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FACTS AND FIGURES.

Mass Meeting Addressed by the Premier at New Westminster---Equal Justice by the Administration to all Sections of the Province Alike Clearly Proved---Parliament Buildings and Redistribution Policy of the Government Triumphant Vindicated.

On the evening of Tuesday, May 10, the Hon. Theo. Davie, in response to a numerously signed requisition, presented to him a few days previously, delivered an address in Herring's Opera House, New Westminster, to a packed audience, there being present in the body of the hall well known men from various sections of the district.

Ex-Mayor W. B. Townsend occupied the chair, and seated upon the platform were Messrs. J. C. Brown, James Punch and C. B. Sword, members of the Legislature, Mayor Curtis, and Ald. Hoy, Ovens and Sinclair.

The chairman briefly stated the object for which the meeting was called, observing that he hoped the Premier would receive a fair hearing. He felt assured that he would, so that it could not be said that the leader of the Government had come to New Westminster and had been denied a hearing. He hoped they would be true to their traditions. To show to a Mainland audience that the Government had done what was entirely right was a heavy task. If the Premier succeeded in doing so, so much the better man was he.

The Premier's Speech,

On coming forward Mr. Davie was received with applause. He said: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It affords me much pleasure to meet you this evening for the discussion of political matters. I have been informed by some, that so strong was the feeling in this district against the Government that it would be useless for myself, or any member of the Government to endeavor to address a public meeting, and that we would be simply hooted from the stage. Now being assured that I have a reasonable explanation to give of political matters, I flatter myself that I have gauged public opinion in this city, and in this district, much better than my informants. I know perfectly well that in this district, as well as everywhere else, there is the British principle of fair play

and everybody who has a right to demand a hearing will be heard. I was perfectly satisfied when I was told that resolutions had been passed at Vancouver and in this city, condemning the Government and calling upon Mr. Punch, who has supported the Government, to resign, that that was not the deliberate action of those who were disposed to hear both sides and determined to exercise their own judgment; I was satisfied that those meetings did not fairly represent the people and I think every man will agree with me, that fair-minded men would not pass a vote of censure until the Government had been given an opportunity to be heard. I am glad of the opportunity of addressing not only this large and representative gathering, but shall be, to address others in the district, either here or elsewhere. I will endeavor this evening to set political matters before you in their true light--what I deem to be their true light--and I hope I will succeed in doing so. (Applause.) Much of the agitation which has culminated in getting up the petition to the Governor-General has been the work of those who desire to, and who live in fact, by disturbing the public mind. (No, no, and applause.) I don't say they earn their living, but I say that is their living, these agitations. I am not blind to the fact that there is a feeling here of something which should be explained, a feeling of unrest, a sentiment of danger to come, which, although not fully developed, and not yet, with some, very deep-seated, yet is of such a nature as to call for explanation. I should not represent the Government of this Province were I not to be the first to accord with this expression of sentiment on the part of the people. Now, as I have already said, I hope that with reasonable men I shall be able to allay any feeling of distrust and to clear up matters, without any exception. I say it is with that knowledge, and with the courage of my convic-