

THE PLAIN TRUTH IN BLACK AND WHITE

POLITICS BY THE X RAY.

That my friends the colliery proprietors should have cheap labor for working their coal mines, that I should have the advantage of cheap labor in my salmon canning industry; that my railroad friends, the E. & N., the C. P. R. and others, should be enabled to successfully cope with competing lines employing white labor, are, I think, sufficient reasons, gentlemen, why the Chinese and Japanese should be retained. I therefore ask your suffrages, and promise if elected to do all in my power to develop the resources of this province.

Let every voter having at heart the interest of British Columbia turn up at the polls to-day and vote. A strong and vigorous policy is a necessity at the present juncture.

The Colonist predicts the overwhelming defeat to-day of the Martin Government. When the polls are closed and the results known, our friend will admit that "Something has Happened." No doubt the results of the last Dominion election are still fresh in memory.

Mr. Turner has endeavored on a number of occasions to place Messrs. McInnes in an embarrassing position before the public. In all candor, we think the ex-premier will now admit that honesty would in this case have been the best policy.

If Mr. Dunsmuir would ever like to become a factor in public affairs in this province there are a few things worth bearing in mind. It is not for us to say here what they are. His position enables him to do much for the people and the country, and a great deal could be done by him without affecting his moneyed interest which would add to his popularity among all classes and particularly the workers. Until such a change takes place it is useless to ask or expect the sympathies of the toiler. You cannot force sentiment or expect co-operation where none is given.

The Colonist says vote for Turner, Helmcken, McPhillips and Hall. Why not tell the elector why he should take such a course. Is there any record that would justify the electors, and especially

the working classes, in giving their suffrages on the third occasion to this quartette? Ask either of the above the one question: "Are you free from corporate influence, and has your vote on all occasions been given in the public interest?" and a truthful answer could not be made in the affirmative.

We are not prepared to say that this is the first election in which our Chinese friends have evinced enough interest in public affairs to canvass for votes for any political party, but we can instance in the present campaign where one of the officials at the post office has been approached in the interest of the "big four" by a burly Chinaman with the polite request to vote for that ticket as they were "belly good man."

British Columbia orchards, thanks to the efforts of Fruit Inspector Palmer, report a clean bill of health. The codlin moth and the woolly aphis are about extinct. There is still a remnant left, however in provincial politics. An application of whale oil soap to-day will, it is hoped, enable British Columbia to be entirely free of the pest.

What is responsible government? Have we ever had responsible government in British Columbia?

Responsible government is government by the people, legislation in the people's interests, and not monopolistic representation legislating in monopolistic privileges.

Does responsible government mean representation of public interests by railroad servants and masters? Colonist, please favor us.

It is enough to be robbed of your rights by corporations without being forever dictated to by them.

It's a bold man who will challenge the rights of monopolists and trusts; a bad man who will attempt to curtail their power and privileges, and a dangerous man who would wipe them out by government ownership and supervision.

You can have no progress with Chinese and Japanese. If you want to be rid of them vote for the Martin Government—they will do the rest.