## CITY ENGINEER'S PARTING SHOT

H. TOPP SPEAKS PLAINLY TO COUNCIL

eclares That Street Work is Impeded by Lack of System.

spect to all matters of important ng before that body. Save in the city engineer, and a motion by Ald. er that certain works of local imon the business in hand. In ard to the letter from Mr. Topp, ral of the aldermen took objection the statement contained therein to effect that the city council had so d in ordering street work as to imhardship upon the engineering

Topp points out some of the which have delayed several of by-laws from being closed up. The included in local improvement aws, are passed by the council in a manner that the macadan adways and permanent walks are thed together, and the consequence been that the sidewalk work has n carried out in advance of the er work, as there were complete ants for such sidewalk work and ma-rial available, while on the other lay over for want of sufficient apial to carry out that class of work. Topp has always been of the opinthat sidewalk construction and adam roadways should be includin separate by-laws, and also that work should be kept in districts as ich as possible. Unless this is done system or economy can be expected the carrying out of local improve ents. In a great many cases the solutions to undertake works are sed by the council without any sideration of expeditiously carrying the work, and after the reports laid before the council several t the engineer's office being con-ted as to the adaptability of such orks being carried out to the best antage and in conjunction with one

on a motion being made that the ter be referred to the incoming uncil, Ald, Fullerton objected to the gestion made by Mr. Topp that the cil had tied his hands. He thought department had no knowledge of various kinds of street work that being ordered done.

Mayor Hall corrected Ald. Fullerton he engineer was not complaining out the nature of the work ordered streets in different parts of the city

Ald. Fullerton stuck to his guns and lared that if any embarrassment sued in the engineer's department was the fault of the city engineer, that official must know all about the ork from the time of its inception. In in his opinion, the engineer knew ore about the street work and the which it was going to cuted than any member of the

Ald. Henderson also thought that the plaint of the city engineer was a e far-fetched. When he (Ald. ets committee he had invariably nsulted with the city engineer in re pect to the manner in which the eet work was going to be executed. The motion to refer the matter to the ning council was then passed.

EXONERATES THE CHIEF.

olice Commission of Cranbrook Investigates Charges.

Cranbrook, Jan. 3. - Rev. Rober ughes, pastor of the Methodist urch here, has been publishing from ne to time recently a paper called Searchlight, the last issue of which ory A. Dow, chief of the city police. as called for by Mr. Dow before the issioners, Mayor Fink, Jas. yan and D. J. Johnson. The inquiry ned on December 21st, when Mr. ort of his allegations.

he inquiry was postponed in order afford Mr. Hughes the opportunity produce witnesses, and on being reed, A. I. Fisher of Fernie, appearas counsel for Mr. Hughes, who ted that he got the information m what he considered a reliable ce but had not verified it at the me of publication. He offered no evince in substantiation of the allegaon for which he said he took the illest responsibility. He admitted iting the article and publishing the aper in which it appeared. He said was all meant for the public good.

le produced no witnesses. The chief of police on oath gave the est positive denial of the whole matr and was subjected by Mr. Fisher a cross-examination in which counwas permitted by the commissioncommissioners had consulted for out five minutes they entirely exonrated the chief of police.

BUILDING AT CALGARY.

Calgary, Jan. 4 .- Building returns fo he year past total \$2,420,452. This erely represents eighty per cent. of value of the buildings erected. ding Inspector Harrison announces hat in 1910 the permits issued will toate is considered very conservative ned during December show an inrease of 243 over the same month last ear. Revision of the building by-laws now taking place, with a view to eeting present requirements

## TARIFF REFORM WILL INCREASE EMPLOYMENT

Balfour Declares Principles Underlying Budget Will Decrease Welfare of Working Classes-Britain's Naval Supremacy Threatened.

ed that Germany and England iplomats of lesser powers did not hare this view. He insists that Great the memory of living man, iner naval superiority on her own

going to be war between this counand any great foreign power. en knows I don't desire it, and I believe it, but please remember nat absolutely the only way in which ou can secure the peace which you led desire is that you shall be sure of ctory if war takes place." (Cheers.) The empire existed only on suffer-nce, he said, if her navy was not sue. He was not content to exist on

Mr. Balfour, continuing, alleged that Germans not connected with the government, but men of position and character, when they heard tariff reform entioned actually had the audacity say: "Do you suppose that we was nearly as necessary to organize our productive capacity as to make adequate organization for defence.

Socialism, and the budget was avowedly socialistic, destroyed that confidence without which private enterprise was an absolute impossibility.

where a tariff has been applied there had been increases in both home and import trade. "That is why I say with easonably carried out, will greatly crease employment for the working classes, while the principles underlying the budget will greatly decrease the welfare of those same classes."

Mr. Balfour said that if the people neglected the chance which the courage and patriotism of the lords had given them they would bring on them-selves deserved misfortune.

Concluding, Mr. Balfour said: "I be-ve that tariff reform from the viewpoint of inhabitants of Great Britain is by far the best way of raising revnue. It will give needed security to our producers, and I also look for its effect beyond the seas. Our fellow citizens overseas have given us preference reely, the value of which is unques tioned. They have given us a lead.

Are you going to refuse to follow?"
He refused to associate himself with a party which, when invited by those who were their children to take this plain step for closer unity, repudiated with scorn the invitation.

Land Proposals. The campaign enters on its last phase with the Conservative leader putting emphasis on the party's land proposals. He believes that this policy, which, as previously explained, Pancras division, thinks he has a aims at creating a large class of proprietors of small holdings, will be more know where he stands on January 17th.

popular than Lloyd George's land Donald MacMaster believes himself Monday, he says: "Liberals apparent think land ownership discreditable except in the case of the Irish farmer make him a proprietor, British credit may be livishly employed, but different policy is good enough for Britain. Here, possession of land is treated almost as unwise. Those who ndulge in it shall be made to pay. Nothing shall be done to increase the umber of owners." This is a rather elever way of dealing with the subject or the English agricultural classes are already inclined to be jealous of the

Question of Duties. Leader-baiting is the political sport of the moment. Mr. Balfour is an old and at avoiding any premature dis are of details of his policy, and no ody expects him to do what his p enemies demand in the angries he means to impose. "I will his invariable reply. The truth pro bably is that he has not fully made up his mind, beyond that the duties will moderate and widespread. He wiil eave actual details to his chancellor f the exchequer, when appointed, acting on the advice of permanent of-

privileges of the Irish people.

is understood that not a few nemes, fulfilling in part Mr. Cham berlain's ideas, are filed away in treasy pigeon holes with the imprimatur e of the highest of British treas officials of past years.

Now it is Premier Asquith's turn. talive, and influential as to dwarf importance of the Commons in the nevertheless, last night stepped | Salvation Army. ead of Mr. Asquith and argues 'n or of an elective non-hereditary

Power of the Lords.

here remains the policy of bend sition of the house alone. But how? A did not hear the approaching train,

Loudon, Jan. 5 .- A. J. Balfour, speak- Radical member of parliament asserts ig at Hanley last night, said he would that Mr. Asquith, speaking in the pres tariff reform. He hoped and bewould be to demand from the King letter accepting a condition, without and not come into conflict, but said which Mr. Asquith will refuse to re sume office, namely, that sufficient life peers be created to pass through the tain was in a position as regards Lords forthwith 1 radical measure pro come law by assent of the Commons and the King alone, while in general was threatened within the near legislation, the Lords' veto will be annulled after a substantial interval, say

> Sir William Anson maintains that any such step would be an unconsti-tutional use of brute force, and de mands that Mr. Asquith come out into the open. There are also demands be pressed to accept or reject Lord form of the Lords, which many of the

Another significant defection is anounced. John Duffy, Socialist leader of the Independent Labor party at Gateshead, has resigned the viceto say: "Do you suppose that we chairmanship of that party. He says: hould ever allow Great Britain to adopt tariff reform?" Without wishing helping tariff reform.' Precisely. I o press private conversation excessive-y, he said this made his blood boil. It would be worse off as the result of change in the fiscal system, display

wanton ignorance of the present condi-

tion of the people."

Capt. Kincaid Smith, an ex-Radical M. P. for Stratford-on-Avon, who i speaking now on tariff reform, says imports, I have been forced to the con-clusion that arguments applicable a generation ago have no value. By tariff reform we gain better treatment in foreign markets, more work and more wages for Englishmen, a realization of the policy of Imperial preference, and above all, something really effective towards reducing unemploy

Empire Defence. Mr. Blatchford, the sale of whos pamphlet on German naval menace already exceeds half a million, creates some stir in Unionist circles by the some stir in Unionist circles by the declaration in his Socialist journal, the Clarion, that though he wrote his Out of the 688 aspirants, either al-He says:

"If the electorate is going to return the Tories to power under the impression that tariff reform and Dread-noughts will save the Empire, the electorate is trusting to a rotten reed."
Upon which a Radical paper remarks: "Lord Lansdowne must find Blatchord a most uncomfortable bed-fellow

Martin Confident. Joseph Martin, the former premier of British Columbia, who is running as Pancras division, thinks he has a chance of being elected. He will Donald MacMaster believes himself tain of re-electi winner, hands down. Hamar Green wood cannot see where he can get left.

Two Liberal candidates are to be of the Exchequer Lloyd George canrun by the City of London Liberal Association in opposition to Mr. Balfour Haldane and Foreign Secretary Grey which Chamberlain's allies among the and Sir Frederick Banbury. There are 64 elections to be held on espectively.

January 15th, including 18 in London, six in Manchester and seven in Birmingham. The results ought to give an President of the Local Government indication as to how the rest will go. Unionists are opening shops for the exhibition of foreign-made goods, which have attained considerable success as an electioneering factor.

JAPANESE LEGISLATOR JOINS SALVATION ARMY

namely, state exactly what Arizo Muramatsu Publicly Announces His Conversion to Christianity.

Tokio, Jan. 5 .- Aizo Muramatsu, who was expelled from the Japanese House of Commons owing to his conviction of ment, as he has been too feeble to at-implication in the recently bared sugar tend parliament for two years, and scandals in which several national legislators were concerned, was converted to Christianity to-day and joined the Salvation Army in a dramatic public tershire, Jos. Chamberlain's son, Ausspeech. His connection with the sugar sterday Sir William Anson, the em- scandals which bereft him of his pohistorian, repeats Lord Rose- litical honors, is said to have preyed insistent question: "What is heavily on his mind. Recently he atpolicy regarding the House of tended a meeting of the Salvation Three ways have been sug- Army corps. What was said and Keir Hardie, Macdonald and Narnes, namely, ending, mending, or done at a subsequent meeting he at-Asquith definitely dis- tended paved the way for a dramatic inis ending, thus disappointing his scene at the army headquarters here dalist and thorough-going Radical Before a large audience of Japanese opporters. Also he refrains from sup- and Europeans, the former legislator ing either Sir Edward Grey's or rose to his feet and made startling rd Resebery's proposal for mending, confessions. He announced his coning that it would run risk of mak- version to Christianity and publicly g a second chamber so brainy, repre- aeclared his intention of adhereing in the future to the tenets of that faith. Following the meeting, Muramatsu of the electorate. Sir Edward enrolled as an active member of the

TWO KILLED BY TRAIN.

Sherbrook, Que., Jan. 5 .- Jim Woods which means curtailing the powers were killed by a train at Echovale



## COUNTING CHANCES | SCOTLAND STANDS | COAL FAMINE IN ELECTION

**BURNS AND BUXTON** IS ALMOST SOLID WILL HAVE HARD FIGHT FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Other Members of Cabinet Considered to Hold Safe

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 5 .- With the beginning of the new year, the smouldering fires of the English political campaign have

articles for the Daily Mail, he does not ready nominated or yet to be chosen believe the Unionists mean to put Im- for seats in the next parliament, there erial safety before party advantage. are few who are not worrying about their chances. They will not be opposed in their respective constituen-

> tives. The seventeenth is the Speaker, the Right Hon. James W. Lowther, of the House of Commons and of the con-

Premier Asquith assuredly will win able them to his old seat, East Fife. Chancellor soil they till. not lose Carnarvon, and War Minister however, all able to point to cases in

In fact, the only members of the of the new cry. abinet who are in the least danger are Board John Burns and Postmaster-General Buxton, respectively of the London wards of Battersea and Poplar. On account of the notorious ur certainty of London constituencies

these two will have to fight hard. are confident of re-election. Arthur J. Balfour, Conservative leader, and Sir Frederick Branbury, the cunningest obstructionist in parliament, are absoutely certain of success. They are the two representatives from the city o ondon, a patch one mile square in the heart of the greater metropolis. It is the centre of the financial district, and, unlike the erratic outter it always is Conservative by 10,000 or 12,000 majority. Chamberlain will dictate the seven

Birmingham seats as usual. election of Jos. Chamberlain himself is largely a matter of compliprobably never will be seen at Westhowled down at a recent meeting, in his own constituency of East Worcesten, is undoubtedly sure, at least in his father's opinion, of re-election. Otherwise, it is certain that the older man would see that he is taken care of in the city last evening, The labor leaders, Arthur Henderson,

will win easily. CUSTOMS COLLECTIONS.

New York, Jan. 5.-The marked in rease in/customs receipts on passen gers' baggage under Wm. Loeb's collectorship, as already shown by month ly reports, was brought out in greater were made public yesterday. The re ceipts for 1909 are nearly 120 per cent. greater than the combined receipts of 1906 and 1907.

GRAND TRUNK EARNINGS

Montreal, Jan. 5 .- Grand Trunk rail way earnings for the period ending The bodies December 31st, increased \$121,973.

## WHERE SHE DID NOW FEARED COLD WAVE DEMORALIZES

RAILWAY TRAFFIC

in Western

States.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Denver, Colo., Jan. 5.-The cold wave

of the last few days, which has result-

ed in at least ten deaths in Western

states and has partially tied up near-

ly every railroad, threatens to bring or

Demoralized passenger trains hav

cording to advices from Minneapolis

Besides the eight persons reported

the hills near Judish Gap, Montana,

farmer named Isaackson perished of

ne cold on his farm near Couderay,

Oscar Melhorn, of Bismarck, N. I

believed to be dying as a result of

eing frozen while walking to that

Chicago, Jan. 5 .- The snow and sleet

The middle West experienced

storm which crippled industry in Col-

orado yesterday, moved eastward to-

one of the worst storms in recent

The damage caused by the storm was

been reported. Wire communication

snow and wind caused a number of

minor wrecks which soon rendered

Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma also

Serious Losses

Salt Lake, Jan. 5.-R. E. Wells, gen

FIRE THREATENS TOWN.

Watertown, S. D., Jan. 5 .- The town of

unknown origin last night. The entire

buildings were destroyed by the fire,

which, fanned by a high- wind, spread

FIVE PERISH IN FLAMES.

Burned to Death in Fire Which De-

Burnside, Ky., Jan. 5 .- Mrs. Mary

Corder and her daughter, Mrs. Jonas

Kiss, with three children, were burned

Kiss home at Slavens, Wayne county,

SUCCESSION DUTIES.

Toronto, Jan. 5 .- The province last

ear received \$759,000 in succession du-

stroyed Their Home

rapidly.

useless trams into the suburbs

was badly interrupted. In Chicago

nmense, although no fatalities have

Storm Moves Eastwards.

account of lack of fuel.

Unionists Admit Proposal to Two More Deaths Are Reported Tax Food is Un-

Edinburgh, Jan. 5.—Central officers f the Liberal party yesterday again expressed the opinion that politically Scotland stands as in the last House,

almost solid for the government. On the other hand, the Unionists, as elsewhere, admit the unpopularity of a coal famine throughout the entire the proposed food Staxes. Without middle West. them, they contend, tariff reform would have swept Scotland. They have had to stick to food taxes, they say, in the senger traffic ahead of freight, and this larger interests of the Empire. No is held responsible for the non-delivsystem of preferential trade, in their ery of coal in the larger cities of the duties. Even if the Liberals win, add the Unionists, their majority will be een in number. Of these nine are Irish | so small as to create a condition of chaos, out of which, in the end, tariff reform will emerge triumphant.

This is a very fine theory, but Mr.

ahead of all other kinds of freight, acchemberlain's own view is that now or never is the time for victory. The stituency of Penrith, Lowther origi- advocacy of small land holdings under nally was a Conservative, but the a land purchase act like Ireland's is theory is that, upon election of the being pressed to the front daily as the Speakership, the member so honored Unionist alternative to land value becomes strictly non-partisan.

Several other members, while they Mr. Chamberlain, in another of his dead in Colorado and New Mexico, two Legislature, and have to fight for their places, are cerdally epistles. says the agriculturists other victims are reported to-day. Ger-for that purpose. want such legislation in order to en- ald Walker was found frozen to death On the platform the

are safe in Haddington and Berwick Lords are driving men off the land. This vastly lessens the political value

CANADIAN CLUB WILL HEAR WM. MACKENIZE

President of Canadian Northern to Speak Here Tomorrow.

William Mackenzie, president of the experienced damage from snow and Canadian Northern Railway Company, wind. will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon to be given to-morrow at 1 o'clock at the Broad eral manager of the San Pedro, Los street hall. Frank I. Clarke, the sec- Angeles and Sait Lake road, stated toretary of the Canadian Club, received day that from the meagre reports re notification of Mr. Mackenzie's consent ceived here thus far he estimated the to do so only last night and he has had. damage at about \$1,000,000. He was therefore, but little time in which to unable to state when traffic would be resumed. Fears are expressed for the bers of the club who desire to hear one safety of the inhabitants of three small of Canada's foremost citizens are villages in the canyon. minster again. Although he was asked to observe this notice in lieu of one through the mail from the secre-

Tickets for the luncheon are now or sale at Hibben's and at the Victoria Book and Stationery store Government street. Mr. Mackenzie arrived in The tickets to members of the club

will be 50 cents each.

VETERAN PASSES AWAY.

St. Catharine, Jan. 5.-R. Hoople aged 89 years, a son of the first white man who ever piloted a steamship through the St. Lawrence river, and a veteran of the Mackenzie rebellion of 1887 and of the Fenian raid of 1866, is ontrast by figures for the year, which dead at the general hospital after a brief illness.

FOUR PERISH IN FIRE.

Peoria, Ills., Jan. 5.-Mrs. Linton her two children, and Jos Pacey were burned to death in a fire today in a stable over which they lived.

Villiam Mackenzie, president of the toba about six months ago to take his Canadian Northern Railway Company, present position with the Canadian who reached the city last evening. D. Northern. Mr. Phippen is greatly en-D. Mann, his distinguished partner, is amored of British Columbia in general expected to also reach the city to-day and Vancouver Island in particular, He a company with Col. A. D. Davidson, regards this island as perhaps the and commissioner. F. H. Phippen, richest section of the Dominion in regeneral counsel of the company, is here with Mr. Mackenzie, and they are that it has a great future. That the guests at the Empress hotel. The purpose of the visit is to confer in its development to an important de-

with Premier McBride and his col- gree he did not doubt leagues of the government respecting the details of the contract for the extension of the Canadian Northern railway through British Columbia to the oast cities. The party expect to re-Messrs. Mackenzie and Phippen ac-

oress. The president of the Canadian Northern said there would, of course, be little for publication respecting the mmediate plans of the company in British Columbia," Mr. Phippen went egard to the railway enterprise until on. "You have the area of an Empire,

Victoria has as guest to-day one of ronto, is one of the leading jurists of ce foremost railway builders on the Canada. He resigned his position as continent of America in the person of judge of the appellate court of Mani-

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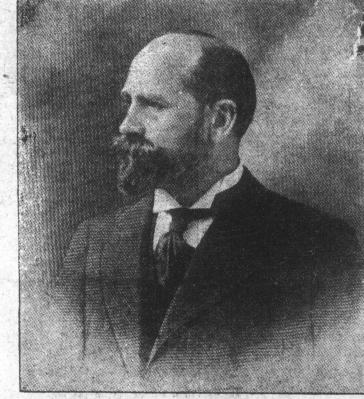
Immediate Inquiries Will be Made Regard-

ing Vancouver Island Connection.

Speaking of the future of British Columbia, Mr. Phippen said that its development would tax the energies of its people for many years to come. It is so vast in area and presents so nain in the city for upwards of a many natural obstacles to the process of opening it for settlement,

of its peculiar topographical features orded an interview with a Times rep-tesentative this morning at the Emtrunk roads was not only a very expensive undertaking but decupied much time.

after the conference with the govern- a variety and an extent of resources



WILLIAM MACKENZIE, PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The first report of suffering from the City. The Iowa University closed down here to discuss all the details of the contract prior to the opening of the dead in Colorado and New Mexico, two Legislature, and they were now here

> terest in Vancouver Island, and aske particularly about the nature of the country which would be traversed or from Victoria to Barkley Sound. He Scottish stock. After completing his fer with M. Carlin and associates, who have a charter for the construction of turned to commercial pursuits, and line from Victoria to Barkley Sound. regarding that enterprise, with the ter could be obtained by the Canadian Northern. The B. C. Electric Railway Mr. Mackenzie undertook a portion of Company had, he said, been in comnunication with him respecting arranging for the construction of a pipe to Barkley Sound. While here a con ard the local manager of the B. C.

Electric Railway, on that point, Mr. Mackenzie had heard that the route to Barkley Sound went through very rough country, but that the timber resources were very valuable section of Vancouver Island, but the company would get in touch immediately with all those on the Island who could impart any information of

Asked if, in the event of the negotia tions with the government proving sat isfactory to all concerned, there would be an early start on the construction of the line through British Columbia, Mr. Mackenzie said that the enterprise was a larger one than most people seemed to assume, and as construction would be difficult in such a rough country as British Columbia, it could Castlewood, 18 miles south of here, nar- not be taken in hand with that alacrity rowly missed being wiped out by fire of that characterized railway construc tion on the prairies. It should not be south side of Main street is in ashes. forgotten, either, that the financing The loss amounts to \$180,000. Twelve the proposition was a task which would becessarily occupy some time While the guarantee of the government would assist the company to the extent of \$35,000 per mile, this sum would fall short of the required amount; and in this connection Mr. Mackenzie cited the fact that it had been estimated that it Grand Trunk Pacific \$70,000 per mile through British Columbia, while eas of Edmonton the same line had cost in some places over \$35,000 per mile. Asked if anything could be said reo death in a fire that destroyed the specting the plans of the Canadian vears ago on Montreal risks, owing to Northern for steamship lines on the the enlarged pumping capacity and the according to word received here to-day. Pacific, Mr. Mackenzie said it would be generally improved conditions. The premature to say anything on that opinion was expressed at the meeting point just now. There had, of course, been a lot of rumors as to what were gade were not in the physical trim re-

were rumors, nothing more.

that he had said in this connection applied to Vancouver Island, which he even regarded as the best portion of

tober 30th, 1849, at Kirkfield, in Viche route which would be followed toria county, Ontario, He came of good education he first engaged in the public school teacher's calling, but soon took up the lumber business.

When the Grand Trunk was building dea of seeing on what terms the char- the Toronto and Nipissing and Vic then he has figured as one of the fore nost railway builders on the continent ine in the right-of-way of the railway of America. He was active in the conountains of British Columbia, and which constructed the Calgary & Ed-. P. R. short line through Maine, and

Hudson Bay" railways. After the above construction, he rned his attention to the Canadian Northern, the ultimate goals of which are the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Of his system, which has a larger mileage the prairie provinces than the C. P R., Mr. Mackenzie is president; and save for the Northern Pacific Canadian ines, acquired by lease from the proince of Manitoba, the whole of the great ystem was built under the direct survision of Mr. Mackenzie and his artners, R. J. Mackenzie, his son, and

D. D. Mann. It has been soid of Mr. Mackenzie that "his power to grasp plans sub-mitted to him, to develop, execute and ring them to a successful issue, has not been surpassed on the American ntinent." In addition to the Canadian Northern enterprise, he is the presient of the Toronto Railway Company, olding the street railway franchise of the city; the Sac Paulo Tramway, Light & Power Co., of Brazil; the nverness Railways & Coal Co., Nova Scotia; the Winnipeg Electric street Railway Company; the Winnipeg General Power Co., and the Edmonton. Yukon & Pacific Railway Co.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES

Montreal, Jan. 5.- The Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association has decided to remove the surcharge placed two opinion was expressed at the meeting the intentions of the company but they quired for their arduous duties, and did not give evidence of good and Mr. Phippen, the general counsel of steady drill.