Victoria Was **Transformed**

News of Mafeking's Relief Produces & Spontaneous Outburst of Joy.

sticks of two crossed Union Jacks, which proudly he bore through the grounded

And woe to him who offered to molest those fiags! It was another phase again of "What we have we'll hold."

When the news first came the schools of course were notified by telephone—and turned out their shouting hundreds to swell the general rejoicing. The civic departments were instructed to take a holiday; the business world took it without suggestion. All sorts and conditions of people met on a common plane, and answering to a single mainspring of action, did not clash.

It takes a great event to move Victoria

the edge of the level yeldt certainly did not appear formidable to a besieging force. Cronje smiled grimly at the mixture of British cocksuredness and Afrikander-Bond treachery that had left the town practically defenceless before him. When the first rumblings of the war cloud were heard over South Africa, some local colonists, recognizing the importance of Mafeking, made almost frenzied appeals to Mr. Schriener, premier of Cape Colony, to look to its defence.

"Send men; send artillery; dig trenches; build bastions," they urged. But Mr. Schriener turned a dear ear to all these appeals.

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"When we've had enough we'll let you know."

IN OTHER CITIES. Great Demonstrations of Joy Over the Relief of Mafeking

Vancouver, May 18.—(Special)—The C. P. R. announced the relief of Mafeking at 1:30, and half an hour afterwards Vancouver was ablaze with bunting and all the citizens were looking happy. Men, women and children were walking the streets wearing small flags or a bunch of ribbons, and to-night the town is having a general rejoicing. There is no attempt at organized demonstration, but the streets are crowded and the noise is magnificent.

Kamloops Is Against Martin.

Mr. Fulton Is Given a Cordial Reception by the Electors.

present with very much prominence. He was not only the premier, but he was the government, and personally con-trolled every department. It was Mar-tin first, Martin next and Martin last. tin first, Martin next and Martin last. And there were many reasons, too, why such a unique combination should not last much longer out here. One of these was to be found in his stand upon the Mongolian question. Upon this he shouted, "Re-enact the disallowed statutes," but it was clap-trap, as all well knew. The question was one of federal treatment, and it was very reassuring to hear that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had promised to introduce a Natal Act and to increase the duty. But of this the Premier took no account, and in spite of

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Manipulating The Ba

Slight of Hand Work in Huron Electoral Po Booths.

Disgraceful State of Af the Opposition Wa Investigated.

From Our Own Corresponden Ottawa, May 12.-There of ministerial action which government in such an unfaas the attitude they have as gard to the investigation Huron and Brockville elec Last year, when the government aware of the information sion of the opposition, the sion of the opposition, they lofty tone of political moralty ority in that they promised the fullest opportunity for probition frauds. The close of the vented the completion of the in the meantime the revelathe party committee had been unsavory character that the wanted no more of them. wanted no more of them.
beginning of this session
Conservative member for H Conservative member for its have these investigations fore the privileges and el mittee, but friends of the getroposed with a technical of the motion was choked off. for Halifax then gave noti the government preventer from being reached, and similar obstructive tactics similar obstructive tactics in have been reached this sessithis. Mr. Borden removed in motion from the order paper thus placing himself in a positive resolution as an amendmotion to go into committee. The result is that the govern ight face to face with th can be no dodging or side-trand the country will soon se political honesty there is in outfit who are now misgo

country.

It is an old story now as crooked work was done. In good ballots cast for Robethe Conservative candidate, the Conservative candidate, the Conservative candidate, away with, and ballots for sitting Grit member, substit in No. 4 Colborne, 44 ballot for McLean, according to the of voters themselves, but of found in the ballot box. The was obvious—14 ballots slipped for Holmes, and it that there were discovered 14 ballots which when teste Eddy's experts with his were found to be twice the were found to be twice the the paper in the pad from genuine ballots were taken. from which the 14 ballots we from which the 14 ballots we to have been torn were hal ness of the famous 14, and there was a difference in the the ballots. The clear ded these facts was that false been substituted for the goo so it went along all through In No. 3 poll, Goderich, or voted, but 123 ballots cambox. Forty of these were McLean, but 53 good mer swore that they had cast the Conservative candidate, poll 13 McLean ballots had away. If there had been clude the enquiry last sess have been shown that Mithemis-representative of and that he is unfairly an and that he is unfairly a possession of a seat which Mr. McLean.

In the Brockville frauds only touched the fringe of There is much more information.

He furnished enough tes ever, to show that there had work in the election of pill man,' Comstock. Mr. he had in his possession which went to show that a imported into Brockville to returning officers how to st and substitute ballots, that ballots; that the deputies certain sum, generally \$5 ; each substituted ballot. T which this substitution was forth in the "Salandary ballots" between the control of the c forth in the affidavit of Ja the man who did the tra the man who did the train ett's statement was as foll—"The deputy returning keep the false ballots so readily take one in his lethe wished to work it. W Conservative voter would of handing his ballot to thatter would place his left table with a false ballot up that ne counterfoil. At the but no counterfoil. At the he would accept from the vight hand, the genuine bat terfoil. He then would pine ballot under the left hif for the purpose of tearing terfoil, and with a quick right hand he would remo right hand he would remoine ballot and counterfoil moment raising the left hing on the table a ballot ficounterfoil had apparently moved. He would put w moved. He would put whis right hand in his coathen put in the box the upon the table. This bathe box would be one of the furnished by me to the dwhich I had put a cross in stock."

Here we have the confesthe oracle was worked by There is good reason for this system had been in of back as the time Wm. I elected in North Grey. It servatives a little time to

elected in North Grey. It servatives a little time to and now it is safe to say of the machine are at an ed. Mr. McMullen, the gow ber for North Wellington, liament under a debt of gralthough he certainly did neither did he foresee it. discussion respecting seed edness in the house on T McMullen had his say, and he was entirely ignorant with which he was dealin did not fail to tell him so. for North Wellington then personalities, spoke about greediness and twitted him sections with the total control of the section of the sec a skating rink on the to and that he had rooms to l storey. Only an Irishmar the smart repartee which the house. Mr. Davin di good temper. Rising, he "Mr. McMullen has Speaker, that I have a statement of the statement doubt about that. I ce