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#### LAST NIGHT'S MEETING

(From Thursday's Daily)

The meeting in the Victoria Theatre addressed by Mr. Borden, Mr. Bergeron and Mr. McBride was in point of attendance, enthusiasm and the quality of the speeches delivered, equal to any ever held in the city of Victoria. Mr. Borden produced a splendid impression by his vigorous and fair treatment of his opponents, and his clear-cut enunciation of the views of his own party. Mr. Bergeron in his own admirable style completely captured the audience. Mr. McBride spoke with unusual vigor and effectiveness. We are not in a position to make comparisons between the speeches of the other gentlemen on former occasions and those which they delivered last night, but when we consider the fact that Mr. Borden never made so spirited, convincing and eloquent an address, we think with some justice that he was highly gratifying to his friends and commanded the respect and admiration of his opponents. Mr. Borden's treatment of the various questions touched upon was exceedingly forceful, and the effect upon the great audience was marked. He displayed all the qualities on the platform that are needed in a successful leader, and when he sat down amid a storm of applause, those present, whatever their political relations may be, realized that he is a power in Canadian public life, who deserves and will undoubtedly receive the confidence of the Canadian people. His views are broad and statesmanlike; his method of presenting them highly convincing. The Comptroller of the Victoria last night felt proud of his leader in the federal arena, as well as of the eloquent young Native Son, who is their local standard bearer.

#### AN INSPIRING ADDRESS.

(From Thursday's Daily)

The speech of Mr. Borden before the Canadian Club yesterday was altogether admirable. It was conceived in a lofty tone of citizenship, expressed with clearness and eloquence, and animated by an earnestness, which appealed to every man who heard it. It is no exaggeration to say that every person present felt a feeling of pride in the fact that a gentleman, holding such views and capable of expressing them with such force, occupies the position of leader of a great political party, and it is one of the healthiest signs of the times that such men will take a portion of the burden of the duties of citizenship. Such a gathering and such an address are ample justification for the existence of organizations like the Canadian Club, and are a guarantee that the clubs will reach that high plane of usefulness to which Mr. Borden, Mr. Templeman and Mr. McBride hope to see them attain.

The views held by the guest of the Club as to the material greatness of Canada are interesting and inspiring. His opportunities for observation have been many and of a decidedly good nature. He speaks as a man, who knows most of the settled parts of the country from personal observation. Of greater interest, for we are accustomed to hear speakers of the material greatness of our land, were Mr. Borden's observations as to the obligation of individual citizens to take up the burden of their duty in connection with the affairs of the state, showing the influence into the political arena, and if there is a call for them, placing their personal services at the disposal of the public, for such timely views are only too infrequently expressed. As Mr. Borden says, we may make a mistake if we take it for granted that popular government is a permanency. The late Prince Consort was severely criticized for saying on the occasion: "Representative institutions are yet on trial," and there were those who feared that he was too much under German influence or he would not have uttered anything so reprehensible; but sometimes those who are looking on see most of the game, and it is just probable that observers, who occupy a somewhat independent point of view, can discern more clearly the institutions, which are not seen by those who are in the thick of political movements. But whether or not representative institutions contain within themselves the essential permanency, there can be no doubt whatever as to the soundness of the view expressed by Mr. Borden, when he urged that it was only by self-sacrifice on the part of all citizens that we can hope to maintain such a high ideal of government as will render the abandonment of our democratic system impossible, and its working out of that benefit to our country, which we all wish it be.

#### MR. BORDEN'S VISIT

(From Thursday's Daily)

The excellent impression, which Mr. Borden has made upon the Canadian people in the course of his ranscon- tinental tour, was fully sustained by his visit to this city. It can be said with confidence that his campaign has resulted in the augmentation of his personal influence upon the strengthening of the Conservative Party and the betterment of Canadian politics. He has discussed all the subjects, to which he has given his attention, with vigor and frankness, never descending to the tricks of the mere politician. He has shown a breadth of view which is gratifying to his supporters and by no means unpleasing to his political opponents, for all true Canadians rejoice when their public men are able to regard the very important questions of the day from the standpoint of constructive statesmanship. The work of Canadian public men must necessarily be constructive, and as the solidity of

any edifice depends upon its foundation, so it is a subject of profound satisfaction that the Conservative Leader has thrown himself so strongly into the campaign for clean politics. Fortunately Mr. Borden is a gentleman, who can do this without hesitation. His personal and political record is good. There are no stains upon it. The country has already been the gainer for the very vigorous manner in which he has forced to the very forefront the essential importance to Canada of expending the level of political morality high. It is impossible for mechanical reasons to print this morning a review of his speech at the public meeting. This will have to be deferred until another time, but we may say now that it was the speech of a man, who feels the seriousness of the obligations resting upon a party leader in a country like Canada. It was a speech that gained him many friends, and which strengthened the Conservative Party in this city and animated it with new courage. He showed the character of the work that must be done, not so much to secure party success, as to promote the welfare of the Dominion. Mr. Borden leaves Victoria this morning with a greatly enhanced reputation among the people of this city.

#### ET TU BRUTE

"Better terms is as dead as Julius Caesar." So said Mr. Templeman at the meeting in Lamson street school-house on Monday evening. Perhaps this is true. Perhaps, also, it is not. If it is true, possibly the fate of Mr. Templeman politically may be that of Brutus. If an election were to be held in any constituency in British Columbia, and a simple issue was raised, therefore all it will do now is the question of better terms could be presented to the electors, Mr. Templeman would find in very short order how very lively a corpse it is. Mr. Templeman, therefore, all it will do now is to draw attention to Mr. Templeman's attitude on this issue. He is entitled to the credit of consistency, for it would puzzle his most devoted political friend to discover an occasion when he personally or through his newspaper ever declared himself in favor of the recognition of the claims of the province in accordance with the principles laid down in the legislation by the combined vote of the Conservatives and Liberals. He can claim with confidence that when Mr. McBride went to Ottawa on the invitation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Times belittled the mission and persistently claimed that Mr. McBride would gain nothing by going. He can say with perfect truth that he did not in any way, that the public has been told, render the slightest assistance to Mr. McBride when the conference was in session. He can point to the fact that although British Columbia was the only province, which had a special case to present, he never attended a session of the conference or of the joint conference. He can claim that his newspaper ridiculed the idea of an attempt to secure the elimination of the words "final and unalterable" from the Better Terms bill, although the leader of the Liberal party in the legislature took great credit to himself for having asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier by telegram to strike those words out of the resolution of the Canadian parliament. He can draw attention to his speech delivered in the A. O. U. W. hall last week in proof of the contention that he joined issue in respect to the basis upon which better terms are claimed for the province. This is Mr. Templeman's position. We think the statement of it is perfectly fair. We may add that, although the electorate at the last provincial election declared in favor of a continued agitation for Better Terms, and although the Imperial parliament has purposed to let the way open for a further presentation of our case, he has declared it to be as "dead as Julius Caesar."

All we propose to do today is to group together the facts, so that it may not be alleged hereafter that Mr. Templeman's attention was not directed to them. They will make very interesting reading to the opponents of the claims of the province in other parts of Canada, who will not stop to reflect that Mr. Templeman has seen fit to take an attitude diametrically opposite to that occupied by the members of his own party in the provincial legislature. There have been many things said at one time and another which can be cited in opposition to what Mr. A. MacDonald called the "exceptional consideration" to which this province is entitled by reasons that are "permanent in their character," but none quite as serious as Mr. Templeman's latest utterance. During the last general election, when the Dominion Mr. John Oliver took a very prominent part in the campaign in this city. In one of his speeches Mr. Oliver boasted that his party in the house had to press the claims of the province further than Mr. McBride seemed willing to go, but he added: "We had to accept our amendment." Mr. Oliver will not greatly regret that Mr. Templeman's funeral oration over the alleged corpse of Better Terms.

#### SETTLE THE COUNTRY

Mr. Ralph Smith was very earnest in his speech on Monday night about the need of settling people upon the vacant areas of Canada. It is quite in order to ask Mr. Smith if he does not think it about time that the ministry of which he is so valued a supporter, gave a little attention to the needs of British Columbia in this respect. We do not wish to be understood as suggesting that the responsibility for the colonization of this province rests wholly with the Dominion government. The Colonist recognizes and has repeatedly urged the duty imposed upon the provincial government in this connection, but it has complained, and repeats the complaint, that the Dominion immigration policy takes no note whatever of the fact that in British Columbia there are exceptional opportunities for the settlement upon the land of tens of thousands of people. When Mr. Smith returns to Ottawa to take up his parliamentary duties, we hope he will be able to discover some opportunity of impressing upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues that, while we have not the least objection to every reasonable effort being made to populate the Prairie country, British Columbia ought to receive some share of consideration from the Department, which is charged with immigration.

Dismissing all political considerations we wish to express the strong conviction of this paper that what Canada as a whole, and British Columbia in particular, need more than anything else is an influx of people, who will come into the country and become

landowners. Once a man has learned what it is to live upon his own land, and to look to the soil and his own intelligently directed labor for his necessities and comforts of life, he becomes a citizen of the highest class. Half the social troubles in the world arise out of the fact that men have become wage-earners instead of land-owners. The condition of the man, who works for another, is as a matter of course to a certain extent subordinate, no matter how prominent his position may be, even if ability he is able to bring to bear to the discharge of his duties. The man on the farm is independent, as far as it is possible in organized society for a man to be independent. Today there are millions of people in the cities, who hardly know what to look forward to from one day to another, except that a life of privation is absolutely certain, and while this is the case, there are tens of millions of acres of land in Canada, where these people could make homes, and instead of presenting the most serious of all problems in the world, would be a constant and generous source of strength to the state.

The rate war being waged by the Atlantic steamship lines is getting interesting. Surely, a fare of only \$27.50 for a first-class passage on the coast of the Lusitania must be a record for cheap rates in trans-Atlantic travel.

#### BULKLEY DISTRICT IS LOOMING LARGE

A Portland Syndicate Will Spend the Sum of \$150,000 on Development Work

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The rush to grab the good things in the Bulkley country is as great as ever. Such is the report of N. D. Lukens, who has just returned from a visit to that section, and who is very enthusiastic regarding the vast possibilities of that part of the province, in the way of both timber and minerals. "It is all a matter of transportation now," said Mr. Lukens to a World representative, "and that is coming in the near future."

"While I was up in that part of the country the Portland syndicate took a bond on 48 minerals claims in and around the Bulkley section and will spend \$150,000 on the development work during the next year. The showings, some of which are not only big, but very rich, are for the most part valuable, running high in silver values. There are also some excellent copper showings in the same vicinity."

It is now understood that the G. T. P. will build within about 10 miles of the Bulkley holding the value of the syndicate, and this will open up one of the best mineral sections to be found in the province. "There are a number of other mining men looking over this country, and some of them represent big bunches of capital, so that once there is a chance to get the ore out there will be no lack of those able and willing to open the mines and push the development work. This will mean the adding to the shipping mines of the north a very large tonnage of high grade ores."

The rush for timber is still going on, and the country is full of men who are staking limits. The timber is good, and will run high to the acre, and again it is a matter of transportation, and as soon as this is given, look to see a rush to this part of the world that will eclipse all previous ones in the history of the north. The timber resources are there, and only the difficulty of getting at them has held the country back."

#### WILL HOLD NO MORE PARADES IN VANCOUVER

Lid Lie Put on the Ill-Advised Tactics of the Members of the Asiatic Exclusion League

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The members of the Asiatic Exclusion League, who held a meeting in the Labor hall last night, at which a motion to hold another anti-Oriental parade was defeated by a majority of 60. There was a good attendance of members. E. T. Kingsley was in the chair.

"I object to the czar-like attitude of the chairman," said S. J. Gothard, rising hotly when the third valuable motion that had been proposed and been relegated to oblivion by the chairman refusing to allow an old question to be re-opened. "The words I used were probably too long for him to comprehend. If I may suggest another motion, I will try to move it in the simple words that are within his vocabulary," added Mr. Gothard.

There were many suggestions made at the meeting, though nothing tangible resulted. One motion was to declare a general strike of all trades if the Ottawa government refused to settle the Oriental question at once. Another was that a telegram be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier protesting against his reply to the league's former telegram, which, said one speaker, told them in plain language that they were provocateurs. A motion was moved that Premier McBride be asked whether the report that he had asked the lieutenant-governor to veto the Natal act was true.

Four new members of the league were entered upon the books last evening. The local newspaper men who went to report proceedings were told without first joining the league. They all paid and became full-fledged members of the league. The next meeting will be held in the city hall on Monday.

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#### DOMINION COPPER IS TO ENLARGE SMELTER

Mechanical Feed Devices Are to Be Installed to Cheapen Cost of Handling

Phoenix, Sept. 25.—It is now definitely known that the Dominion Copper company will at once begin the work of enlarging the capacity of its smelting plant located at Boundary Falls. This last summer a new giant furnace, with a capacity of some 700 tons daily, among the very largest in Canada, was placed in commission, thus enlarging the old battery of two small blast furnaces to 1200 tons daily. The new furnace has mechanical feed devices, somewhat similar to those in use at the Granby and British Columbia Copper company smelters, but the two old furnaces have still been fed by hand.

While copper was bringing 25 cents per pound, the margin was sufficient so that the difference in cost of feeding was not so great as it would be in copper at 15 or 16 cents, the case is different, and the old hand feed will be done away with and the electric motor used in the enlarged plant when finished.

It is the intention to tear down the two old blast furnaces and rebuild them, so that they will be larger furnaces that will exceed the old furnace by some two or three feet in length. This will result in giving the smelter a capacity of 1500 tons per day more than the present plant—and the ore can be fed at less expense than at present.

As a result of the curtailment of ore shipments by the Dominion Copper company's mines, most of the men employed at the Brooklyn and Idaho mines have been laid off for the time being; but the force is kept on at the company's Rawhide mine in this camp, at the Mountain Rose mine, Summit camp, and at the Sunset mine. Deadwood camp—and these mines will keep the 700-ton furnace in continuous operation till the enlarged plant is ready, when a larger mining force than before will be required to get out the increased tonnage needed.

Supt. Chas. Rundberg was asked how long he expected to find it necessary to curtail operations at the Idaho and Brooklyn, and said it depended entirely on the time required to complete the alterations at the smelter. He said he might be some necessary work at the mines referred to.

Plans have been drawn for the Dominion Copper company for a new central office building and warehouse, to be erected on the Idaho claim as soon as possible. The necessary lumber has been ordered, work will start by the carpenter gang when it arrives. The plans call for a building 24 feet by 76 feet, two stories, the warehouse itself occupying a space 24 by 48 feet. The building will be specially arranged for the purpose intended, and it is hoped to occupy it before winter sets in.

Fire Chiefs' Convention  
Nelson, B. C., Sept. 24.—At the fire chiefs' convention, the following officers were elected: President, J. H. Watson, N. W. Westminster; vice president, Chief E. A. Savage, Grand Forks; treasurer, Chief J. P. Fink, Cranbrook; secretary, Chief T. Deaton, Nelson; executive committee, Chiefs Knight, Chilliwack; Poole, Revelstoke, and McKay, Kamloops; transportation committee, Chiefs Joseph Martin, J. W. Nunn, D. W. Kane; finance committee, Chiefs D. McDougall, A. Jeffs and E. Latham.

Severe Gale on Lakes  
Windsor, Ont., Sept. 25.—A heavy northeast gale has been raging over Lake Erie, and many vessels have been forced to seek shelter. A wireless telegraph message from the steamer City of Detroit reports the steamer being held up by the gale, and that G. Kerr of Duluth ashore at Bar Point. Both are steel vessels of recent construction.

#### CHINAMAN ASSAULTED

Truist Servant of Vancouver Citizen Is Badly Beaten at Hands of Hoodlums

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—W. Fullerton, a resident of the West End, this morning came downstairs to find his Chinese servant, Mah Yuen, suffering severe injuries about the head and body. Questioning the man, he learned that the night about 10:30 o'clock the Oriental in company with another Chinese servant, was standing at the postoffice waiting for a car. Suddenly a group of six white men attacked the pair, who attempted to escape. The group followed them up, knocked Mah Yuen down and kicked him in the face and side. As evidence of the attack the servant showed his numerous bruises.

Mr. Fullerton states that his servant is a trustworthy man and that he believes the story to be true. He was formerly employed by Mr. Roberts of the Northern Bank, by whom he was highly recommended. Since the recent riot he has been in a constant state of alarm because of his fear of being assaulted.

The assault has been placed before Mr. A. E. McEvoy, who has been acting as justice of the peace for the Chinese vice-consul at San Francisco. This official is still in the city, and it is probable the matter will be fully investigated.



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