the people of Victoria, as well as to the people of the whole province of British Columbia, wholly separate and apart from the great national questions, we here in this province have another indictment to present against the Liberal party of Canada, situated in particular against this minister of the crown, Mr. Templeman.

"I am now, gentlemen, referring to the issue of Better Terms (Hear, hear.) Mr. Templeman has been so bold as to tell the people of British Columbia that this question is dead as Julius Caesar himself (Cheers.)

"I only now wish to refer for a few moments to the Asiatic question. What really defeated me in 1896 was the telegram which was received from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, which was circulated from hustings to hustings, and read in my face, two or three times a day (Laughter.)

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"I now come to the Liberal platform of 1896-6, and who can with truth contradict the statement which I now make that the celebrated Liberal platform of 1896, which was launched in British Columbia, in the year 1896, has never lived up to in any decent fashion in all these long twelve years.

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upon this great issue is both clean cut and clear cut. (Cheers.) We had the honor to receive from the Hon. Mr. Templeman a copy of the report of the labor force of the province of British Columbia, which was published in 1907.

And why has this not happened? Was he too busy? Was he too closely confined to his office? Has he been too much absorbed by other great and federal issues, or is this the true reason after all, gentlemen, that he has not seen to it that his own people are not so much in danger from the invasion of these foreign and deleterious elements to grow up and expand into a mighty section of the world's great Empire.

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MEATS Beef, 10 lb. pack, \$1.00; 20 lb. pack, \$1.90; 30 lb. pack, \$2.80; 40 lb. pack, \$3.70; 50 lb. pack, \$4.60; 60 lb. pack, \$5.50; 70 lb. pack, \$6.40; 80 lb. pack, \$7.30; 90 lb. pack, \$8.20; 100 lb. pack, \$9.10.

EGGS Fresh, 10 dozen, \$1.00; 20 dozen, \$1.90; 30 dozen, \$2.80; 40 dozen, \$3.70; 50 dozen, \$4.60; 60 dozen, \$5.50; 70 dozen, \$6.40; 80 dozen, \$7.30; 90 dozen, \$8.20; 100 dozen, \$9.10.

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do your share in enabling us, upon the 26th of this month, to celebrate a rousing victory in this good city of Victoria, the equal of which has never yet been experienced in all our annals.

GREATER ACTIVITY IS SHOWN IN BUILDING Month to Date Makes a Good Showing—The Question of Rentals

After the comparative dullness of the latter half of last month in building circles, the first ten days of the present month have seen a decided increase in activity in the building trade.

Retail agents state that at present there is a good demand for small houses, though for the larger size dwellings the inquiry is not so keen. Many of the dwellings recently erected have been let at very high prices.

As for the matter of rentals, agents state that the market is now very low, lower than last year, and certainly lower than two years ago, when the room raises extravagant expectations in the minds of the owners.

Museum Well Patronized. Since May 1, in round numbers 28,000 people have registered their names at the provincial museum.

OFF FOR ANTIPODES American Lawn Tennis Team Left For Australia Yesterday

The members of the American lawn tennis team, which will meet the champions of Australia in a series of matches for the Dwight Davis cup, arrived from the east on the delayed Pacific Express on Thursday night.