

## MINISTERS AT SALT SPRING

### Messrs. Tatlow, Fulton and Green Accorded Fine Reception by Residents.

## ROUSING MEETING HELD

### McBride Government's Policy Endorsed—Some Very Interesting Speeches.

The largest and most representative meeting that has ever been held on Salt Spring Island took place on Friday evening at Ganges Harbor, when Hon. R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, Hon. F. J. Fulton, minister of education and provincial secretary, and Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, appeared before the electors of the Islands to give an account of their stewardship.

The large hall was filled to overflowing, and many were unable to obtain admittance, crowds being on the steps in an endeavor to hear what the ministers of the government had to say; and by the applause that was meted out to the speakers it was evident that the electors of that district are thoroughly in accord with the work that has been done by the Conservative government since they have been in office.

The chair was occupied by Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, and along with the members of the government on the platform were A. E. McPhillips, K. C., president of the Victoria Conservative club, and George Jay. The speakers of the evening were Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, Hon. Mr. Tatlow, Hon. Mr. Green, Hon. Mr. Fulton, and Mr. McPhillips. The minister of finance addressed the meeting first, and received great applause at the conclusion of his address. Mr. Green next made an address, and at times was interrupted by cheers which lasted several minutes, and at the conclusion of his remarks the audience sang "God Save the King" and "The British Grenadiers" and cheered him. Although there were a few who came with the intention of opposing the government, they were so outnumbered that they were convinced that the government of the province of British Columbia are working in the manner that is the best interests of the province as a whole. Although it was intended that Hon. R. McBride was to have been present, he was unavoidably detained in the upper Mainland, and was unable to reach Salt Spring in time for the meeting, but sent a message of regret.

### Chairman's Remarks

The chairman, Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, in his opening remarks said he was pleased to have the opportunity of presiding over the largest meeting that had ever been held in that district. He was especially well pleased to see such a large turnout, when they were practically at the turn of the tide. This was very easily seen when it was considered that many of the supporters of the Liberal party and those who had helped to defeat the Conservative party had retired. He instanced Messrs. Sifton, Blinn, and before deigning so he took occasion to explain why Hon. Premier McBride was not present.

### Treasurer is Full

Continuing, Capt. Tatlow said that the last time he met the electors of the district he had to tell them a story of an empty treasury as well as a large provincial debt. The conditions of things were now changed and the treasury was overflowing. He told them that the increase of taxes that was made by the government on taking power was absolutely necessary as the government had to negotiate a loan for \$1,000,000 to meet the needs of the province. For this they had to increase the taxes, but this was necessary when it was found that owing to the bad financial condition of the province they had not only to guarantee the loan, but also a heavy interest. The people of the province believed that story and as a result they were able to pay the debt which every one acknowledged to be drastic but necessary. Immediately this action became known the province commenced to occupy a better position in the financial world and the past year saw a surplus of about \$25,000. For the present year he stated they would be within their rights to pay the debt and occupy a still better place in the money markets of the old country. He was of the opinion that in the future it would not be necessary to pay the debt with any increase of taxes. He pointed out that if the country continued to advance in the coming years as it had done in the past the government will be able to reduce the taxes to such an extent that they will be provided for by the additional revenue from the min-

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ing and other development companies. (Loud cheers.) Regarding the assessment of the lands he stated that in the near future the government hoped to form a board of equalization composed of seven or eight assessors, who would meet regularly and prepare assessments. He hoped that then the complaint that portions of the province were unfairly taxed would be cleared away. He stated that the record of the government was before them and it would be seen that British Columbia was enjoying a period of prosperity that has never been seen before. (Applause.)

Assessment Act Regarding agriculture he said that during the past few years there had been great advancement amounting to nearly 40 per cent., and he hoped that the advancement would continue. He referred to the result of the fruit-growing by which the province had been able to win the gold medal in London. This he said was a great help to the province as a whole. The government were also making extensive measures regarding fruit inspection, which he thought was a great boon to the fruit growers of the province. As the result of the measures taken by the government they had condemned a large amount of fruit from the United States which was affected by disease.

Regarding dairying, he stated that they had secured the services of Mr. Logan to act as inspector of dairies, and he thought that in future the dairies would be looked after as well as any other. He stated that British Columbia did not make enough butter for to supply her own people, but the farmers were taking greater interest in it and in the near future the supply would be much greater.

The Railway Question Regarding the development of the province the government had refused to grant any railway subsidies, there was more railway construction going on than ever before. This, he thought, was something the government had to be proud of. (Loud applause.) Continuing, he referred to the remarks of the opposition regarding railway construction and said that many had ventured to say that no railways would ever be constructed unless they received government aid. This, he said, was without foundation, as the government would feel proud of, and he hoped that British Columbia would continue to advance as she had done in the past. (Loud and continued applause.)

Hon. Mr. Green Hon. Mr. Green on rising was greeted with loud and continued applause for several minutes. In opening his remarks he took occasion to refer to the fact that his opening address had been a comparison between the present and past governments. While he was in the opposition he had always maintained that the ministers should visit every district to ascertain their views, even if there was no election coming on, but because there was an election in sight, but it was to find the wants of the people that they were present at the meeting. In the past the government only made a tour to the district when an election was in sight, but this government was going to do better than its predecessors and intend to make a regular district tour. He took occasion to thank the district for the assistance they had given the government regarding fruit inspection, when times were hard and the fruit growing industry only in its infancy.

Regarding the timber industry, he stated that it was in a better condition than ever before, and the government are annually getting a much greater revenue. The government deserved and took some credit for these things. The timber industry was now well regulated and could only be obtained in a fair manner, and unless the taxes were paid, owners could not obtain their timber. The lumber industry was thriving and there was not a sawmill in the province that did not have a market for all the lumber they could cut. The government were still endeavoring to assist this industry, and it would continue to grow as long as British Columbia had a solid party government.

### Party Government a Success

In referring to a party government, he said that it was the greatest thing that had ever happened in British Columbia. He pointed out that in previous governments it was a easy matter to get a member to cross the floor of the house to the opposition for a small reason or if he could obtain something for his district. But now with a party government it was different, and a member would not desert his party. He was of the opinion that with straight party government it was possible to get better legislation than in past years. Since the present government had been in power he did not have any legislation that people were satisfied with, and in any by-election the electors had shown that they were in sympathy with the government. He cited the case in Alberni, where an opposition majority was turned into a government majority. (Applause.)

Regarding wharves, he stated that the government had done nothing to do with building wharves, but it was a case for the Dominion government, and if the government at Ottawa were to assist in this, and they had taken from the province they would be glad to build wharves. (Loud cheers.) It was the duty of the Dominion government to assist in this, and they had shown that it was their duty by building wharves in the east as well as some on the Fraser river. The Dominion government had control over the steamship lines and waterways, and they should attend to the wharves. (Applause.) He advised the electors to take the question up with their representatives at Ottawa and ask them why they built wharves for the east and not in British Columbia. (Cheers.)

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## GURZON DECLINES A NOMINATION

### Health of Former Viceroy Prevents His Accepting Sir E. Clarke's Seat.

### SIR F. BANBURY TO RUN

### Stewart Canadians Please the Eye of a British Admirer.

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with Japan, 152,000 men, including the Russian prisoners from Japan, have been landed here and distributed throughout the interior of the country. The most stringent precautions are observed in order to prevent the slightest intercourse between the returning troops coming here were largely disaffected. The spirit of dissatisfaction was even more noticeable among the officers than the men. The former frankly expressed the opinion that if parliament can hold its own until the spring it will be able to count on the army to support its demands.

St. Petersburg, June 11.—Chief of Police Derzhakoff was slain and killed today by several unknown persons while he was out driving. His coachman was severely wounded.

Warsaw, June 11.—Several persons were killed in rioting here Saturday. The disturbances were inaugurated to avenge a workman who was executed on Saturday morning for attempting to kill a police officer.

### MISSIONARY UNION.

International Gathering Discussed—Spiritual Life of Home Church.

Clifton Springs, N. Y., June 11.—The home side of foreign missions, the topic of missionary interest upon the spiritual life of the home church and the support of missionaries and missionary stations by individuals and societies were the subjects discussed at today's session of the International Missionary Union.

### SENATOR REED SMOOT.

U. S. Senatorial Committee Report on Subject of Mormon's Seat.

Washington, June 11.—The majority and minority reports of the committee on privileges and elections in the case of Senator Reed Smoot, Utah, were today presented in the senate. The former by Senator Burrows, declaring that Mr. Smoot was not entitled to his seat and the latter under Senator Foraker, taking the opposite view. Senator Bailey, who is a member of the committee, stated that while he concurred in the views of the majority, he was of the opinion that Mr. Smoot could not be deprived of his seat under the constitution, except by a resolution of expulsion. Senator Smoot was present when the reports were presented, and the plates suggested by Mr. Bailey, a view of two-thirds would be necessary to vacate the seat of the Utah senator.

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## THE DAY AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

### Release of Notorious Brother the Subject of Question in the House.

### SHANGHAING OF SAILORS

### Alleged Conditions at Vancouver to Be Subject of an Enquiry.

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