PROVINCE SHOULD BE UNANIMOUS.

its voice in angry protest against the years. During all that time he has conpresence of Liberal members of Parliament in the interior constituencies in carping contemporary argues that Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay should be permitted to return Conservative members as and injustices under which British Colthe contests in three provincial constithat the weight of an overwhelming Liberal majority in the Dominion might strike terror into the hearts of doubting that it was better to return government ment which has proved by its course tive of his independence. If there had that it would scorn to take any unfair been any possibility of the cultivation of advantage of the opposition. We a different spirit, we should have had might cite the eminently fair redistribu- manifestations of it in the days when the tion measure that has been substituted future held out no such golden promise. for the notorious gerrymander act as Neither in the flesh nor in the spirit will proof of the absolute disinterestedness of | Professor Goldwin Smith, the learned the procedure to which our disgruntled man who is too great and broad in contemporary objects. And then how nature to entertain sentiments of patriotcould the members of the administration ism, behold Canada a part of the United know when they left to returning officers | States. That is our hope and our belief. the fixing of the dates of polling in certain constituencies that they were going to have an overwhelming majority with which to terrorize the electors of Comox-Atlin, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay? The Sir Hibbert Tupper, and greater than any of these. Messrs. McBride and Green.

Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. They might be carried on indefinitely. "adequate protection." But it was particularly noticeable that he was as vague the prestige of the nation shall be saved. and indefinite in his promises as it was Then after the track is laid there will not telegraph that when he was sworn in by the Governor-General, who could paratively simple matter, according to not leave his post until Toryism had the standard set in the present equipbeen restored to its hereditary rights. that he would grant better terms. He did not send a dispatch saying that his first act would be to place the duty on lumber his party had taken off. He did not declare he would place the lead industry on a pinnacle of prosperity by clapping a duty on the foreign article. Possibly the Borden conscience is of a different type from the Tupper or the Mc-Bride or the Cotton conscience. He refused to add hypocrisy to the insincerity of which his own people in Nova Scotia convicted him on the 3rd of November

Messrs, Smith, Ross and Galliher,

no faith in political confidence men. duty of the inferior constituencies to men were quite orderly in their beelect Conservatives, why does it not havior, although occasionally a drunken counsel the war horses who did such soldier might be seen struggling with two notable champing and kicking in the companions who were dragging him back gation of Liberals now fouring there and that the Ekaterinoslav reservists-most-Is it because Burrili and Macintosh have trade-strongly objected to being sent to implored them to keep away and give the the front, and caused serious trouble, recandidates a fighting chance?

A DISAPPOINTED PROPHET.

It is strange that Goldwin Smith canmot divest his mind of the idea that becast on this continent" that that destiny are returned, but are used at the front must inevitably became lost in the destiny of the United States. Is it an un
the writer, few of these troop cars are label growth of the past few years. For instance, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer water falls which are found in that country. To this end parisament to build a piece of road. You have not the transformation of the system.

To which the boodlers replied "Wo

usual thing for two nations to exist side by side on one continent? The Doctor has been in Canada for more than thirty stantly given expression to the dominant idea in his mind. In his writings and his which elections have yet to be held. Our hasten "manifest destiny." He has speeches he has done all in his power to striven to foster the annexation sentiment and to reconcile the people of Canada to it. In all that time, with all the abilities a protest against the alleged grievances of the protagonist, he has not made a single convert on this side of the line, umbia is suffering. It is contended that The movement has lost what little strength it may at one time have had. tuencies were postponed until a date later In Canada we have set up a system than the ordinary election day in order which fits with very nearly perfection into the ideals of the people. Those ideals are becoming stronger with every year that passes. We are coming electors or secure votes by the suggestion under the inspiration of the boundless possibilities rising all around the national supporters. We might combat such a horizon. The spirit will become stronger suggestion by pointing out that Conserva- and more buoyant with each year of tive governments set the example of growth and development. There is a bringing off elections in remote and far future of promise before us. There is from compact ridings at dates fixed by not a Canadian to-day who believes that returning officers, and that the plea we shall ever surrender our political inon behalf of such procedure is surely as dependence, together with our admirable sound to-day as it was a few years ago. system of responsible and responsive gov-Far be it from us to suggest that be- ernment, even to become bone and sinew cause there have been precedents for of the towering nation that is rapidly such a course of action that such prece- developing alongside of us. The Candents should be followed by a govern- adian of the future will be just as asser-

RUSSIA'S DREAM.

To-day's dispatches announce that it is the intention of Russia to immediate ly commence the double tracking of the Colonist and the News-Advertiser and Siberian railway. When this work is completed the war with Japan will be "rushed to a conclusion." That is inasseverated with all the energy they deed a delightful prospect for the belligercould impart to written and spoken ents to contemplate. Somehow the words that the defeat of the government thought is borne in upon us that the war the disadvantages, the feasibility or the ity Mr. Ball (Canadian commercial agent was as certain as though it had been an- will not drag on for years. Neither Rusnounced in returns. We are not sure but sia nor Japan could stand it. Like tion from Goldstream or Sooke lakes statement. It is to be supposed, howeven cautious and sly Mr. Carter-Cotton everything else to which humanity sets raised his convincing voice in prophecy, its hand in this generation, war has pass- a manner as will enable them to under- assertion which, considering his official also to the same effect. It was the ed from the simple to the complex stage. notables that the majority of the great | down of men with short or long swords. Conservative party, with Mr. Borden as Human life in neither Russia nor Japan the Premier Lord Minto could not leave is held in very high esteem. It is cheap. Canada until he had sworn in, would be But the implements which must be supused to terrorize the electorate of the plied to the cheap men in order that they three constituencies into voting against | may successfully meet other cheap men in mortal combat are very costly. In the · We fear the heart of the News-Adver- case of Russia the transport of the cheap and if the water delivered were more and obscured the understanding of our tiser man is exceeding sorrowful be- troops is perhaps the most costly part palatable and no less healthful, the ul- contemporary? Its statesmanlike director cause the people of British Columbia of the business. If the Muscovite were timate cost and other advantages might surely read the last budget speech of Finhave refused to accept as sincere the pro- as leisurely in his movements as his be sufficient to determine judgment in ance Minister Fielding. Occupying a party that British Columbia has been aggressive and exceedingly active enemy We assume, of course, that there are

mising that he would look into things as improved means of communication when he game to his own and would see are evidently necessary in order to place porizing cannot be continued longer with-plicitly declared that the government had thatball our wrongs were righted. He men on the scene of action, and to feed would inquire into the matter of better them when they are there, Russia is to the city from fire and to the lives of the tariff under which Canada would deal cultural papers throughout the country. terms. He would give our industries be further depleted of the "bone and pessible for any quibbler to be. He did arise the problem of supplying rolling stock. However, that will be a comment of the line.

A recent traveller between Ekater Russian troop trains, and describes his experiences in the London press. He the Russian Empire. Regood many belonged to the Bastern Chinese Railway, the name of which was painted on them in Russian only, In each van several planks were placed crossways and lengthways, so as to form benches, but they of much comfort to any one wishing to when they declared by electing eighteen sleep, and the men usually slept, or straight Grits by an immense popular tried to sleep, on the floor. Owing to the majority that they did not believe his fatiguing nature of the journey, the declarations that the people of Canada troops were allowed a day's rest after were going to pay nine-tenths of the cost three days' travelling. There seemed to of construction of the Grand Trunk be very little in the way of kit in the Pacific Railway, and that the purpose of cars, but some of them had a small iron the company was to make Portland, stove for heating in winter. In tran-Maine, its Atlantic terminus. Neither sporting cavalry or artillery, the horses did the people of British Columbia regard | were placed at each end of the car, with as fruhtful the assertions of Tory news- the saddles piled up in a pyramid in the papers and Tory stumpers that the Grand intervening space, which was also occu- greatest of the provinces. The Colonist, Trunk Pacific would be a curse and not pied by a few soldiers. In each train a blessing to this province. They have there were two or three second-class cars provided with sleeping couches for If the News-Advertiser thinks it the the officers. The writer says that the coast contests to go up and meet the dele- to his car. He was informed, however, speaking on behalf of Ross and Galliher? ly workmen engaged in the iron and steel quiring escort by strong detachments. Inhabitants of various towns along the cause the "destiny of Canada has been the writer, few of these troop cars are able growth of the past few years. For

The counsels of the peacemakers will surely prevail before the Siberian railway is in a position to carry the force wheat belt by the addition of something necessary to subdue Japan. like 170,000,000 acres of virgin Canadian lands capable of producing in large quantities the best quality of

OUR WATER SUPPLY.

Now the question of an improved water supply is practically before the people of Victoria. Mr. Raymur's re-port, read at Monday's meeting of the port, read at Monday's meeting of the As the only issue involved was the con City Council, deals in detail with the cost of delivering an adequate supply harmony with the plans of the Premier avenues of distribution must be provided. that great and important enterprise is The present varied assortment of pipes, of all degrees of capacity, must be taken up and replaced by material which will of an eagle or nestles modestly in a producing an annual wheat crop of valley like the homes of sweet Auburn.

In a word Victoria's water works system.

This will do much to replace land In a word. Victoria's water works systemmust be overhauled and renovated. We must thrust aside the hodge-podge that farming. It means much more to Canhas grown upon our hands as we devel- ada, however, than to the world as a oped from a village into a populous and solution of the bread problem. If Canprosperous city, and substitute for it a ada becomes the great wheat producing thorough, complete and efficient water surely will, there is a great future for service which will be ample for our that country. It is vast in area, varied needs for many years to come. Accord- in resources, rich in natural wealth and ing to Mr. Raymur's calculations it will progressive in its national policy. Heretake in the neighborhood of half a million dollars to accomplish this, nearly a hundred and fifty thousand of which chiefly from the American states, as must be devoted to the laying of larger | Americans more than any other people pipes within the streets of the city, and understand the situation in Canada and without which an increase in the capacity of the mains would be no remedy at and the provident. They are almost unall for the evils at present complained

Before the ratepayers of Victoria are asked to approve of the scheme elaborated by Mr. Raymur, involving as it does

citizens from disease. WILL NEVER REGRET IT.

The Conservative party in Quebec is

completely demoralized as a result of the As an excuse for refusal to place candidates in the field for the provincial con-A recent traveller between Exaterinoslav and Odessa saw a number of is taking an unfair advantage of them the flag. Under supplied of the flag under supplied is taking an unfair advantage of them. says that the cars were ordinary goods have been four sessions of the Quebec Nations which desired reciprocity would vans collected from all the railways of the Russian Empire & 100 many betemplated by the constitution. What difelections for a month or two possibly make? There were only seven Conservatives in the last local House, The leader of the opposition was evidently were so arranged that they could not be afraid of being placed entirely out of business. Practically identical conditions prevail in Nova Scotia, Which Hon. W. S. Fielding swept as with a broom. Even in Ontario, where the members of the party had taken heart of grace within the past couple of years because the spark of hope burned brightly, fanned by the hope that Premier Ross was in extremis-even in Ontario a grat depression has fallen upon the party, and it has given up the hope of consoling itself for federal afflictions by carrying the while admitting the depth of the catastrophe, lugubriously says "it was not the election should be to cause the Conserthe Liveral-Conservative party, but Canada that was hurt the most" by the verdict of November 3rd. It is passing strange, surely, that there is not a dis interested authority in the whole world with an understanding of the circumstances that does not say Canada is to be congratulated on the choice she made of the English-speaking world has commented with satisfaction on the success of the Liberal government, has referred in eulogistic terms to the present status line assembled at the stations to see the and the future prospects of the Domintroops pass, but there was no sign of ion, and has given us a large amount of tinue in active production until they have enthusiasm, and not a single cheer. Ow- advertising which will enhance our pros- satisfied the demand for Christmas luxuring to the limited railroad facilities, adds perity and further promote the remark-

up and replaced by material which will untouched. This project gives transporwater to every citizen for household and land that has never known a plow, all of which is known to be wonderfully pro-fire protection purposes whether his hab-ductive. It is predicted that within the itation be set upon a crag like the aerie next twenty years that section will be

> gradually taken from the wheat acreage elsewhere and given over to diversifie and exporting country of the globe, as it it is now offering attractions that will appreciate the opportunities that exist there for the intelligent, the energetic

CANADA'S FUTURE POLICY.

permanent charges for operating pumps, surely had a paralyzing effect upon the young breast and makes me yearn with maintaining reservoirs and cleaning fil- mental equipment of the able editor of an unspeakable yearning for the unatter beds, they will assuredly want to the Vancouver News-Advertiser, Presiknow whether there is any other practicable source of water supply, possibly ernment, etc., etc. Our contemporary this great want. It shall be gratified, know whether there is any other prac- dent of the Council in the McBride govcalling for no larger expenditures and goes all the way to England for an intiinsuring many advantages which the re- mation that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier were servoir on Bald Hill could never possess. returned to power a maximum and mini-The decision to be made now must be mum tariff would be brought into force. bage for dinner.-Exchange. final. The question of the advantages or It says: "We do not know what authorreverse, of obtaining water by gravita- at Birmingham) had for making such a must be put before our citizens in such ever, that he had good grounds for an stand the intricacies of the problem, to position, he would have scarcely made unanimous opinion of this group of There is more involved than the hewing pronounce judgment intelligently, and to had he not received an intimation from select judiciously. Tapping Goldstream an authoritative source. Uttered as it or Sooke lakes might be a more costly was in Mr. Chamberlain's own town, it business in the first instance, but if a naturally excited much interest, since the which the fruit display which carried large annual saving could be effected in adoption of such a plan would be complithe cost of operation, if such enlarge- mentary to and harmonize with the fiscal ments of the supply as might be required scheme of the ex-Colonial Secretary." As in the future could be easily effected, we have said, what can have come over tests of the leading lights of the Tory forbears were, and the contingency of an favor of the natural gravity scheme, position which demands a profound knowledge of public affairs, Mr. Carterof applessed by the Laurier government.

Sir Hibbert Tupper and all the members of the McBride government were on the stump continuously for several weeks have a good citizen, too, who has being continuously for several weeks have the made a good display in the water commissioner before the City can statement delivered in the Dominion and a good display in his window, who has made a good display in his window portraying in woful colors the injustices that way the cost of operations might be because it involves an expenditure of a country for one year at least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number and described according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least, potentially here, which are certain to lead to a number according to the least accordin portraying in woful colors the injustices that way the cost of operations might be because it involves an expenditure of a country for one year at least, potentially been now if he had senoth accidentally was almost like learning a new profestor which we had been subjected by Sir reduced to a minimum and the conflict worthing affecting such interests for many more been of familiary and his colleagues. They might be carried on indefinitely.

We almost like learning a new profestor was almost like learning a new profestor of a large supply was also sent to the worth and been subjected by Sir reduced to a minimum and the conflict way the cost of operations might be a country for one year at least, potentially been now if he had sentent was almost like learning a new profestor of a large supply was also sent to the worth and the conflict way the cost of operations might be cause it involves an expenditure of a affecting such interests for many more been of familiary was almost like learning a new profestor of a large supply was almost like learning a new profestor of a large supply was almost like learning a new profestor of familiary was almost like learning a new profestor of familiary was almost like learning a new profestor of familiary was almost like learning a new profestor of familiary was almost like learning and the conflict way the cost of operations might be cause it involves an expenditure of a familiary was almost like learning a new profestor of familiary was almost like learning and the conflict way the cost of operations might be cause it involves an expenditure of a familiary was almost like learning and the conflict way the cost of operations might be cause it involves an expenditure of a familiary was almost like learning and the conflict way the cost of operations might be caused to a muminum and the conflict way the cost of the conflict way the cost o Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues. They read telegrams from Leader Borden prothe present works. The policy of tem- And yet in that speech Mr. Fielding ex- plays are made. A selection was forwarded he/armyed? Would be have come in had a prophetic inkling of the effort his out a serious menace to the existence of in contemplation the construction of a tariff under which Canada would deal tarif with other countries as other countries | Special display | carded welle Sent out with dealt with her. There would be a maximum, a minimum and a preferential wire part of the exhibition of British Coltariff. Foreign nations would have the coince Royal Horticultural Society's show. In privilege of indicating by their policy addition to the foregoing, selections were a stout pair of boots and a walking what tariff they chose to have applied to sent to Lady Aberdeen, Lord Strathcona, great Liberal victory throughout Canada. their goods seeking admission to Canada. the Agent-General, Hon. R. G. Tatlow, now The preferential tariff, Mr. Fielding said, In Dublin, and to one or two people conit was proposed to reserve strictly for test, its leaders plead that Premier Parent Great Britain and sister colonies under not got all the press cuttings in yet, but I in following so closely in the wake of manifest there would be no occasion form ceived, and a copy of the letter from the Sir Wilfrid Laurier's triumph. There the negotiation of reciprocity treaties. sthedules. Canada's would come down which I think will give pleasure. I may ference could the postponement of the automatically and sympathetically. That will be a masterly stroke when it goes into effect. 1 'emplained

The Montreal Gazette, the senior newspaper organ of the Conservative party, says that the Liberal victory is too sweeping all along the line to be explained on the ground of corrupt practices. Commenting upon this utterance of the Gazette, the gentleman who was the Dominion organizer of the Conservative party in the campaign of 1900, Mr. Dalby, says that he thinks the Liberal victory is "due partly to the popularity of the Grand Trunk Pacific project, and partly to the unpopularity of the Conservative plan of campaign.' Continuing, Mr. Dalby says: "I have no desire to 'rub it in,' but if one result of vative party to return to sanity, sweet reasonableness and sincerity the lesson will not have been lost."

Reports of storms and blizzards and snows in other parts of the continent lend a fine flavor to that box of freshly picked strawberries delivered to the on election day. The newspaper press | Times by Mr. Green of Gordon Head road on Tuesday. Mr. Green states that he has taken three crops from his vines this season. The curious thing is that the plants are still covered with t blossoms and seem determined to con- grown in Kent or the Channel Islands.

cause of the apparent magnitude of the task of increasing the water supply.

Winnipeg Free Press: The day before wheat on earth.
"The support given the Laurier govelection the Montreal Star had this foreernment in returning such an overcast plastered in big type all over its pages: "There is not a safe seat for the Liberals west of Lake Superior." When the returns are all in the Conservatives pletion of the Grand Trunk Pacific in will have five out of the 29 seats west within the limits of the city. Once here, and his cabinet, the early completion of of Lake Superior. In 1900 the Star predicted that 17 Conservatives would be returned from the 17 seats then in five only. These things should teach permit of not only a plentiful supply of tation facilities to 170,000,000 acres of the Star the folly of placing too much reliance upon Mr. Bob Rogers's rosy prophecies. 'The West is Liberal to-day. It will be Liberal more strongly still next election if the Liberal government at Ottawa does its duty.

> Water Commissioner Raymur having admitted that water meters are not desirable, and that the recreation of the water works will result in their abolition, the Times reaches its hand across the "vawning chasm."

A SOVEREIGN REMEDY.

"Ah,me," sighed Rosella, her face darkening like a second-hand plug hat. "Why was I ever born? Life is so hollow and commonplace and so full of nothing-'Cheer up, daughter," said her mother.

"You have youth and health and gold filling in your teeth. What more could a girl want?" know, mother, I am ungrateful. You have been so kind to me and have given me every luxury, but these things do not satisfy the soul. You cannot un-derstand the intense longing for some-The result of the general elections has thing vague and indefinite that fills my

> "I do, my child, I do, and I sympaand to the fullest measure. Come close to me and I will tell you something in the strictest confidence that will lift the We are to have corn beef and cabman from the crowd with whom he

PLEASED WITH FRUIT

Disposition Made of British Columbia Exhibit After Show Closed-Handsomely Admired.

The secretary of the provincial infor-J. A. Turner, secretary to the agentin which reference is made to the way in off the gold medal at the Royal Horticultural Society was disposed The letter is as follows:

Office of the Agent-General for Br tish Columbia, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus,

London, E.C., October 29th, 1904. R. M. Palmer, Esq., Secretary Bureau of Information, Victoria, B. C .: Dear Sir:-On the break up of the Royal Horticultural Society's show a good supply of apples was sent to the office of the Can- other day—a good citizen, too, who has to the office of the High Commissioner rost and gone out, with nothing to show for Canada and to the six provincial office of this public service except the right to umbian fruit which took the gold medal at he have had his tramp for nothing, like nected with British Columbia. We also secretary of the R. H. S., which has been sent to about fifty papers. I also enclose a copy of a letter from Mr. J. Bruce Walker, Canadian government agent at Glasgow, add that very similar letters have been re-

various papers. I am, dear sir, yours faith-J. A. TURNER, Secretary.

Canada Government Agency, Head Office for Scotland, 32 St. Enoch Square, Glasgow, October 25th, 1904.

ceived from the other Canadian agents and

fully.

Hon. J. H. Turner, Agent-General for British Columbia, Salisbury House, Finsbury Circus, London, E. C.; Dear Sir:-I beg to acknowledge receipt f your letter of the 20th, together with the boxes containing specimens of fruit from the British Columbian exhibit at the Royal Horticultural show at Westminster. I am delighted and surprised at the samples sent. As a man reared in the fruit-growing section of Ontario, I had not believed it resisting that the resistance of believed it possible that British Columbia the ordinary machinery of banking could produce such excellent samples of trusteeship, it apples. They are equal to the best I have two sums should be placed respectively in ver seen either from the Niagara district two safe-deposit boxes in different vaults of Ontario, or the Annapolis valley in Nova in the city. Each box required two keys

I shall have much pleasure in future in of the excellence of the climate, and of the admirable conditions which prevail in the key-holders would have to be success of the fruit culturing methods. Beieve me, yours sincerely. (Signed) J. BRUCE WALKER.

Canadian Government Agent. Very flattering notices of the display have appeared in the leading English pa-

ously of using electric traction on the state To which the boodlers replied: "We zen,

election that will have a far-reaching effect on the whole world is the prospection that will have a far-reaching so the available of the avai Joseph W. Folk

Wherever I have travelled this sum- | have enacted the necessary mer and fall I have heard the name of Joseph W. Folk on everybody's lips, and that the courts interfered. it has been a part of my amusement to draw out persons who have become his admirers from afar, and see what sort of a mental conception they had formed of a man whom they knew well by his existence west of the lakes. They got work, but had never seen. Some of the portraits were fantastic, as was to be expected in the case of a popular hero; but even the sane ones were as a rule so far from the truth as to be absurd. Most of them painted him as a large, powerfully built man, with the hard, omineering manner of a Jack Cade: with a long and bony forefinger seemed to dig into the vitals of the man's conscience at whom it was pointed in gesture; with a fiery eye, a resonant bass voice, and a dramatic style of oratory suggestive of the stage, and making

every speech a harangue.

Now the Folk of real life is comically far from meeting this ideal. Imagine a round, well-filled face, smooth-shaven, on head the crown of which stands back of its centre; a brunette complexion in which the pink tones predominate; a good supply of nearly black hair; broad brow that by turns wrinkles vertically and smooths itself with some rapidity in conversation; dark eyes, not very large, that read and absorb rather than flash; a nose which started out to be inquiring, and then changed its mind and grew long and forceful; thin lips cut straight across the face, giving the mouth a firm expression, except at the corners: a jaw that indicates character with the weight so disposed as to suggest show; clothing of serious but not som bre black, and cut for comfort; small, dry, flexible hands, and non-obtrusive feet; there you have the "Joe" Folk who has turned Missouri upside down and blown the chief tradition of his office full of holes.

bushes as to attract his attention to mingles daily in the streets that the unbservant stranger might pass him a thousand times and give him not a econd thought; and yet, once face to face with him in animated intercourse. you could call him by name if you next net him on the steppes of Tartary. The case? Because it was not treated by who knows both his work and his personality is how the two ever came to be joined. His voice is not loud, but pleasantly modulated. His air has nothing commanding about it; on the contrary, it

Motives Which Impelled Him to Take is touched with a quality which we associate with the South, and for lack of a better name call indolence. Mr. Folk comes normally by this, being a Tenship. He was a fairly successful young nesseean. His accent, with its softening of the harder consonants, its open vowels him and its slight slurring of the finals of reached a point where his profession ooth classes, would betray him even if meant \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year to his his manner did not. Neither manner nor speech quite comport with the conventional idea of a sleepless pursuer of crime, such as he has shown himself. A St. Louisan remarked to me the

about any successful hunter of big game. Suppose the bear or the moose had not strayed within range of his rifle: would the fellow who sallies forth with only stick? That is hardly the point from which to approach the question. A better way to put it would be: What would a gold mine and his backers have happened, if, when he went search of game and came face to face but-how came the prospector there, on with a bear, he had not known where to aim in order to reach a vital part? Or suppose, having hit the trail of a moose, had not had the energy and skill to ollow it till he had got his bull and the eleverness to guess where to look for others? These are the real tests of a portsman's mettle.

Folk's Opportunity. It is quite true that Folk's first op-

ortunity came in the form of an accilent. The public service corporations of St. Louis had been for years in the habit of paying royally for every con-cession they got from the city, whether was righteous or iniquitious, deserved undeserved. Presently came the Suourban Railway Company, in need of some legislation authorizing an extension. Charles H. Turner, a banker, a man of good education and high social tanding, was president of the company. He hired an agent named Stock to negotiate the necessary dirty business with the go-betweens in the two chambers of the municipal assembly, and the price was fixed at \$135,000, of which \$60,000 was arranged that the it; one key to each was to be held by the boodler-in-chief of the chamawing attention to this fact as a proof ber for which the money was set apart, and the other by Mr. Stock. Thus both when the money was paid over. This programme was carried out.

Well, the legislation passed, thanks to the faithfulness with which the boodlers ved up to their agreement. The rails of the projected extension were not laid however, because just at this stage an enemy of the scheme went into court and got out an injunction, on the ground. that the plan as adopted was in viola-The Swedish government is thinking serimanic boodlers came after their pay, the Suburban people said: "Nay, nay. We

done all we could. Angels coul.

Thus the parties to this y

prise came to a deadlock

where neither side had the

cause neither side could ge out the key, of which the session. Emboldened by a of unchecked license in such the boodlers put their heads decided to play a big bluff financiers. So they inst ficant paragraphs which appear daily papers, squinting at the of a scandal behind the subu lation which would blast the ness and social world if published, etc., etc. These eyes of Turner and Stock and them. They also caught the circuit attorney, and he scented t he had come out to capture What happened next has been described to me in slightly different one represents that Folk haled suburban bribers before him the whole truth or go into the dock and take their chances of tentiary; the other represents uncertainty what these strikers n next, consulting his counsel about it, and being advised to confess. from which side proceed of the confession, the brib Folk and made a clean bro thing. This saved their indiv and also gave Folk the opp show that he had left ajar refuge for eleventh-hour his policy came to be unders spired by fear that he might know lowed indictment, till every rend Folk's gun not only brought There is so little to distinguish this , particular game he aimed at but cause

> some quarter he had not suspected Now, granted that all the talk is true which represents this first case as an accident, why do we call it the "first Folk as isolated, but as merely sympton ple. This was the meaning of the regular campaign which he began from the

But let us go further back, and ask

such a disturbance in the

lawyer, who had made a good name for self and was forging ahead, having purse. On that he could live very nice ly in St. Louis, and lay aside a good sum every year against a possible rainy day.

The circuit attorneyship could bring him nothing except hard and com clients au revoir when he accepted office. Moreover, he had always been a civil practitioner up to that time, and to plunge suddenly into crimin enemies would, and did, make later to cut off even this salary, and compel him to get out or work for was he willing to make a change involving all pecuniary loss and no compensating benefits? Because, he had already

conscientious prosecutor would find if he could once pierce the administrative A career founded on an accident? More in have become rich through this accident; the edge of a nime, which no one before had been able to locate? Was it accident which sent and kept him with all the wide world open to him? When the time comes for seriously the "ifs" in a case like Folk's we had better make a thorough job o Folk would have stood to become a re-St. Louis had not first become a den of

then a pretty distinct notion of what a

thieves. Some of his neighbors say that Folk gave up a good practice and cut his come in two because he was ambitious become governor of Missouri or Unite close with the bargains which have bee offered him before, instead of waiting now and going into the field single-h ed, bearing the burdens both of mo eost and bodily effort, to win a pla where he can fill out in a larger way work he has set going in the circuit at torney's office?

The theory on which the plain pe of Missouri are backing Folk now, and would continue to back him for anything he wanted, is that he is leaving a \$7.500 job and making his pres same motive which prompted him throw over a \$15,000 practice for \$7,500 office; that money has no value for him, for its own sake; that he has devoted himself to a task which has proved even bigger than he suspe and that he will stick at it till it is done if it takes the best part of his life and of the money in his purse.- Nev

Commissioner of Pensions Ware has tendered his resignation to Presiden Roosevelt, and it was accepted, to take effect January 1st. The army reserve men of 1887 and 1889, who were to have been mob have been sent home, says a dispatch from Pitrakoff, Poland A. F. Jaurez, editor of the Venezuelan Herald, has been ordered expelled from Venezuela by President Castro. Mr. Jaurez has always defended American interests in his paper. It is thought at

Washington that he is an American citi-

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The report of the wa on the cost and pract structing a reservoir the waterworks system council meeting on Mor missioner went beyond passed by the council port, and besides dealin voir gave a comprehens improvements necessar tion system, in order t tion of supply on a The report, together v the cost, is as follows: City Ha

His Worship the May Dear Sirs:-In acc structions contained dated the 17th of Oct of the feasibility of waterworks purpo In the vicinity are six sites suita Cedar Hill, 696 fee feet; Bare Hill, 669 mountain, 669 feet and Lake or Chris Of these Cedar Hil may be dismissed length of pipe rec situated at the head to the same ob ing three, Lake H ably situated, h of our present 12ever, in the shap summit is so cit the construction able size a very o only Little Saanic Hill to pick from,

ion that the latter east corner of trict, near the nor Broadmead farm a the most suitable lake than Little S the top is suitable is a small valley which, by blasting a reservoir, 300' able of containin equal to about

ditional strength.
side to be coated asphalt. The bottom would have an elevati would deliver the w of Fort and Dougla 320 feet, or 75 fe Judge Martin's residen a uniform steady p business part of the from 100 to 140 pour inch, and would be upon the present sys rect to the main; is very hard on the constant pressure is maintain. The rese plied by a pumping Beaver lake, drawin filter beds. By inst arge pump, one cap hours, the expense not exceed the pre

1902 was 1.984c. and in 1903 1.97c. Under the pre ing day and nig reservoir, the p once the reserv question if th operated all t the winter, an charges for wa while the cost quired for a la the shorter vation of Beay water would elevation of pumping sta ing to the n without water repairs. The station, whet beds or from filter bed site i question of the and clear wa million gallons voir is gover water in the l time, when the however, inch amount of \$10,0 face of the lake reservoir woul There is no do

water to have run to waste, store it. On the other ha of the advisabil rect from Elk la penses of filterin lake is purer th in 1903, from extra men had

the filter beds :