

MEN OF METCHOSIN ENDORSE MR. POOLEY

**Who Has Served the District so Well—Capitalists
Watching the Contest—The McInnes Danger**

the meeting have and always have had the greatest confidence in C. E. Pooley, the present manager for Metcoshin, and that they will do their best to return him at the head of the poll.

Such was the resolution passed by a unanimous vote of those present at the meeting held at Metcoshin yesterday evening in support of C. E. Pooley, the Conservative candidate for the position of mayor. The vote was not a large one, but it was marked by an earnest enthusiasm which was a credit to the mayor.

Pooley has upon the respect of the residents of Metcoshin. The proceedings of the meeting were followed by close attention and the greatest interest on the part of the majority of the residents of Metcoshin. During a disturbance was made by a few Liberals, employees at the quarantine station, who were not invited to the meeting.

And this support he had not had.

Mr. Pooley's Services

Mr. Pooley had done for the district all that was possible for the government had proposed to put the Chinese lepers in the neighborhood. Not only had he done this, but he had offered to do more. He had offered to fight against this step, but he had also supplied his professional services free of charge. He had done this for the government, that Mr. Jardine would paint your houses free of charge? (C. E. Pooley.)

Mr. Inverarity then compared the difference pamphlets of Mr. Jardine and Mr. Pooley. He said that the difference in the tone of the two, much to the discredit of Mr. Jardine's efforts.

"If we require an honest government," said the speaker, "we must require a man who is honest. You can find a more honest man than Mr. Pooley?"

Mr. Inverarity concluded by exhorting his hearers in strong terms to vote for Mr. Pooley.

support their masters, until squelched by Harry Helmeck. Otherwise the proceedings were quiet and orderly. The speakers were H. D. Helmeck, E. H. Macdonald, J. L. Beckwith and Mr. Inverarity. All were well received. Mr. Helmeck being accorded a particularly enthusiastic reception. A. E. Bannister, of Metehosin, took the Conservative government—the best government the province has ever had.”

MR. BECKWITH

Mr. Inverarity was succeeded by J. L. Beckwith. Mr. Beckwith described the present time as the most important

terms of condolence to Mr. Pooley's illness, called upon E. H. MacDowall to speak.

Mr. MacDonnell, opening his address, spoke of the faithful service which Mr. Pooley had given the electorate of the riding of St. John's. "The more I know him," said he, "the more I am convinced that he is retaining him to represent your district." While Mr. Pooley was ill and unable to appear, he was represented by his friend, the young Conservative, H. D. Helmecken (Cheers).

Mr. MacDonnell devoted the first part of his address to the riding of the province for better terms. He

Previous to the time of the present election, Mr. Pooley had been the one dull spot in Canada. Some people had claimed that the present government was the worst since the federal government, and not to the credit of the province. Mr. Pooley's speech was a surprise. Measures had been passed by the government which had materially benefited the province, and all branches of the government were well governed. The Liberals had admitted that the government had done well, and that the province was well governed. They have, however, yet to show

tion and the consequent necessity for a revision. After Nova Scotia had been asked to make a contribution, it was passed providing that no more such cases should be dealt with by the province. The Minister of Education, however, was an astute one, and could be alerted in the interest of the province. Mr. McInnes had paid into the Dominion treasury \$20,000 more than she had received. He was not prepared to let the right claim better terms was shown by the fact that at the late conference the Dominion had agreed to

just. They had offered a paltry \$1,000,000, to be paid in ten yearly instalments of \$100,000, and they had declared that this should be final. As he had said before, however, the British constitution was an elastic one. The War of Columbia was one of the

richest provinces of the Dominion, and the most important proper transportation facilities were needed. To provide these the patriy \$100,000 for ten years was granted.

Mr. McInnes had explained why British Columbia had not got better terms. He said it was because the province had never granted better terms until the province had a Liberal government. It was not up to the wharf at this time to show whether it was to be the slaves of the Dominion or the master of it. They were to show their manhood and demand their proper rights. (Cheers.)

Make No Change

The province, and Vancouver Island in particular, was now entering upon an era of prosperity, indicating that the time had come in this part of the Island. The province could not afford to frighten away capital and business by granting better terms more successfully than the continual change of government. This was the case with the French and African republics, whose immense riches had remained undeveloped largely owing to this very cause.

Mr. McInnes said that in 1838 there had been no fewer than six changes of government, and that the province had remained stagnant, although the rest of Canada

On the conclusion of Mr. Beckwith's speech, the chair of the Premier was taken by a man whose arose amidst loud and enthusiastic cheers.

Mr. Helmcken took the previous speaker's reference to the kindly reference to himself. He said that in appearing there he had not intended to be interpreted that the Premier was unable to be present.

"There are some in this hall tonight," he said, "who are not Conservatives. I am going to appeal to them to 'join hands with us and fight for the good interests of the province.' (Applause.)

He was glad to see so many young fellows in the hall, and was glad when he was a young fellow himself. It was the younger generation who were to make the future of the Union be revised. These terms have been made by the fathers of the present generation, and they were not honored father (Applause), and they had done well. It was due to them that the Dominion was what it was. Mr. Helmcken said that at that time had been entirely "satisfactory. Since then, however, he had seen that the terms now needed altering. It was ridiculous to say that they could not be altered, and that the terms were not altered. He agreed that this province was entitled to exceptional treatment. They, however, had not made a fair use of the terms. He said that \$15,000 a year was

strong London syndicate was even now waiting to see whether a stable government would be maintained before investing millions of dollars in the country.

Mr. MacDowall referred to Mr. Pooley in the most eulogistic terms. He dwelt at length upon his services during the many years he had been a member of the Fetschheim. He then asked the members to give their former member their hearty support, re-

garding the province on the federal government was absurd.

Mr. Pooley went into details concerning the Kalen Island deal, illustrating his remarks from a large map pinned to the wall. He showed that the conduct of the federal government in wishing to bond over to the province the Kalen Island in the vicinity had been improper in the extreme, and he showed that all due care had been taken by the provin-

Mr. MacDowall concluded his address amid a storm of applause. He was then called upon by Mr. Inverarity of Metcalton.

MR. INVERARITY

Mr. Inverarity told his hearers that this was the first time that he had spoken in an election campaign, although he had been in the district for some time. He had never before voted for Mr. Pooley, said he. "For every one reason that we had at the time," he said, "I have no reservations, we have, at this election a vote or no reasons for doing the same."

Members of the Liberal party had told the electors of Esquimaux that Mr. Pooley was too old for the job, and he had neglected the district. These statements were not supported by the facts. There had been no change in the government. The government had raised the taxes three years ago. There would have been no change in the government. There had been more just in the matter of better terms.

There had been made because Mr. Pooley had not got for the people of Metcalton what they wanted regarding the school rates, the school rates and as to the membership of the board of horticulture. It was impossible to do the things which had been required of him without the assistance of the

interests of the people of British Columbia.

Mr. Helmcken conveyed a number of messages from Mr. Pooley to the electors, and sat down among enthusiastic cheers.

The meeting broke up amidst cheers and counter cheers, after a hearty vote of thanks had been passed to Mr. Bannister, the chairman.

THE CALGARY FATALITY

Calgary, Jan. 24.—The younger of the Peddard children, one of the victims of the recent coal gas disaster, died, and the coroner's jury took no morbid interest since yesterday.

HEAVY NAVAL EXPENDITURE

U. S. House Committee Proposes Bill Appropriations

Washington, Jan. 24.—An appropriation of about \$95,000,000 is provided for in the naval appropriation bill agreed upon today by the house committee on naval affairs. The bill provides for an additional battleship of the type agreed upon in the bill of last year. It also provides for the purchase of 100 destroyers and appropriations of \$2,000,000 for submarines in addition to the \$10,000,000 provided for in the bill of last year, which has not yet been expended. Provision is made also for the purchase of 100 additional sailors and 300 additional marines.

The rank of the commandant of marines is raised from brigadier to major general.