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Columbia, and very few of them will bury themselves in obscurity. We found out. We are consequently inclined to sympathize with Dr. Cook, imposter, liar and perjurer though he may be, now that the newspapers which were the first to accept his story and to glorify the nation because of his alleged discovery are the loudest and most severe in their condemnation.

COMBINES AND CONSUMERS.

Now it is the unassuming and industrious, and it must also be said enterprising, milkman who looms up conspicuously in the limelight.

There is a vacancy in the Cabinet. The Attorney-General is acting Finance Minister. Hon. W. J. Bower is no doubt an able man in his own special field of the law, but he is not a financier.

We understand that the government has had in its service for some time one of the most competent mathematicians or statisticians in the known world, that under his supervision a system of appointment, promotion and equitable remuneration for the provincial civil service has been prepared.

At the same time there is something more than a suspicion in the public mind that milkmen are not the only nor the worst offenders in Victoria or neighborhood against the anti-combines law and against the interests of consumers.

PROVINCIAL POLITICAL REFLECTIONS.

Now that the holiday season is at an end, the "glad hand" is beginning to cool off, and the business of life has become normal, perhaps we shall be excused for bestowing a minute or two to the consideration of matters which we expect to occupy a considerable deal of our attention for three or four years—the administration of provincial affairs by the McBride government.

The Legislature is to meet on the 13th inst. In about two weeks, Premier McBride has been elected to represent two constituencies.

WHITE ELEPHANT AT SPRING RIDGE CITY HAS PROPERTY BUT CANNOT USE IT

Bought Scattered Land for Purposes of Corporation Yard.

The Spring Ridge gravel pits problem, which for years has loomed large as a civic question, bids fair to be handed on to succeeding generations with increased force.

It will be recalled that early last year the agitation which has long engaged the attention of the residents of that section of the city for the abolishing of the sand and gravel pits and the regrading of the land in question took definite form.

The people of Spring Ridge, however, expressed amazement at the high cost of the work as estimated, and asked if a simpler plan could not be devised.

About this time the board, assuming that the improvement scheme would go through, and needing a site for a corporation yard, thought it would be advisable to purchase land at Spring Ridge pits.

A Times reporter this morning inspected at the city engineer's office at the city hall the plan of the proposed improvement, and was struck by the fact that the city has acquired a white elephant.

There are a number of other matters in respect to which the taxpayers of the city would like to be enlightened before the administration vacates office, but it is improbable that their curiosity will be satisfied.

BALFOUR'S SPEECH CHEERS FOLLOWERS

(Continued from page 1.)

Lord Northcote said Lloyd George had laid a trap for the Lords, but he may get his own figures caught in it.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The Russian foreign office has received a memorandum from the United States government, proposing as a solution for the Manchurian problem the neutralization of the railroads in Manchuria by their sale to an international syndicate.

NEW YORK GOVERNOR FAVORS CHANGE

Does Not Believe the People Would Elect Minor State Officials.

Albany, Jan. 6.—Judge Hughes does not believe that the people should elect the minor state officials.

He recommended acceptance of Mrs. Harriman's offer of 104,000 acres of land to the state. The offer of Mrs. Harriman is made up on condition that the state shall agree to protect her home and grounds in Orange county where Harriman died, from future confiscation by condemnation proceedings in case it should be decided later to extend the park.

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CANADIAN HEARS M

Predicts Great Province of Columbia

(From Thurs) The members of returned out in force turned out to-day in honor of their old commander Mackenzie, pro-Canadian Northern and they heard a from that gentleman the Canadian North that ambition was realized. The dis also gave it as his richest in the whole of Canada.

President McPhillips would be to have a guest. There were railway question and lumber, and though very hard just been the last elections, a of the past, Mr. Mackenzie was one but he was sure he by the fine audience Tremendous cheer Mackenzie when he forewent by apologizing for them in the ginner orator, for he la ever to that reputa things instead of me hardly thought form either to say fairs of the Canada Club, and he brief splendid work whi by similar work whi

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