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strikes. If this be so who is more capable of advising them intelligently than a man who has been through labor agitations and has always used his influence on the side of moderation and arbitration. In every labor dispute the position of the employer is thoroughly well understood but the claims of the men are not always so clear cut and definitely stated and that for perfectly understandable reasons. In the House Mr. Foley would be of material assistance in so shaping legislation that the exact situation of labor in relation to capital under all circumstances could be arrived at. He understands the feeling of the men and would be able, in a title of the time that it would take a professional man, to exactly define their position. Besides this he has the advantage of being a practical miner and of knowing from personal experience the needs of the district which he would represent. His experience in the House would give him an immense advantage in dealing with any further trouble which threatened the district because he would, while there, learn parliamentary methods and become acquainted with the machinery of government.

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to advancing the political fortunes of himself, Sir Herbert, and the other male members of the family—and their henchman. The bolder spirits of the party—the rising young Conservatives—who protested were quietly removed. They were not wanted. There are wrecked political careers, strewn all over the older provinces, of men who collided with the aspirations of the Tupper family. His vindictiveness knows no bounds. He has "sown the wind and must reap the whirlwind." No public man in Canada ever assailed either friend or foe, with the venom and uncharitableness of Sir Charles Tupper. Today for these reasons many of the best men within the ranks of his own party rejoice at his downfall, and they believe that his defeat is bright with promise for the future. Surely then it is the supremest folly for the party in Yale-Cariboo to devote a single thought to the idea of offering Sir Charles a seat—and it is even more absurd to allow him to spur the party on to a contest fraught with great uncertainty, if not crushing defeat.

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A FRANTIC DASH.

The frantic, though forlorn dash of Sir Charles Tupper across the continent recalls the historical remark, slightly changed, of Marshal Saint-Arnaud at Balacava, who witnessed the ill fated cavalry charge of the Light Brigade. "It is magnificent, but it is not politics." The old enfiestain may have his faults, yet his faithful adherence to the sinking ship and his futile efforts to remain a factor in Canadian politics must to some extent command the respect and sympathy, even of his opponents. It is to be deeply regretted, therefore, that at their meeting Friday evening the Conservatives felt it necessary to express their disapproval of Sir Charles Tupper's visit to Yale-Cariboo at this time. It may be true, as argued at the meeting that Sir Charles has already received too great consideration at the hands of his political friends, and that his leadership has proved a source of great weakness, still in his declining years he might surely have expected more kindly treatment.

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as to the outcome of the election in Yale-Cariboo. Population has largely increased since the election of Mr. Bostock in 1896. Since then we have had two provincial elections, and the election returns of June last, are, therefore, the only data by which to judge. The lists for the present election are based on the provincial lists used at the time of the last election.

It should be borne in mind that the labor vote swept this district everywhere at the time of the June election. This was so in Rossland, in Nelson, in Slokan, in Revelstoke, in Kamloops and in Cariboo, and it probably influenced, to some extent, the result in East and West Yale. In view of these facts it is astonishing to find amateur politicians making vainly glorious and empty predictions. Of course, such wild prophecies are not unusual at such a time, but they are invariably based on something more serious and substantial than haphazard conjecture. Mr. Foley has the benefit of an effective organization, in touch with the voters, and in this respect has admittedly a great advantage over either of his opponents.

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instance would have endeavored, had they been elected, to put into effect changes of policy that would have disturbed business affairs to a very large extent, and which would have caused a more or less serious business, financial and industrial depression. As the result of this fear of a change, business has languished some during the several months which preceded the elections. Large deals were put off with the excuse that the desire was not to close them until the elections were over.

Now, however, there is already a marked change for the better. A majority of the investors in Canada, Great Britain and the United States see that each country has returned the governments which they favored to power, and feel that there will ensure a period of several years during which there will be no radical change in the existing policies, and are therefore ready to make investments. This is particularly the case with mining investments. Deals which have hung fire for months will now be closed. In another column will be found an account of one deal for a British Columbia mining property involving \$1,500,000, which was closed in London three days after the Canadian elections were over. London never took a deeper interest in the mining affairs of this province than it does at present. Cablegrams received from miners in the past few days speak enthusiastically of the good feeling that prevails there for the mines of this section. The lagging mining operators there are now convinced that this section offers exceptional opportunities for investment.

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cut that it would serve the interests of the whole Southern British Columbia and would thus familiarize the English investor with the various portions of our mining district and supply him with accurate and reliable news in regard to the development of the entire Kootenays.

It is impossible to disregard the importance and usefulness of such a body, properly and energetically conducted, to the whole province and it certainly deserves the strongest support of every citizen and of every mining investor in this important district of British Columbia.

THE SITUATION.

Persistent rumors are being circulated that one of the defeated leaders of the Conservative party will eventually be selected to contest the riding of Yale-Cariboo, and that Mr. A. H. MacNeill will retire for the purpose of giving this gentleman, whoever he may be, whether Hon. George E. Foster, Sir Charles Tupper or some other, an opportunity of again appealing to the electorate. These rumors have not so far received any denial, and it is not altogether unlikely that there may be at least a modicum of truth in them. We think, however, that the Conservative party here will hesitate before taking a step which is bound to be absolutely disastrous to any chances they may possibly have of carrying the constituency.

It is not likely that the elections of this district are going to pass by one of their own men, interested equally with themselves in the progress and development of the country, in order to rehabilitate politically a man who is utterly unacquainted with the country, and who is entirely indifferent to it, whose only desire is to obtain a seat in the house for the purpose of fighting on general grounds the government of the day, and who would treat this district as simply a convenient aid in his political ambition, until he was able to establish himself in some Eastern constituency.

Even should the local party here attempt to hand over the riding to a man rejected in his own home, where he is known and appraised at his true value, it is scarcely credible that the electors would coincide with their decision. We think that there would be a majority found within their own ranks to raise the standard of revolt. If a Conservative candidate is to be elected from this constituency, Mr. MacNeill, the nominee of the convention, and a gentleman who is thoroughly well known and highly esteemed on personal and public grounds, is the one whom the people will elect.

The hopelessness of Mr. MacNeill's canvass, however, is daily becoming more assured, as is also that of Mr. Gallier, the nominee of the Liberal party. Both the old party factions in the constituency are at their wits' ends, at the present moment, and the likelihood is that there will be, before long, a race between them as to which can draw down its flag first and merge itself with the independent labor element of which Mr. Foley is the nominee. That there can be any compromise between the labor party and either of the old line parties for the selection of a candidate agreeable to both, and the retirement for that purpose of the present men in the field is, of course, impossible. Mr. Foley would be an ideal representative from this constituency, and we know of no man at present who could take his place. As one having Liberal leanings he could not but be acceptable to the government, and as a man of keen insight and steadfast purpose, he would maintain a course in the house which could not fail to be satisfactory to the Conservatives. A lifetime of fidelity to labor principles is ample assurance that he would stand throughout his career on the platform on which he was elected.

A ready local leader of the Liberal party sees that, while Mr. Gallier is a gentleman possessed of many admirable personal qualities, he is not the man who should represent this constituency. His campaign itself has convinced them of this lack in him of that force of character and energy required in the representative from a new and progressive district like this. They are looking about for some means of escaping from the predicament in which they have been placed by the nominating convention in Revelstoke, and they are awaiting with some anxiety the arrival of Hon. Clifford Sifton, whose advice they will eagerly seek by his advice they will undoubtedly be guided, and as Mr. Sifton is one of the ablest and shrewdest of the public men in Canada, they will do well in deferring to his opinion. Mr. Sifton comes here, too, with the prestige of having won a victory in the constituency in which the biggest contest of the elections took place, and the generalship he displayed in Brandon will be employed to the advantage of the party in Yale-Cariboo. Our opinion is, and it is shared by an immense number of good members of the Liberal party, that Mr. Sifton's influence will result in the withdrawal of Mr. Gallier and the acceptance of Mr. Chris Foley.

Speculation as to Speakers.

Ottawa, Nov. 14.—The government has not yet taken up the question of speakers for the house of commons and senate. Two names which seem to meet with favor are Hon. Mr. Power of Halifax, for the senate, and Hon. L. P. Broderick for Rouville, Que., and deputy speaker in the last parliament for the house of commons.

PACK TRAIL.

It will be well interested in the development to know that the between the Park and other claims covering more or less of last been

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power. As this is a 5,000 horse power will give it a total capacity. It will involve \$1,000,000, and the work will be completed in the next few months.

The details of the plan were finally arranged when Mr. W. M. D. U. of the company, Mr. G. E. Foster, and Mr. Lorne A. G. of the company, visited Kelowna and made a tour of the country and the work will be completed in the next few months.

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Out of this expenditure of \$200,000 will be used in this work, and the balance will be paid by the workers.

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