Our Vancouver correspondent telegraphs that Mr. Ralph Smith, who has just returned from the East, has stated that he will respond to the unanimous resolution of the Trades and Labor Congress and the request of leading citizens and by at once placing himself in the field as a candidate for the House of down." Commons as an Independent Labor candidate. Mr. Smith is a pronounced Liberal and will be particularly acceptable to the Ottawa government, which is strongly in sympathy with the cause of labor. We know it to be the wish of leading members of the government that as many labor leaders as possible shall be elected to the next parliament. Although they undoubtedly would occupy an independent position in the House, the government feel certain that on almost all questions the principles of the labor party are more in harmony with the principles and policy of the Liberals than they are with those of the party led by Sir Charles Tupper.

### THE ISSUES.

vinces of the Dominion we think it is the duty of British Columbians to take not only the greatest interest, but an active part, in the public affairs of Canada. Hitherto we have not done so, and we have suffered because of our indifference. We cannot afford to stand aloof from our Eastern brethren and intimate by our manner that we desire to have no political dealings with them. Perhaps we may have entertained the idea that we are just a little superior to them and maybe we may have been inclined to pursue our own way regardless of what they were doing for the development of the country. But we are sure these days have passed away and that we are now all Canadians; possessors of one of the finest countries in the world, and (we think we may say it without appearing to be vain-glorious) that country is inhabited by people who have no reason to be ashamed of their achievements in every department of the world's activities in the past and have good ground for looking forward to still greater things in the future. But we must be united, and we believe that in the great contest which is about to take place it will be shown that we are one. The chief issues upon which we shall said before are national and not local. There is not the least doubt that with representatives who have the interests of their constituents at heart more than the fate of their party, and who have the ear of the administration, all that a government can do for the development of the great resources of British Columbia will be done. As has been proved already, it will pay the federal government to assist all bona fide schemes for the opening up of this province to the world, and that fact alone is sufficient guarantee that our interests will not be neglected in the future. But after all the matters of supreme concern to us bear on our relations with other nations and with the Mother of Nations. From the earliest days of our history, all our public men have been agreed that if any sort of reasonable arrangements could be arrived at, chiefly by reason of our proximity, our commercial relations with the United States should be more intimate than with any other nation. For a short time such an agreement as was for the benefit of both countries was in effect, but our neighbors reasoned within themselves that it would be a good thing to have such a fair domain and such an enterprising people incorporated under the stars and stripes and that if this treaty which was of mutual benefit were abrogated the day of such a desirable consummation would be hastened. So the treaty was annulled, but the effect was entirely different from what was anticipated. There was a time when there were avowed annexationists in Canada, but they have either gone the way of all flesh or have decided that it were wise not to make their sentiments too prominent. (We had almost forgotten -there is one avowed annexationist still in Canada. His name is Sol. White, and he is the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons in North Essex. a self-respecting people it is right for us to erect barriers against them, but Mother Country, was not only ungrate-

British preference if they are returned to

### AIM OF THE GOVERNMENT.

It is the desire of the present admin-

pearing this month. Correspondents servative." have been appointed in all parts of the country, and the new periodical will be a valuable disseminator of information of interest to the laboring classes generally. It will be strictly non-partisan and independent. The president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress. Mr. Ralph Smith, as announced in our columns a day or two ago, was offered Naturally the Colonist is not satisfied the position of deputy minister in this with the present condition of the polinew department. But the offer was tical atmosphere in Victoria. It is declined by Mr. Smith on the ground afraid the Liberal candidates do not prothat he thought he could do more to adpose to discuss the issues which it would vance the interests he had at heart in the like prominence given to. We are told sphere which he occupies at the present the proper course to pursue would be to time. We take it to be to the credit of credence to the story, and were it not for avoid federal questions altogether and the member for Nanaimo that he posconfine ourselves to local matters. We sesses alike the confidence of employers do not see how that can be done. In and workmen, which shows that he is this contest the paramount issues are in the true meaning of the word a connational and the local ones must necesservative, and will be a party to no sarily be entirely subsidiary to them. As movement, however momentarily nonuresidents of not the least of the prolar, which in his judgment would be likely in the end to be prejudicial to the interests of the cause he has at heart. We believe that such men have been the backbone of the workers' cause in Great Britain, and have stood between the unions of Canada and the certain amount of disrepute which unwise advisers have brought upon labor organizations in the United States. Taking all these things into consideration, it is no matter of surprise that the Dominion government is desirous of availing itself of the counsels of Mr. Smith, and that it is its wish that he should sit in the Dominion House as the representative of Nanaimo That the president of the Trades and Labor Congress is not without honor in the East his present position and the fol- and probably in this case our correslowing from the Toronto Globe prove: That Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. P. for Nanaimo, is held in the highest respect by his fellow-delegates is shown by the unprecedented course of re electing him unanimously for the third term president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, and by the enthusiasm with which the proposition that he should enter Federal politics by contesting Nanaimo for the Commons was approved. Mr. Smith's address at the opening of the congress here shows him not only worthy of the respect and confidence thus in him, but the broad and liberal basis for the progress of the labor cause outlined by him entitles him to universal respect. He warned his hearers that the great movement of trades unionism would not be judged by its results in improving alone the position of any particular section of workmen at any particular time, but by its effect on the permanent efficiency of the nation as a whole The husinesslike method in which all the affairs of the Labor

> Though the question whether or not the congress should advise independent political action found the leaders di- ger go without his reward and an order that such a course might retard the billet for such an invaluable man. But rate of progress already attained. The success or failure of this course must largely depend on the men who are put forward as the leaders of that party as well as on the unity maintained by the labor bodies supporting them. All and he absolutely refused to sign the the speeches of Mr. Smith show him order. That was an unexpected turn of to be a liberal-minded and moderate man, who will not seek to benefit the cause he supports at the sacrifice of the general good, but that he will bring a vigorous intelligence to bear on all public questions.

who took part in the debates.

## DELUSIONS.

It is well known that the leaders of the Conservative party were stupified by the result of the elections in 1896. They could not understand it at all. Many of them would not believe they were beaten. Sir Charles said he would be in power again in a few months. He thinks some great mistake has been made by the power cliat guides the affairs of nations; that the present state of affairs is all an evil dream-a hideous nightmare-and that one of these days he will wake up and find himself in his rightful place as the ruler of the country. The heads of the grand old party have been reasoning together, and they Like his leader, he says Laurier is too have reached the conclusion that Can-English for him.) Since the United ada is "naturally" Conservative; that States have set up a high tariff wall and the present state of affairs is abnormal, have thereby intimated that they desire and that "normality" will prevail again to have no dealings with us; perhaps as as soon as the people recover from their temporary aberration. One of them, brighter than the rest, comforted them why should we also hit at Great Britain, with the reminder that "God moves in which has from the beginning taken all a mysterious way," but forgot to add we had to sell her freely and paid the that we are also told that a time will very highest prices for it? The govern-come when all things shall be made ment came to the conclusion that such a clear. There is an impression abroad course, in view of all the benefits we that for some of these dazed ones that had derived from our connection with the time is at hand. Others, no doubt, in- be the only man who can be depended eluding their present leader, will pass to on to carry anything at the polls. What Liver Pills are system renovators, blood ful, but that it was bad for a business the great beyond firmly imbued with the has become of the leader of the party in purifiers and builders; every gland and point of view. They lowered the wall idea that Canada was created principal- British Columbia? Of what good is a tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited by one-third and the immense increase ly for the purpose of comforting and leader anyway without a seat on some in a vial 10 cents. Sold by Dean & Time in the trade of the country at once proved nourishing the great Conservative party | thing?

that their judgment was good. The mer- and that any departure from the path of chants and consumers of the West have her destiny is one of those inscrutable derived great benefit from this reduction mysteries which no Tory fellow can unof the tariff as well as the farmers of the derstand. But there are others who East, therefore we say that it will be the are more willing to profit by the political paramount issue in the campaign. The lessons of the day. Another such event that: Conservatives say they will abolish the as that of 1896, and it will dawn upon them that Canada is not naturally Conof the electoral district of Vancouver Isl- power, and we believe for that and many servative; that what the people desire is other reasons the people will "turn them good government, and that they want it understood that the Lord has not anointed any particular set of men to look after their affairs for them. A Liberal has just been returned to the new Brunswick legislature by more than eight istration that it shall be truly represen- hundred of a majority. That is a sample tative of the people. On that account of what has been happening at regular a department of labor has been organ- intervals for the last four years, and ized and placed under the charge of Mr. yet in the face of such occurrences our Mulock, the Postmaster-General. The Conservative friends persist in sticking publication of a Labor Gazette has also their ostrich heads in the sand and asbeen commenced, the first number ap- serting that "Canada is naturally Con-

### A SERIOUS CHARGE.

The charge made by "Observer," Revelstoke correspondent, which is published in to-day's Times, is one calling for an answer from the Premier, Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir. It is, in a word, that the provincial government, at the dictation of the Conservative wire-pullers. contemplates the dismissal of several Liberal office-holders and the appointment in their places of Conservatives. The Times is not prepared to give much the fact that "Observer" is believed to be a reliable gentleman and in a position to know something about the alleged facts to which he refers, we would not have given his letter publicity. The government will be glad of the opportunity to deny the statements referred to.

It is not the best policy to close our ears to rumors of this kind, for even though untrue they are apt to increase in importance as they travel. The Dunsmuir government was elected on no-party lines and is composed, it is said, about equally of Liberals and Conservatives It is supported by many Liberals in and out of the House. The dismissal of Libi eral officials simply to give their offices to Conservatives would be a distinct violation of the compact. We do not for one moment believe that the Premier would be a party to such a transaction. The government, it is also true, cannot held responsible for the "schemes" which some of its supporters advocate, pondent may have mistaken the boastings of local office-seekers for what he charges is the settled intention of the government. stor being

## INTRIGUING.

It is said there is not perfect harmony in the local government. Certain wirepullers thought the absence of the Preon paper for some time but which has been held in abeyance because of miswould receive from the head of the government. Be it known that Mr. Dunsmuir is in San Francisco and that Mr. Turner is acting in his stead. Probably that is the reason why it was judged that the time and the season were favorable for the contemplated strategic manoeuvre. According to rumor, acting un Congress were conducted, the intelli- der instructions from Mr. Green. M.P.P. gence and directness with which all the Attorney-General and the Minister subjects were discussed, was as much of Mines decided that a gentleman who a credit to the president as to those is alleged to have done yeoman service for the Conservative party in the province, to wit: Mr. Lucas, should no lonvided, it was only so on the ground was prepared providing for a suitable opposition appeared in an unexpected quarter. Mr. Turner seems to have taken the view that his position was one of trust in the absence of the Premier, events to the schemers, but it was not at all surprising to the personal friends of the Finance Minister. Thus the matter rests and the organiser goes without his billet. There are sceptics who say that the result of the elections will show that his work does not merit any re-

> Mr. Wm. McNeill has been appointed secretary in the department of lands and works and assistant to the chief commissioner. Mr. McNeill is highly spoken of by all who have had business with the department since Mr. Wells assumed control of the lands and works, and in the more responsible position to which he has been promoted there is no doubt he will bring the same ability and courtesy, which is not the least qualification in a public official, which he has invariably displayed since joining our provincial "civil service."

10 mm + + + Mr. Sifton has ordered the government officials in Dawson to close up all disreputable places of resort. This will give Sir Hibbert another chance. His American friends dearly love a "wide open" town, and we expect to hear of another protest being lodged with their champion against British ways and Brit-

Conservative talent must be scarce in Vancouver, Mayor Garden seems to

cure in Arizona than in the majority of American States. A rancher lately informed all whom it concerned by means of a notice posted on a cottonwood tree

"My wife Sarah has left my ranch when I didn't Do a Thing Too her, and I want it distinkly understood that any Man as takes her in and Keers for her on my account will get himself Pumped so Full of Led that some tenderfoot will locate him for a mineral claim. A word to the wise is sufficient and orter work

The Colonist remarks in an aggrieved tone that Ralph Smith was nominated at Ottawa by the Trades and Labor Congress. Perhaps the election of Mr. Smith as the representative of the Vancouver Island district will be a salve to our disconsolate neighbor's woe. . . .

With the Liberals and the labor men united on a candidate with the strength and abilities of Mr. Maxwell, the cause of the government is quite safe in Van-

Great numbers of very desirable set tlers are arriving at Ladysmith They will have votes next year, and voters from Lanark are always on the right

## Ralph Smith Will Run

Has Decided to Centest Vancouver District For the Dominion House.

President of the Congress in the Field as an Independent Labor Candidate.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Sept. 28.—Ralph Smith, M. P. P., arrived last night from the East. To the Times correspondent he said the session of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress, just closed, had been most successful. He was now on his way to Nanaimo to arrange his campaign for the Dominion House.

"I have definitely decided to run," he said. "I received the unanimous endorsation of the Congress, asking me to ently make more serious insinuations run, and I have finally decided. Some time ago Mr. Stoan came to me in Nanaimo and wanted my support, and I believe now he has many names, of friends of mine, on his requisition paper. Of course, they will desert him when they find how they have been deceived. Mr. Sloan is everything to everybody. If he meets a Conservative he gives him a talk ham family. and the same with a Liberal. He was mier furnished them with an opportunity a little too previous. You can say that to execute a movement which has been I am in the field as an Independent Labor candidate, and of course sign my position in the local legislature ing to bring givings as to the reception which it before I am officially nominated for the House of Commons at Ottawa."

> Speaking of the report that the charge was made against him at Nanaimo that hand, the leading Roman Catholic pahe had consulted Mr. Robins and not Mr. Dunsmuir regarding the possibility of his contesting the district of Vancouver, he replied that he had never spoken to Mr. Catholic university, and in other ways Robins about it, and had not even been in Nanaimo to consult him had he wish-

Norwegian Steamer Sunk in Collision With a Japanese Vessel - Forty-Five Persons Drowned.

(Associated Press.) Nagasaki, Sept. 29.—The Norwegian steamer Calanda, 865 tons, and Japanese steamer Ise Maru are reported to have been in collision off Iwo Shima. The Calanda was sunk, and 45 of the passengers and crew were drowned. The Ise Maru put in at Iwo Shima.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA

Civil Service Examinations at Victoria and Vancouver-Nominations of Liberal Candidates.

Bath), . C. M. G.'s (Companion of St. Michael and St. George), etc., will be (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Civil service examnations will be held at Victoria and Vancouver on November 13th. and be appointed viceroy of Ireland, to At a meeting of the executives of the succeed Earl Cadogan, whose resignation Liberal Association it was decided to call a convention to nominate candidates for seems impending. What Lord Roberts

the city on October 16th. The health department has received word that precautions are being taken to prevent smallpox, which has broken out in the hopfields of Washington territory, from spreading to British Colum-Canadian Indians who work in this bia. district will be vaccinated.

TORE DOWN AMERICAN FLAG.

(Associated Press.) San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 29.-United States Consul W. W. Mills, at Chihuhua, a young woman of unexceptional social Mex., has sent a note to the Federal authorities here and also to the state department at Washington detailing an insult to the American flag over his consulate on September 16th, the anniversary of Mexican independence, by a mob of Mexicans. He had hoisted the United States and Mexican flags in honor of the day, and the mob tore down the United States colors.

NEVER WORRY .- Take them and go about your business they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's in a vial, 10 cents. Sold by Dean & His- self while shooting ducks. He died at cocks and Hall & Co,-21,



As Polling Day Approaches, Brit-

ish Politicians Warm to

Their Work.

Personalities Are Introduced, and

Bitterly Attacked.

Rewards For Service--Lord Kitch-

ener, It Is Said, Will Be

Promoted.

(Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 29.—The election cam

paign is developing unexpected heat,

chiefly due to the vigorous efforts of the

Liberals to show a united front; Per-

sonalities are figuring more than usual

in the contest. Mr. Joseph Chamber-

lain, the secretary of state for the colon-

ies, by reason of the aggressive tone of

all his speeches, is the object of many

bitter personal attacks. Some of his

enemies have declared him to be political-

ly dishonest, and even go further than

Winston Churchill, in Oldham, has

been so vigorously attacked that General

Sir Evelyn Wood, the adjutant-general,

has had to come to his assistance with a

letter declaring there was nothing dis-

honorable connected with his resignation

from the army, and vouching for the cor-

rectness of Churchill's recent dual role

Officer and Correspondent.

Some of the Liberals of Oldham appar-

against the young candidate. But, like

his father, Churchill seems to revel in a

fight, and is said to stand a good chance

Another war character, Captain Lamb-

ton, of the British cruiser Powerful, has

been assisted in his fight against the

government by getting a letter from

Lord Rosebery. He is also backed by

Church associations are figuring ac-

tively in the campaign. The Imperial

ises from thirty-two candidates to op

England and the Vatican

in closer touch, or towards "Romanizing"

pers almost unanimously support the

Conservatives, believing that if they are

returned with a solid majority they will

achieve the project of giving Ireland a

see that the educational interests of

The annual Church Congress, in pro

gress at Newcastle, was attended by

the Archbishop of Canterbury and near

ly all the other Episcopal and lay digni-

taries, including several American and

Canadian clergymen. Though held in

politics were carefully avoided, and the

Unexpected Harmony.

The spectacle of Mr. John Kennsit, anti-

Ritualist agitator, speaking good hu-

moredly before Ritualists upon the ef-

fect of the Reformation, suggested to a

London after an extended trip through

The Queen now has a long list of

names submitted to her as those of per-

sons worthy of honors for service in

South Africa. The identity of those

who figure in the list is already causing

keen speculation in certain circles. The

shower of C. B.'s (Companion of the

Will Be Made an Earl,

will get still remains a secret, but Lord

Kitchener, it is said, if he remains in

South Africa, will be given the local rank

of full general, so that he can be second

in command to Gen. Buller, after Lord

Two new weeklies are about to ap-

pear. The first is Clements Scott's Free

Lance, which will be published next

week with an article by Marie Corelli as

chief attraction. The second is a new

society paper which Mrs. Williamson is

about to bring out. Mrs. Williamson is

position, the wife of a colonel in the

British army and has many influential

Interested in Her Venture.

She brought out the celebrated Book of

Beauty four years ago, and has lately

been editing the society column of the

Daily Mail and writing for it under the

be the name of her paper. Mrs. Wil-

liamson says that the paper will be en-

tirely on the idea of the "Great value of

Angle-American co-operation in all ques-

James Smith, motorman of the Toron-

to street railway, accidentally shot him-

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Catholics in England do not suffer.

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Mr. Joseph Chamberlain Is .

We have an assortment of the quality of Perfumes, that will surely prov an enjoyment to the ladies. The natur fragrance of sweet flowers, bottled and sold for a right price. We are headquar ters for gift Perfumes. We invite you inspect our stock.

Cyrus H. Bowes, CHEMIST,

98 GOVERNMENT STREET, Near Yates Street ENGINEER FOUND DEAD.

Is Believed to Have Committed Suice As Gas Jet Was Turned On Campaign (Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 29.-W. T. Casgrain

civil and contracting engineer, a m distinguished Canadian family, found dead in his room yesterda gas jet was turned on, and it is he death was wilfully sought. He die a hotel, where he had registered an assumed name. The of his wife and family, who lived with him until a year ago, ar known. In his office was found a containing a notation of expend In its list of expenses the initials V." appeared nearly every day, entry being "F. V., a trip to Chie From nature of the entries the police believe that "F. V." is a woman, In the back of the book this address was found: "F. V., 12 Sixth street, William

# Returned Unopposed

Hon. Joseph Chamberlain Among Those Whose Election Was Not Contested.

Fifty-Eight Members of the British Commons Have a Walk Over.

(Associated Press.)

London, Sept. 29 .- One hundred and sixty-seven constituencies, returning onefourth of the membership of the House of Commons, made their nomination to day. Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 3 members had been elected unopposed omprising 43 Conservatives, 8 Unionists. 5 Liberals and 2 Nationalists.

Among the interesting personalities of the government side returned to-day without opposition were Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies, West Birmingham; Mr. G Wyndham, the parliamentary secretary for the war office. Dover; Mr. Chas. 'I Ritchie, the president of the board trade, Croydon; Sir John C. O. Colomb Great Yarmouth; Mr. Jesse Collings, un der secretary for the home department, Francis Sharp Powell, Wigan; Mr. Jos P. Williams, the financial secretary of the war office, South Birmingham; Col. Sir Chas. E. H. Vincent, the founder of the United Empire Trade League, Central Sheffield; Mr. John Henniker Heaton, Canterbury; Mr. Chas. Bailby Stuart Wortley, formerly secretary of state for the home department, Hallam division of Sheffield; and Sir Edward

Albert Sassoon, Hythe. The five Liberals returned unopposed include Mr. Wm. Court Gully, Speaker of the House of Commons, Carlisle, and Sir Henry Hartley Fowler, former under secretary of state for the home department, and secretary for India, East Wolverhampton.

An interesting feature of the elections is the intervention of the colonies, for the first time in the elections of the Motherland. A dispatch from Hobart, Tasmania, this morning, announces the adoption of a resolution by the Tasmanian assembly proposing a joint Australian cablegram of congratulations to Mr. Chamberlain on the British successes in South Africa, and hoping the electors of Great Britain will emphatically insist on the fruits of victory being effectually s Dr. DeWitt Talmage has returned to cured.

> JAPANESE TEA CROP. Shortage May Result in the Price Being Raised.

(Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 29 .- Owing to the shortage in the season's crop of Japan tea, the price will be higher than usual this fall. It is estimated that the shortunprecedented. It is rumored that Lord | age at the end of the season will be four million pounds, or ten per cent. of the entire crop. It is thought among tea importers that the Boxers' outbreak may decrease the supply of Oolong tea by one million five hundred pounds. About twenty million pounds of Oolong and forty million pounds of Japan tea are ex-

ported from China and Japan. NOMINATIONS

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Sept. 29.-Pontiac Conservatives have chosen G. H. Brabazon, of Portage Lu Fort, to contest the riding in their interest at the general elections. Lachute, Que., Sept. 29 .- Dr. Thomas Christie, the veteran member for Argenteuil, was again nominated yesterday by the Liberals. It is understood the Conservatives will offer no opposition to him on account of his long service to the coun-

Waterville, Que., Sept. 29 .- The Liberals of Compton County have chosen A. Gale, of this place, to oppose R. H. Pope, M.P., at the general elections.

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