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BRIDGING SEYMOUR NARROWS.

The Times has no hesitation whatever about endorsing the position of T. soon as three transcontinental railways are practically a unit on the quespoints on Vancouver Island that of its candidates we must be rebridge, even if it should cost twenty- garded as antagonistic to the claim for five million doilars, or more, will be better terms. We do not think the built. Possibly it would be safe to go Premier will convince any substantial farther than that. We are not sure portion of the electorate of British Cothat if one transcontinental railway lumbia that it would be a wise thing to were knocking at the doors of the accept his government, forgetting all island and were particularly anxious to the deals in which it has participated vun its trains through to some of the and the sacrifice of assets of untold deep water harbors of Vancouver value, even if it were possible that Island-a consummation that will cer- the return of the administration tainly come to pass, and probably and the condonation of its alliance sooner than some of us realise-the with the Kaien Islanders and other spanning of the narrows would be personages of far from doubtful considered a matter of so much im- character, would have any influence portance to Canada generally that the upon the attitude of the East to-Dominion government would be com- wards our claims. If we cannot pelled to take the matter up and in co- secure better terms except at the cost operation with the railway principally of maintaining the McBride governconcerned provide for its construction. ment in power, we had beter try to But in the meantime we must patiently get along for a time under the old bide our time. The Canadian Pacific terms. During the three years it has Company is the only transcontinental been in power the present government concern that has yet made an announce- has given away resources far exceeding ment of its policy. If it has determined in revenue-producing value any special to make a crossing at Bute Inlet, that settlement any government of British will mean practically a renewal of its Columbia can ever hope to make with railway system in British Columbia. any government of the Dominion. But Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, while an there is not the slightest doubt that the nouncing definitely that it is the pur- public by casting the McBride govpose of his company to utilize a harbor ernment out would not only be improvon the west coast of the island for land- ing the chances of obtaining better ing first-class passengers and the Ori- terms at Ottawa, but would be taking ental mails, did not lift the veil and practical measures to prevent the furreveal any of the details of his com- ther "potlatching" of our great natural pany's programme. The object of the resources. C. P. R. is to gain time in view of the possibility of the effective competition that will have to be faced in the future. We take it that the arrangement for the speedy transfer of passengers and University recently, Prof. Hutton said: mails will be brought into force long Don't go about saying "if you can't before the construction of a bridge at boost, don't knock." Your business is Seymour Nairows can become a question of practical import. In the meantime the development of the resources of the island will be steadily proceed- admonition of the Toronto professor ing and the policy of the railways with ought, we submit, to be carefully con- the Premier's character Premier Whitreference to the island will also be sidered by a certaine bullient element in assuming tangible form. The C. P. R. Victoria at the present time. There is a progressive institution. It will not appears to be a danger of this element, data upon which British Columbia's quirements of the times and in con- ing up in the air" and possibly carryformity with the highest type of trans-

that are said to be heading this way, endeavor to restrain their enthusiasm for several years in succession. There London recently. A contemporary has the Grand Trunk Pacific has first to and keep it within reasonable bounds. was a Liberal government in power in quoted a portion of the remarks of Mr. live up to the terms of its contract They should "analyse, appraise and ap- Ontario for close upon thirty years, with the Dominion government, which preciate" the situation as it is to-day and during all that prolonged period escaped its attention; "We have introcalls for the completion of its line to and as it promises for the future. If the finances of the province were so duced into this enterprise, not £70,000, Prince Rupert. We believe that is an they do this, there will be no danger of carefully husbanded and its public but approximately one million and a undertaking that will absorb all its serious consequences to Victoria re- business so economically conducted half pounds, and into other enterprises energies and resources for a few years sulting from their exuberant optimism. that Mr. Ross, the late Premier, retired in the provinces as much again, and pleted and in first-class running order show that there is nothing particularly treasury, and during the greater por- in the face unabashed and to tell you we doubt not it will commence the con- new in the announcement of the intenstruction of branches which will give tions of the C. P. R. with respect to it connection with the chief trade cen- its land on Vancouver Island. The tres in British Columbia. It will have company announced shortly after it first-class steamship connections in the acquired the property of the E. & N. meantime. As for the Canadian North- | Railway Company that it would lose no | ern, there is no doubt that its ultimate | time in clearing its land and preparing goal is the Pacific coast, and there can it for the advent of settlers. It has be little doubt as to the point at which simply fulfilled its promise. As the it will emerge considering that the work proceeds it will have a stimulat-Yellow Head Pass is the gateway it has ing effect upon business in this city. chosen to take passage through the Eut the process of improvement will be mountains. But the Canadian North- gradual, and the effects of it upon busiern's principal concern at the present ness conditions will be gradual also. time is to secure a firm footing in the The creation of a new Victoria will not richest portions of the Northwest, be the work of a day or of a year. The where it has an assured business. Its structure which appears to be in the connections with tidewater in the East | minds of the company of enthusiasts are also not as complete as they ought cannot be created in a night like Jack's to be, and will be if the present pro. beanstalk. sperity of the country continues. There | It is true the announcement of Presiis no douft whatever that as soon as dent Shaughnessy regarding the intenits arrangements on the prairies and in tions of the C. P. R. with respect to a lished, the Canadian Northern will pro- is of a somewhat sensational character. ceed to carry out the idea that is the But even that announcement has been ambition of every railway man of the anticipated to some extent. It appear-

mentum that will produce practical re- tions at a single bound. Our progress

AN IMPOSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE. Premier McBride continues to deplore

the fact that the question of better

terms has been forced into the party politics of the province. At the same time he is urging upon the electors the necessity of returning his government ) to power just to convince the Dominion government and the premiers of the other provinces that the people of British Columbia are in earnest in making surely be a very questionable means of reaching a desirable end. It would be a very unfortunate thing indeed for of convincing the people of the East and the federal government that we of our sincerity we must return the McBride government to power by acclamation. If we oppose any

#### A WORD OF WARNING.

Addressing the students of Toronto

to neither boost nor knock, but to analyze, appraise and appreciate. The the professor would not approve, "go- ligently considered. ing some persons of substance up with present Liberal government of Quebec in the estimation of the company, it. We do not say that the "boosters" has rehabilitated the finances of that made a notable speech at the general In regard to the other two railways do not mean well. But they ought to province and has announced surpluses meeting of the shareholders held in

the farther East are thoroughly estab- harbor on the west coast of the island present day-to make its way to the ed inevitable to all who have watched the development of business with the The foregoing appears to us to be Orient and the progress of ocean steamthe railway situation to-day as it ship building that the time must come affects British Columbia generally and when the harbors of Vancouver Island Vancouver Island particularly. If we as the points of nearest proximity to keep on framing fancy pictures drawn the Asiatic continent must be utilized almost entirely from the imagination to a large extent in trans-Pacific trade. we shall not hasten by an hour the day The construction of the Grand Trunk when the construction of a bridge Pacific Railway, with its terminus on across Seymour Narrows will become the Pacific and its short route between imperative to meet our commercial the markets of the Far East, doubtless necessities. We ust await the develop- hastened the decision of the Canadian ment of the island, the development of Pacific people. But none of the things the Oriental trade, the evolution of that have now been promised can be shipbuilding on the Pacific to the point brought to pass in a day. Whether the it has already reached on the Atlantic, Canadian Pacific Company decides to the development of competition in the reach the western shores of Vancouver railway business. All these things will Island via the Seymour Narrows or come to pass. The importance of Van- through the medium of a ferry, the couver Island by reason of its position work of transforming its route must and its wealth is now admitted. But be gradual. Whatever effect, therethe forces which are going to bring it fore, the policy of the company is gointo prominence have only but begun ing to have on the material welfare of to operate. We must possess ourselves Victoria will be gradual also. We are in patience until they acquire the mo- not going to realise all our anticipa-

in the past has been steady and sure.

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their demands. Of course that is one IS PACKED ONLY IN SEALED LEAD PACKAGES TO PRESERVE ITS

out of the political arena. But it would surely be a very questionable means.

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any movement that appears to be likegenerally and the Orient-upon the ex- dream dreams of attaining power. ploitation of our unsurpassed natural resources and upon the attractions of of any particular interest to the peo-

results; but it might receive a setback if in the optimism of the movement it lost its head.

SURPLUSES AND HONEST GOV-ERNMENT.

Premier McBride, with characteristic sincerity and candor, repeats at every public meeting he addresses the statement that the only provinces of the public accounts are those under Conservative rule-Ontario, Manitoba, and ciate the manner in which that claimed British Columbia. Such an assertion is surplus was gathered together. They the statement knowing it to be false. for education and necessary public talking about. Probably some one has hands of prodigals amongst the friends told him that the Conservative gov- of ministers. No attempt has yet been ernments of the provinces are the only administrations that have conducted sample of the premier's capacity for cern behind a cloud of questions which research and finding things out for ney complained of when he said our representative failed to lay before the conference of provincial premiers any

Doubtless it will be materially acceler- and that their finances are in a perated by the announcements that have feetly satisfactory state. The people been made within the past day or two. of these provinces are instinctively But it seems to us that if our people careful and economical in all that afanalyze and appraise the situation in fects them privately or publicly, and a sober, conservative spirit they will do | we are quite sure that if there were all that lies in their power to check extravagance in government the Conly to degenerate into a "boom." The very much a minority as to be practically non-existent, would be in vigorthe development of busines: with sur- ous and healthy state, as Conservatives rounding territory and between Canada always are when they see visions and

our enviable situation. The question ple of British Columbia. It would proto be seriously considered now is bably have been just as well to let the whether we are likely to reap any per- reckless assertions of the Premier pass manent advantages from an unreason- as simply McBride statements; but Mr. able and unwarrantable inflation of McBride evidently acts upon the assumption that his position gives weight The faith of Victorians in Victoria to his "arguments," believing that if has been justified in present prospects; he continues to repeat his misstateit will be more than justified by actual ments some of his hearers will eventually accept them as the truth, and along with them the ridiculous conclusion that the only business-like and economical administrations in Canada are the Conservative governments of British Columbia, Manitoba and On-

We have had Conservative governments in British Columbia for a great class to claim a surplus. The taxpayers of the province know and apprewhich assets which might have been productive of surpluses for generations to come after providing handsomely conomically as to produce satisfactory sipated. But a dishonest attempt has palances, and he has accepted the been made, and will continue to be made, to obscure issues of vital conare not pertinent to the discussion.

MR. HORNE-PAYNE'S REMARKS.

Mr. Horne-Payne, chairman of the British Columbia Electric Railway as much favor in the eyes of British There is no question at all that the Columbians as British Columbia has leaving a handsome surplus in the still we have the audacity to look you tion of that period there was a Con- to put more and still more money into servative government in power at Ot- the country. In spite of the fact that tawa and general business throughout British Columbia undoubtedly lies unthe Dominion was in a state of stagna- der a cloud in the money centres of the tion. In its first year of power the world, or, perhaps I should say, has Conservative government which suc- failed to secure its fair proportion of ceeded that of Hon. G. W. Ross, in- the development and confidence which creased the expenditure of Ontario by other parts of Canada have been fave more than twenty-five per cent., ored by European capitalists, I have though its leading members during all the same unbounded faith in its future the years they were in opposition had that I have always had, and the same been prating about official extrava- complete confidence that the province is destined to support a very large We have not followed the annual and thriving population of happy peofinancial statements of the treasurers ple within its beautiful territory. How of the far-eastern provinces of New is it possible that it can be otherwise Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Frince with a country which possesses such Edward Island very closely, se admit; vast coal and iron ore deposits, such but our impression is that they are liv- | magnificent forest and such unlimited ing approximately within their incomes | water power to manufacture all that

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man requires, even gold and silver, and ing ten or twenty years ahead, that The prosperity of British Columbia the coal output will be 40,000 tons a time when they commence to date from the to the East in the teeming agricultur- day, the country will be sending mil- capital from the Old World investing al regions of the Northwest provinces lions and millions of feet of lumber to countries in large sums." and to the West in China and Japan. build prairie homes, and the country The significance of the above lies in The prosperity of British Columbia has will be smelting its own iron, its own the fact that the government which not yet started. Its coal output has copper and its own lead in vast quanti- Mr. Horne-Payne says a few words in reached in the Crow's Nest district ties, and will be supplying the prairie favor of has been kept in power during 3,000 tons a day, in the Coast district, with untold quantities of fish, veget- its term of office by forces which are 1,000 tons a day, and the people are ables and fruit, and many other things avowedly antagonistic to capital and

proud of it; but who can doubt, look- that they cannot produce themselves. to averything "capitalistic."

necial Attractions Arranged For To-Insure Large

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The raffles were pro terest and anxiety. hief; valued at \$50, . H. Lugrin; a pict Mrs. Hirsch, was wo ourger; a hand-painte Mrs. C. J. V. Spratt; Justice) Martin; one Frank, and another 'odd; a case of whisk

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