INDEPENDENT ELEMENT AN IMPORTANT FACTOR

Organization Grows Rapidly—Saanich Situation—Nanaimo Conservative Candidate - Reports From Upper Country

ered their connection with old asso-ciations in order to support the govciations in order to support the gov-ernment of Premier McBride, is growing in numerical strength daily. It was authoritatively stated yesterday Members of the association, as state was authoritatively stated yesterday that hundreds were expressing their willingness to tender their support to the new organization. To use the words of one of those responsible for the movement, "the Liberals, dissatisfied with the tactics of the party led by J. A. Macdonald, K. C., and annoyed at the intervention of the Ottawa the intervention of the Ottawa was the standard-beares of the party up as the standard-beares of the party 'machine,' are falling over themselves in outling the rush to join the independent of the

party."

When the first meeting of the latter association is held it will be interesting, from the standpoint of the outsider, to attend for the purpose of as-certaining the sources from which its numerical strength is being derived. It is safe to say that one not closely in touch with local politics would be sur-prised at the number of Liberals—men who heretofore have taken an active interest in the success of that side who will be found participating in its have joined, and, secondly, many of those belonging to the parent Liberal association, who take exception to the operations of the Ottawa "machine," besides being inclined in favor of the present provincial government, will be present provincial government, will be in attendance. Of course there are others among the members, but its principal strength lies in the surprising support it is receiving from among the recalcitrant "Grits." In short these who have appended their signatures to the Independent party are, taken collectively, a cosmopolitan crowd; citizens of every persuasion who believe that the premier has taken the crowd; citizens of every persuasion who believe that the premier has taken the proper course in the endeavor to secure justice for British Columbia in regard to Better Terms, and who cleans the government of the province and its future prosperity. While formerly those having money to invest hesitated to come to the West, now they are eager to obtain an opportunity to secion the content of the content of the province and its future prosperity. cure justice for British Columbia in regard to Better Terms, and who, also, think that the policy inaugurated by his government has brought about, to a large extent, the prevailing prospersity. Briefly these are their sentiments and or the sentiments and or the sentiments are sentiments. and, on that account, they have cut themselves adrift from restraining influences and intend voting in accordance with the dictates of their con-

Looking at the local situation from an unbiased standpoint, there is every reason to believe that the Independent party, although comparatively young, unable to stand against the numerical party, although comparatively young, will make itself felt, to the disaster of Liberalism, in the pending elections. As stated, the membership is growing constantly; those who are working for the organization are going about their labors with the utmost enthusiasm, and, what is more, they are meeting with splendid suctions. It is stated on reliable authority that the substitution of Mr. Piercy for Mr. Tanner has created serious dissension among the Liberals of that district. The they are meeting with splendid suc-

Men who still remain faithful to the Liberal party, although inwardly discouraged, have been heard to assert couraged, have been heard to assert that the "bolters," as those who have emphatically protested against the strategy of the "machine" have been termed, are not sufficiently strong to do any harm. Their appearance on the streets, the tone of their conversation, is enough to prove the insincerity of these statements. When it was first announced that many of the young Liberals were so dissatisfied that they would not again join the ranks it created a visible droop in the spirits of prominent Liberals because they, in common with all others, real
Whether of not the Liberals which are constantly being received may be relied upon, the dissension among the adhermatory in the two aspirants for the candidacy is of an exceedingly bitter character—almost as much so as it is been the local dissenting factions of the Liberal association. This information is corroborated by a well known teered the prophecy that Mr. Piercy would be badly beaten because he was they in common with all others, realnmon with all others, realized that that organization had been principally responsible for past victories. But when they heard that the K. C., the Liberal-Conservative candimbia" and in support Bride government, what hopes re-mained were dashed. Some still thought that the visit of W. W. R. Mc might sound the note which arouse the waning courage of the Liberals. As was pointed out vesterday that Mr. McInnes' visit to Victoria was a distinct failure. The Liberals in Victoria, therefore, have nothing to rely upon but their own unaided endeavors. Discouraged and disorganized, they acknowledge them-selves that they go into the fight with

CARE OF FINANCES The Government's Policy Has Allowed Reduction of Taxes

Considerable criticism has been aimed at the financial policy of the present government by opposition speakers and press. Discussing this yesterday Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, emphasized what he has stated in several recent addres out that it must be generally sary when Premier McBride took con because of the deplorable condi-s then prevailing. But the imtions then prevailing. But the improvement since that time had been so marked, prosperity was so general, that it was possible to reduce the taxation. A year ago, or thereabouts, the personal property tax was cut from ane to two-thirds of one per cent, and it was the intension to make a simi-

CHEERFULLY CONFIDENT Conservatives Work With Spirit That Commands Success

"We are rapidly getting into prope for the campaign," remarked Cashmore, secretary of the Liberal-Conservative association, yesterda If the activity of those occupying the committee rooms of the organization, which are located above the Army and Navy cigar store, can be accepted as a criterion of the progress being made, there is no doubt as to the correctness

of Mr. Cashmore's statement. The organization work is being un dertaken, not by a few of the principal supporters of the Liberal-Conservative association, but by every individual in-terested in the return of the four candi-dates—Premier McBride, H. B. Thom-son, Alderman F. Davey and H. F. W. Behnsen. All are enthusiastic and con fident. They look forward to success and are determined that as far as each personaly is concerned no stone shall be left unturned in the effort to pile up

a handsome majority. been held, although the conven tion which placed the quartette men-tioned in the field took place only a few days ago. At these gatherings all the preliminaries were completed. The city has been divided into wards, and in charge of each is a small body of active enterprising canvassers, who will

The Victoria Independent party, stake in the forthcoming election. Thus which is being formed by a number the work will be conducted in a thorof prominent Liberals who have sevoughly systematic manner, which fact oughly systematic manner, which fact may be taken as an assurance that the Liberal-Conservative ticket will receive the hearty endorsement of the elector-

coats," figuratively speaking, preparatory to engaging in the struggle. They are working for both the local Liberal-Conservative candidates and those put up as the standard-beares of the party in outlying districts, and are confident of the outcome in all assess.

TIDE OF PROSPERITY

Increase in Mineral Production Good Index

One of the most conclusive proofs of the prosperity of the country was contained in a statement from W. F. Robertson, the provincial mineralogist, published in these columns several days ago. He said that British Columbia counsels. In the first place many of the had produced 13 per cent more mineral practically defunct Young Liberal club in 1906 than in 1905. Supplementing the income for 1905. These gratifying figures were quoted recently by Hon. R. G. Tatlow as an illustration of the improvement in general conditions dur-ing the last few years. Not only is the advance, taken as such, an indication but it is accepted as a demonstration of the fact that outside capitalists are gaining confidence in the stability of the government of the province and its

The Liberals of Saanich have nominated John Piercy as their standard- inhabitants. strength of the former's supporters, and

is reported to have accepted gracefully. It is stated on reliable authority that general opinion appears to be that it is but another indication of the growing power and influence of the Ottawa machine." If the reports which are con-

Whether or not the Liberals of Saanbeen out for some weeks, and has no years of age, sober and industrious. doubt of the result of the election as far as his constituency is concerned. "The outlook was never brighter," he "The outlook was never brighter," remarked in conversation with a Co ist representative. He added that his supporters were busy canvassing, and he was engaged in similar work. His organization was as thorough as possible, and he believed that success was

Mr. Eberts is not only confident that he will be returned, but he is convinced that Premier McBride will be accorded the endorsement of the whole He points out that the people are satisfied, that they are prosperous, and do not wish a change in the government at the present juncture. Also they realize that the wise administration of the past years has had considerable to do with bringing about the era ity now being enjoyed by British Col-

NANAIMO CANDIDATE Dr. R. F. B. O'Brien Nominated by the

Jan. 10 .- (Special) -At a rousing Conservative gathering tonight, Dr. R. F. B. O'Brien, one of the most popular and highly respected men in the city, was unanimously as the standard bearer of the party i the provincial election contest. Edward F. Quennell, who presided, announced that he had tendered his resignation as it was the intention to make a similar reduction in the real property tax. Other changes in the Assessment Act were contemplated by the government.

Saturday, and the fight entered upon

with interest and enthusiasm. MANY NAMES ADDED

It is interesting to note that there has been an increase in the number of local names included in the provincial voters' list of 570. The comparative figures follow: 1903, 4496; 1907, 5066.

GREENWOOD CONSERVATIVES

Greenwood, Jan. 10 .- The first meeting of the campaign was held here last night in the Socialist interest. Mr. Dynes' platform appears to be based on an antipathy to pork and P. Burns & Co. Mr. Naden, Liberal, and Mr. Warren, Conservative, also spoke. The good. former was successful in aniagonizing the audience and the latter in pleasing them. The meeting was about evenly divided between Conservatives and Socialists. Mr. Warren will carry the riding by a fair majority.

NELSON NOT DOUBTFUL

"The first rally of the campaign was held in the Conservative committee rooms Saturday night, and the num-bers present and the enthusiasm dis-played are a sure indication of victory

make it their duty to give every voter a Conservative party in Nelson have the wan and Manitoba. I clear understanding of the issues at first stages of a campaign been marked quire about six weeks.

the determination to win that have been evoked by the candidature of Mr. Kirkpatrick in the present cam-

"For this spirit among the Conser-"For this spirit among the Conservatives there are two obvious explanations: The personal popularity of the candidate and the general indignation felt at the persistent campaign of slander and abuse prosecuted by the Liberal press of the province, for which the opposition leader's belated apology will not be accepted as atonement."

FINING A RAILWAY

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.-For neglect to Puesday morning's train, the Canadian Northern, it is rumored, will be asked by the Dominion post office department to pay a fine of \$500.

VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION

Toronto, Jan. 10.—Returns from 9 inicipalities in Ontario show that in 47 of these the local option by-law carried, and in a like number the by-law was defeated. In seven cases repeal contests were carried.

Montreal, Jan. 10.-Messrs. Macken zie & Mann are backing a syndicate

ONTARIO IRON DEPOSITS

for the development of great iron de-posits discovered around Wahnapita by Father Paradis. A town has been mapped out, with furnaces and smelt-ers. As soon as the railway reaches the place a town of 10,000 people will

OLD EARTH DISTURBED IN MANY LOCALITIES

Earthquake Shocks and Volcanic Activity at Far Distant **Points**

Honolulu, Jan. 10 .- The crater on the summit of the volcano of Mauna Loa broke out last midnight. The eruption forms a magnificent spectacle which is visible for 100 miles at sea. Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 10 .- Three distinct and sharp earthquake shocks were felt at several points in Sweden this morning. The rocking of houses at Arvika, Mellerud and Stromstad caused the hasty exit of the alarmed

Christiania, Norway, Jan. 10.-Two severe shocks of earthquake were felt here this morning at 1:30, accompanied by rumblings like thunder. Telegrams ived here show that shocks were felt at other towns in Norway. The disturbances caused considerable alarm but no damage is reported. Yekaterinasburg, Russia, Jan. 10.— Two earthquakes were felt here early

his morning.

Williamsport, Pa., Jan. 10.—A series of shocks, evidently earthquakes, were left in this section from 4:45 to 5:30

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Mr. Taylor advised his audience that this morning. Buildings shook so that a spellbinder from the Yukon and his the families were awakened, and the associates would soon be in the conrumbling sounds were heard over an area of about 20 miles.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 10.—Earthquake tion of all credit for the present pros-5:45 o'clock this morning. The shocks, which were slight, were also distant, and lasted about 15 seconds.

TIRED OF LIFE

Montreal, Jan. 10 .- Mathias Wall-

A COSTLY ELECTION

Port Arthur, Ont., Jan. 10 .- W. A. Preston was declared elected for the district of Port Arthur and Rainy River last night by Justices Teetzel and Anglin, by a majority of 15. The fight has been on in the courts for two years, and the expenses have totaled up close to \$15,000. There have been up close to \$15,000. There have been recounts, three trials and four appeals. Each of Preston's majority votes will cost from \$200 to \$300. The justices will make their report to the speaker of the house, and Preston will take his seat as remementative at the next ses-

HOUSE STRUGGLES WITH TARIFF SCHEDULES

Dumping Clause Extended—Cost of Useless Rainmaking Experiment

Ottawa, Jan. 10 .- The House today disposed of twelve out of 733 items in the schedules. The dumping clause was made applicable to free goods as well said that through the leastern constituencies, Premier McBride said that through the leastern constituencies.

Innes of Yukon was presented to parlia-ment today. It recites, among other things, the story of Hatfield's rainmaking experiments, and states that of his claim, after he had failed to make

SPELLING REFORM

New York, Jan. 10 .- The fact that President Roosevelt has accepted mem-bership on the simplified spelling board, whose list of simplified spelling he adopted last summer, was announced today. The board also called attention to the fact that the President continues to use the simplified spelling as an earnest of his advocacy of the principle of reform.

REVELSTOKE JOINS WELCOME TO THE

Crowd of Electors Listen to Speeches at the City on the Columbia

THOS. TAYLOR'S ABLE ADDRESS

Hon. Mr. McBride Receives Cheering News From All Points-Columbia to Be Redeemed

Revelstoke, Jan. 10.—Premier Mc-Bride and W. J. Bowser, K. C., who arrived from Golden at noon today, were given a reusing reception by hundreds of electors who assembled in the opera house tonight to hear the discussion of the political issues of the day. There was the same disappointment as at Field and Golden, where the opposition orators failed to appear on the platform and take part in the debate. The chair was occupied by Charles Nolton, president of the local Conservative Association; Thomas Taylor, the government can-didate, and W. W. Lefeaux, the Socialist nominee, were on the platform with the premier and Mr. Bowser.

The Candidate's Speech

Mr. Taylor made what was regarded by his supporters as one of the best speeches of his political career. He was listened to with the closest attention, and that his appeal to the electors was effective was shown in the fact that the applause, which was generous, was also unanimous. On account, of the premier of the Premier count of the presence of the Premi and Mr. Bowser, who were in Revel stoke for the purpose of giving a full review of the record of the government and an outline of its future policy, he said he would be brief, referring only to local matters. Premier McBride, he said, had the interest of the whole province, his native province, at heart, and once a year he visited every part of it. Mr. Taylor had traveled with of it. Mr. the premier and was satisfied that the importance of Revelstoke and its needs were fully appreciated and would always be given full consideration by The day of provincial bankruptcy industrial uncertainty, was, thanks to the present administration, of the past, and he had the assurance of the premier that a necessary local work, the repairs to the river bank, would be undertaken in the course of a few days. Modern transportation into the timber areas of the North and better

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 10.—Earthquake thom of all credit for the province. But all the Baltimore county, north of here, about 5:45 o'clock this morning. The shocks, which were slight, were also distant, look back to the legislation of 1905, which were slight were also distant, which granted security of title to owners of timber lands. Previous to that time this industry was just about at a standstill, but immediately after the Montreal, Jan. 10.—Mathias Wall- new law was passed capital came into ocks, an Englishman employed at the the country, development of the re-Canadian Pacific Angus shops, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a razor while preparing to go to his work this morning. He was 62 the mining laws had also given confidence to capitalists who were interested in the mineral resources of British Columbia. In conclusion Mr. Taylor said that on its record the McBride government had earned the right to the support of every citizen of British Columbia. He was proud to be for a section of time a Conservative candidate, prouder on this than on the previous occasion, because when he first came out in support of Premier McBride out in support of Premier McBride out in support of Premier McBride than a consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson pointed out that the liquor dealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson entering to undealers had certain rights, just the same consular fee for certificates necessary to would look carefully to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. Paterson entering to undealers had certain rights, just the same value to the moral good of the city. All the same, Mr. dence to capitalists who were ested in the mineral resources o esty, ability and progressiveness it was confiscated, has been abolished. Heremuch more creditable than any other in the history of the province.

Mr. Taylor was followed by Mr.

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Lefeaux, who said he had no sympathy tificate showing the origin of the pelts with either political party. The so with which it was made without cost with either political party. The so-cialists did not expect to gain power the present campaign, but they ex-

Mr. Bowser made a strong arraignment of the opposition on its scandal ment of the opposition on its scandal ertificates by the consul to prove own-tactics. The meeting came to a close ership of the sealskin garments is part with rousing cheers for the King and of the United States' action with rethe speakers.

midnight for Arrowhead, where a anese pelagic sealers—in fact, any oth-meeting will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. They will arrive in sees of the rockeries of the Pribyloffs Nelson in time to attend a grand Connot be brought servative rally in the evening. servative rally in the evening.

Victory Assured

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G. F. Shepley, the eminent Toronto lawyer, is going west for the railway commission to investigate the operation of telephone and express companies.

The last report of Commissioner Mc. The l had convinced him. In Columbia, where the Liberals in the past have had things very much their own way, no Liberal candidate had yet been nominated, and government of the territory paid Hat-field a sum of \$1,153 in full settlement of his claim, after he had failed to make neither the Socialist nor the Liberal candidate had any prospect of success, and it was questionable if they took their candidatures seriously. The Premier said he had only one cause for dis-appointment on his tour, and that was in the failure of men of the opposition in the failure of men of the opposition to accept invitations to joint debate. He was confident that on his return from the south he would have even n couragement to give his supporters than he had today.

DENOUNCED BY LABOR MEN

INSURANCE PROSECUTION New York, Jan. 16 .- More arrests may be made in the investigation of the

affairs of the New York Life Insurance company, according to an announce ney was opposing an application of counsel for George W. Perkins, now under indictment in the New York Life case, for an inspection of the entire minutes of the December grand jury. Mr. Jerome said that it would be in defiance of public policy to grant such a request, because persons are mentioned in the evidence who have not yet been arrested, but who may be at some future time. No decision was reached in the matter today.

A REMINDER OF 1837

matter today.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—The death is announced at Nicolet of Henry A. Chillas, aged 94 years. There was a small English colony at Nicolet during the stormy times of 1837, and their position. tion was naturally uncomfortable, but it was due to the good advice given by Mr. Chillas to the governor-general that the rebellion in that part of the province was not more serious. His advice, for which he was afterwards warmly thanked by His Excellency, was that instead of forming militia companies the governor should leave companies the governor should leave the people to be handled by their clergy. This was acted upon, with

VANCOUVER'S ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL RULERS

Mr. Bethune Chosen Mayor-The Aldermen and School Trustees Elected

600 majority.

2. Ald. Stewart and G. B. Campbell; ward 3, Ald. Heaps and Cavanagh; ward 4, Capt. McSpadden, (ex-building inspector), and Ald. McDonald; ward 5, R. Mills and Dr. Brydone-Jack; ward 6, R. Mills and 8, R. Mills ward 6, Bird and Calland.

Edgett. and J. J. Dougan.

The plebiscite decided against the admission of street cars to the park.

All the money bylaws were carried worked. He had never attempted to days. Modern transportation into the timber areas of the North and better communication with the rich mineral section to the south would be of great were: A bylaw to raise \$34,500 for benefit to Revelstoke and these works the purchase of additional fire protective with the communication with the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the communication with the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a thing which the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a provement of the rich mineral provements at English Bay. These their working hours, a provement of the rich mineral p the purchase of additional fire protection apparatus and the election and held back, as is the almost envariable equipment of fire halls; a bylaw to rule on most public works. Time raise \$25,000 for the purchase of school checks were never discounted. As for sites, and also to raise \$20,000 for the the stores, these were run for the benraise \$25,000 for the purchase of school sites, and also to raise \$20,000 for the the stores, these were run for the benpurpose of erecting school board offices and store rooms for school pursame was the case with the board. "If

TAX ON CERTIFICATES FOR SEALSKIN COATS

Payment of Two Dollars for Papers No Longer to be Demanded

on application to the local consul The fee has been one concerning Premier McBride and Mr. Bowser dealt exhaustively with the record of the government. The premier fully explained and defended the School.

mencement of the present year.

The enforcement of the issuance of peakers.

gard to restricting pelagic sealing mier McBride and party left at Skins taken by the Canadian or Jap all those pelts are sold in London and made up into sealskin sacques in Engto prove the origin of the pelts with which it is made and to prevent trouble because of the regulations at the

Catania Sicily, Jan. 10.—Mount Etna is evidencing signs of activity. Ashes and fiames are emerging from the top of the volcano, which is covered with snow, and the people of Catania are showing considerable apprehension. The spectacle is magerable apprehension. The spectacle is mag-nificent. The men attached to the Mount Etna observatory, located at an elevation of 9,000 feet, are at a point 3,000 feet be-low the observatory, held by the snow.

OF INTEREST TO MOTHERS.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened

MANLY SPEECH MADE BY A MANLY MAN

ment today by District Attorney Jerome. The announcement district attordistrict attordistric attordistrict attordistrict attordistrict attordistrict attordi the Sort of Civic Administration They May Expect if He is Elected Mayor

> A small but enthusiastic audience act are very subtle, and so that no greeted T. W. Paterson at Oaklands dinary person can construe them. ure hall yesterday evening. Mr. Paterson delivered a spirited address in which he promised, if elected to deal out "even handed British justice to all," and he also indignantly refuted the stories and statements which are being used against him in his cam-paign. Mayor Morley was present, and spoke shortly, spending considerable time in telling his hearers what a misused man he was. Later in the meeting His Worship fell foul of Ald. Stewart over the water question, and an exciting debate ensued. Addresses were also delivered by Richard Hall, Ald. Fullerton, A. B. McNeill and ex-Ald. Grahame.

Richard Hall

Watson Clarke was voted to the chair and called upon Richard Hall, who called upon those present to exercise common sense and due judgment in casting their ballots for the mayoralty. Mr. Paterson, said Mr. Hall, was a man who would deal with questions of public interest with firm and decided manner. A man who would take hold of the large issues in such a way, was a man needed by the city at this time when Victoria is entering upon a critical time in its history. Touching on the water question Mr. Hall stated that Mr. Paterson could be relied upon to deal with the mat-ter in such a way as to get for the city the best returns for all expenditure. Mr. Paterson could also be trusted to deal with the civil service of the city in a fair manner. The day laborer too, Mr. Hall stated, he was sure would get due consideration at threw in sundry inter Mr. Paterson's hands. "Otherwise I laughed indiscriminately. would not support him."

T. W. Paterson Vancouver, Jan. 10.—Ald. A. Beth-une was elected mayor today over T. F. McGuigan, ex-city clerk, by about expected to be called upon to be a can-didate for the waster. didate for the mayoralty. On account Aldermen were elected as follows:

Ward 1, Ramsay and Hepburn; ward

of the tactics of his opponents he was obliged to take the defensive in his campaign. Influences had been brought to bear against him which were un-politics into municipal fair, and allegations had been made Grahame dealt briefly which were untrue. A paper had re-cently been published in which togethhad been called the "Greatest Slave Licence commissioners—Hunt and Driver of them all," and "the \$1.50 a vote for Mr. Paterson.

Edgett.

The meeting closed School board—Duke, R. P. McLennan received fair treatment at his hands.

poses; a bylaw to raise \$10,000 for the purchase of land for a public park in I must admit that I have been for many

Mr. Paterson spoke bitterly of certain statements which had been used in an attempt to turn the ladies of Victoria from his support—to the effect that he was "always to be found in a saloon." "A quart bottle," said Mr. Paterson, "will hold all the whiskey I have drunk in my life."

that clemency would be granted in his case, but has now given up hope. He has not been informed of the government's mandate that the law must take its course. Sheriff Inkster has six applicants for the position of hangman.

FEAR BRITISH INFILIENCE Unfounded Accusations key I have drunk in my life." Regarding the moral question Mr.

The Water Question Regarding the water question Mr. Paterson stated that in his opinion the Elk lake water system was a valuable asset and careful records should be secured of its capabilities. It might be a good thing to buy out the Esquimalt water works system but if this was necessary the worst thing the citizens could do was to advertise the fact that the present system was defective. The water supply of the Highlands district was something of an unknown quantity. Had the council worked amicably they might have had, by this time, full information on the matter. The citizens had not had full information on the proposal submitted to them. If elected, he would see that careful sureys were made of the Elk lake water hed, as even if this were to be aban-

loned the city would have to use it for two years to come at any rate. The Songhees Reserve

Regarding the Songhees reserve. Mr. Paterson stated that it was necessary to get all information upon the matter, special legislation might have to be undertaken by the Dominion House to evict the Indians. It was difficult to make the federal members see the matter as Victoria saw it. In his opinion, a low valuation of the land would be \$2,000 an acre. Considering what the value of taxation would be from the land, the city could establish a very good claim to a large part of the reserve.
"If the people of Victoria see fit to

elect me as mayor for the coming year," cient to raise 1,000 tons concluded Mr. Paterson, "I shall consider myself as only one of the board branch in that vicinity. of aldermen, and not as dictator. I will devote my time and experience to the duties of my office, and give due ef-fect to the decisions of the aldermen you may choose at the coming election Paterson was enthusiastically cheered on leaving the floor. The Mayor Cornered

—the sort which entertained those who used to gather at the meetings of the Voters' league and the Chamber of Commerce—both now defunct. As the lost. She was last spoken on I Mayor started to leave the platform, he was stopped by Mr. Paterson, who wanted to know why the council had not thoroughly investigated the Muninicircumstantial rumors at different pl for John A. Kirkpatrick on the 2nd of February," says the Nelson Canadian.

"The seats in the big committee room were all filled, and until a late hour all the standing room was taken up. Never before in the history of the Conservative party in Nelson have the first stages of a campaign been marked.

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lieve they are often made that way purpose," stated His Worship, amilaughter.
"All the more reason why you should be a state of the sta

have carefully examined the clauses the act," retorted Mr. Paterson. A Little Diversion

Ald. Stewart was the next man ed upon to speak. Ald. Stewart lenged the Mayor regarding co-statements made by His Worship garding Ald. Stewart's actions who a previous council. His Worship stated that Ald. Stewart, together Ald. Hanna and Ald. Oddy, ed the settlement of the S serve question, when a plan had suggested by the Mavo Ald. Stewart and the Mayor spelively five minutes saying "You and "I didn't!" to each other, and

ience.
Ald. Stewart claimed that owing the action of the federal governmente matter new wore a different face that which it had on the first occasion. Ald. Stewart spoke at some length ed, expropriated Goldstream, it w have cost \$1,300,000. He roused Mayor's ire by stating that at a ring the Mayor had confessed that "knew nothing about the matter, other. Meanwhile the audience ch ed first one and then the other speake

wound up by exhorting his hearers vote for Mr. Paterson. Other Speakers A. B. McNeil, as a candidate for the school board, next delivered a brief ad dress. Ald. Fullerton also spoke briefly, and ex-Ald. Grahame, a candidate for the council of 1907, reproved the Mayor, for endeavoring to drag par municipal quire a good deal more settling than the Mayor appeared to think. Mr. Grahame

The meeting closed verbanks to the chairman. closed with a vote of

CLEMENCY FOR EIONA Port Arthur, Jan. 10 .- The cabinet as commuted the sentence of Fiona, the Port Arthur murderer, life imprisonment. Eiona was to have been hanged for shooting another Ital-

MACRI MUST HANG

Winnipeg, Jan. 10.—Salvatore Macri, winnipeg, Jan. 19.

the Italian, who was sentenced to death
for the murder of John Roumanelli on
Young street last April, will be hanged I must admit that I have been for many years a slave driver. All the same I on Tuesday morning next at 9 o'clouderly any man to show workmen who are better treated by their employers, than the men who have been employed on my work. Moreover I venture to say that all men who have been employed on my works will vote for me."

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Berlin, Jan. 10 .- The Lokal Anzeiger

LIFE A RAREBIT DREAM

New York, Jan. 10 .- With a note ! ing nearby, in which he had writte that life is "a rarebit dream," the bod of Albert A. Chittenden, an artist some note, was found in his luxuri ly furnished apartments on West Nir street today. Chittenden co suicide by inhaling gas, after Chittenden commit preparation, and had been dead least three days. Pinned on his waistcoat was the fo lowing note: "Life is a rarebit dream.
Ha! Ha! such a funny dream! But enough, I am ready to awake to some

thing less ridiculous. The suicide left a letter addressed to C. E. Knaublauch, of lower Broadway, who says that it was evidently the message of a man crippled me tally and physically. The let said to be a rambling commen certain Wall street transactions.

Lethbridge, Jan. 10.—At a meeting of the directors of the Diamond Company in Calgary tomorrow night pany's property at Diamond City, miles from Lethbridge. The cout plated development will be comple in about eighteen months, and clude the installation of a plant ient to raise 1,000 tons of

PONCE SURELY LOST Hope for Porto Rico Steamer Almost

New York, Jan. 10.—The steams Ponce, of the New York & Porto R. Mayor Morley was next called upon, and delivered a characteristic address due at this port on Jan. 1, is still markets.

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