

Veterinary Inspector for this port in 1886, and has held this position ever since, discharging the duties of that responsible office in a manner which proves him a thoroughly competent veterinary surgeon.

Dr. Blanchard was successful from the first, and soon acquired a large and lucrative practice. He is a member of the I. O. O. F. and a Fellow of the Montreal Veterinary Association. He is also Secretary of the B. C. Pharmaceutical Association. As a veterinary surgeon Dr. Blanchard stands high among the members of the profession. He is thoroughly posted on all matters pertaining to equine science, and is acknowledged to be a most skilful practitioner. He is of a pleasant, genial disposition, courteous and obliging to all, and possesses an extraordinary amount of energy. This is exemplified by the manner in which he attends to his extensive practice. He is quite a society man too, his bright conversation and agreeable nature making him a welcome addition at social gatherings.

His offices are situated at No. 93½ Douglas Street.

BUSINESS MEN IN PUBLIC LIFE.

The British Columbia Commercial Journal thus discusses the situation of municipal matters:

At about this season of the year, people's fancy—not very lightly, either—is accustomed to turn to election matters. In some places it is for the purposes of municipal government that people select their representatives and, in other departments, too, a choice made of such as are eligible to be placed in positions of trust. Unfortunately, however, in many localities, as concerns municipal institutions particularly, enough store is not set upon them, and people are allowed to go in pretty much as they please, since, although there may be numerous candidates, the best men do not come out, for the reason that they do not set sufficient store upon the importance of business men attending to the affairs of their fellow citizens. It may be said that provided they have property qualifications almost any one will do, since they will not be likely to go far astray, they having financial interests at stake which they will not be disposed to imperil. This may be all very well as far as it goes; but on the one hand the municipal representative, even though he be adequately qualified from a property point of view, may, on the other hand, be disposed to be too narrow in his ideas, and therefore be indisposed to incur needed expenditures, because he fears that the incidence of taxation will be too heavy; while, on the other, his ideas may be far and away ahead of his times or of the views of those with whom he is associated. Still

this latter, on this account, is no way unfitted for the post of a municipal politician.

What, however, above all in public affairs is absolutely required is more business men—who have not only material interests in bricks and mortar and town lots, but who are engaged in that active commercial life which keeps them and their resources in continuous circulation. They are, on this account, better fitted than any one else for this department of active public life. It may be said that it is always well to have real estate adequately represented, to have a lawyer on the Council board and possibly to have a contractor who knows something about how public works and improvements are carried on. So it may be, and doubtless is, but there is and has been such a thing as having too much of a good thing. Without reflecting upon any one, cannot it very properly be said that there have been too many people in the Council directly or indirectly interested in public contracts. It is, of course, as we all know, against the law that such should be the case, and it requires considerable skill to hide the hand that is concerned in the manipulations; yet though Royal Commissioners may discover nothing—and there may really be nothing—as in all probability is the case here—still the public have a vague sort of suspicion or fear that all is not as it should be and that certain aldermen know more about things than actually appears on the surface.

Upon the proper administration of public affairs, depends very much of the business life of a city, and it is to be hoped that capital and industry will both of them pay more attention to these things and demonstrate that though their books and ledgers and their workshops are, in their estimation, of very great importance, they do not render it impossible for them to pay some attention to those concerns in which the entire community is interested. Let Victoria, as well as other towns where municipal institutions obtain have at their disposal the very best material available; in such event everything will go smoother and the progress that is made will, in every respect, be more lasting.

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SIR GEORGE BADEN POWELL is likely to return to Washington almost immediately to assist in drawing up the report of the Behring Sea Commission to be submitted to the court of arbitration probably at the end of the present month.

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