## SIDNEY AND ISLANDS REVIEW, SIDNEY, B.C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1913.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Editor,

Sidney and Islands Review: doubtedly the crying need of the Province of B.C. is for better prices for farm This is worth thinking over.

and other produce. If with this co-operation in selling Take the farmer. For much of what vere combined, co-operation in other he raises, he receives between 30 and 40 directions, as for development, how cents only of each dollar the consumer much greater would be the benefits. pays for it. Furthermore, such a combine would be

Both wholesaler and retailer have to a very powerful political factor, and it take toll for rental and help as well as would then be the farmers' own fault if a good percentage of profit. the representative he sent to Parliament If, however, better prices were ob- did not suit him.

W. J. L. HAMILTON.

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Baseless and Reckless Charges of Min

government Prove Injurious to

The Province

PUBLIG MEETINGS

tained by the farmer, the land would oulckly settle up, transportation facili- Box 8, South Salt Spring. ties increase, and the increased produc tion would lead to increased develop-**Slanders** Damage

ment in many other directions. There is one way, and one only, by which the farmer can attain this object, and that is by selling retail to the con sumer, and this, one man alone cannol afford to do, as the cost of marketing

would eat up all his profits. But the cost for selling the produce of a hundred farms would be no greater than that of one, whilst each individual would have to hear but one per cent, of it, therefore co-operation along these lines is imperative.

Unfortunately, co-operative schemes it is. During the ten years and more in the past have, through either insuffi- in which it has diminished from a for- Brewster and his newspaper supporters clent capitalization or mismanagement, midable organization, able to carry seven sometimes proved failures, although there is no instance recorded where a reached the vanishing point at the last and that any man who wishes to settle properly managed business of this sort Provincial election, it has been nothing has been unsuccessful.

sible?

But farmers, who have, under present opposed everything from the developrative conditions, to work ment of the Province to the maintenance very hard for their money, are sus- of law and order. Its policy has been picious, and fear to find in such an enone of negation. For the Government terprise simply a means to get their to suggest anything was a sufficient ally intending to settle on them and immoney. But if the farmers control the business themselves, how is this pos- had one affirmative suggestion only, and that was the unique Oliver railway

A co-operative store in Victoria han- policy, which was in its way about the a political party adopting it. But the dling farmers' produce only should funniest thing ever advanced for the Liberals have not done this. They have easily turn over \$500,000 a year, the total cost of running which, including interest friend, Mr. John Oliver, whom everybody of available arable land has been sold on capital, would be 12 per cent., leaving likes but no one takes seriously as a to friends of the Government, who are

88 cents in the dollar for the farmer, or politician, took a map of British Columholding up settlement. This is untrue more than double the price he receives bia and put marks on it; if some politi-for most of what he raises. Cal supporter pointed out to him that to deter settlers from coming to the But take the annual turnover as but there was a place where another mark Province. To send out such a false half this, \$250,000, the cost for marketwould look well, straightway it was statement broadcast is a very unpatri-Let people say what they may, un- ing this would certainly not exceed 17 drawn upon the map, straightway it was otic action. That the Liberals have per cent. leaving the farmer 83 cents, times wondered since this fearful and done so shows that, having only a policy

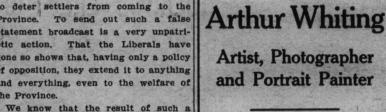
wonderful production was spread out for public admiration, just what our friend and everything, even to the welfare of from the Delta thinks of it. But this the Province. work of art had one merit. It urported to be an attempt to do some thing. Since then our Liberal friends have been content to oppose, and they have been absolute and undiscriminating in their opposition. It has extended to the Premier and his colleagues indi-

braced every aspect of Provincial progress. It has been even directed against the Province Mr. Brewster has, since he was made

leader of his party, made several the Province, never by any possibility speeches, and in each one of them he has been careful to assert things that are injurious to the best interests of

British Columbia, and the newspapers supporting him have given every publicity in their power to these injurious allegations, supplementing them with equally inaccurate statements of their

own. At a time when it is desirabl to attract settlers to the Province, and The Liberal party in British Columbia is a party of opposition, and that is all when they are coming in large numbers and taking up vacant Crown lands, Mr. have been doing their best to persuade seats in a Dominion election, until it people that there is no land to be got, in the Province must pay tribute to a else than an opposition party. It has soulless lot of spec derstand that a party in opposition might criticize, and if they thought well to do so, condemn, the sale of Crown lands to any other than persons actureason for the Liberals to oppose it. It prove them. We do not think, and we have never thought this would be a good policy, but we can quite understand consideration of an electorate. Our good simply raised an outcry that every acre



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ourse on the part of the leaders and organs of the Liberal party has been to alienate the sympathies of many persons who formerly supported them and who are predisposed to give their allegiance to a political party bearing vidually and collectively; it has emto be associated with a political organization which confines itself to the villification of its political opponents and to misrepresenting the actual condition of

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