

THE PREMIER'S PLATFORM.

It is contended by the supporters of the Premier in Victoria that in his platform are embodied all the principles that the Liberals of British Columbia have been contending for for years, and, as one of them puts it, "We have no use for Liberals who refuse to endorse the candidature of the supporters of that platform." Might we be permitted to point out that the Premier is not the only man before the people of British Columbia who has been engaged in the work of building platforms. There have been numerous structures of that kind reared in this province within the last few months, many of them quite as radical in their planks as that of the Premier, and if the builder is to be put out of sight, entirely and only the principles which he alleges he stands for kept in view, then each of them is quite as worthy of support as is that of the Hon. Joseph Martin. But we take it that the platform is principally intended to hold the author up to public view; that, judging by what has occurred in the past, if its builder is elected, it will be quietly stowed away and kept out of sight until the arrival of a more convenient season for acting on its principles, and that for that reason the strength of the platform must be judged by the record of the man it supports.

One of the principles contained in the platform of the Premier is that of government ownership of railways; in fact we do not think we would be far astray in saying that that is more than a common plank in the opinion of a majority of the supporters of Mr. Martin. It is the whole works; everything else is obscured by its mighty shadow. As an abstract principle we admit that it sounds very plausible, but what aspect does it assume when applied to the concrete case to which the Premier's followers persist in applying it? We are told that government ownership is in the air; that the government or the municipalities should possess all street railways, lighting works, and all businesses which are in their character natural monopolies. All these contentions are at once granted, but what bearing have they on the question of the ability of the government of British Columbia in the present state of its credit to build a railway into the Kootenay country? None of these institutions pay in towns without a sufficiently large population to support them. The tramways in Victoria and Vancouver were in operation for years before they paid dividends to their shareholders. There are many towns in British Columbia where capitalists would never think of investing their money in such enterprises with the idea of securing dividends. As men of common sense we should not allow our enthusiasm for a principle which looks very beautiful on paper and is very fascinating when skilfully presented to the view on a public platform to obliterate our reason and induce us to shut our eyes to the facts. We do think many contend that a local railway to the Kootenay country will, for some years at least, pay the interest, which in the present state of our credit we will be compelled to pay in order to raise funds for its construction, together with the amount necessary for the accumulation of a sinking fund and to cover operating expenses. Mr. Martin says the railway will pay from the day it is opened, but others are of a contrary opinion, and we think, as far as our experience goes in the past, the facts are against the Premier. The point is, however, is the province with its present population and the limited amount of its taxable resources, able to bear the burden which would be imposed on it in the way of taxation from the time of the commencement of construction until the railway is completed and earning dividends, not to mention the risk, which must not be lost sight of, of the road not paying its way for years? It is urged as proof that the road would pay that capitalists were alleged to be willing to undertake its construction in the days of the Turner government. The facts are, however, that even with a bonus of \$4,000 a mile men of means appeared to be doubtful about undertaking the work without an additional subsidy from the Federal government. These things, it is true, may not be proof conclusive that the railway would not pay, but they are sufficient to convince all reasonable men that Mr. Martin and his followers seem bent on embarking on an undertaking that should be approached with great caution, as involving possibilities in regard to burdens of taxation that would indeed be grievous to be borne, if they might

not indeed be ruinous to the future of many in this community.

Possibly if British Columbia had begun aright, if her resources had not in the past been bestowed with great prodigality on favorites and her credit thereby blighted in the money markets of the world, she might have been able to live up to the high socialistic ideals which seem at present to be entertained by some of her rising statesmen, but we must face the situation as we find it and be careful not to rush into undertakings which are beyond our financial resources.

A HARMONIOUS PARTY.

A few days ago it was announced by one of the leading organs of the Conservatives in the East that everything was harmonious in the ranks of the party now, and Sir Charles Tupper followed it with a statement to the effect that he was going to "sweep the country," that he would have an immense majority in every province except Quebec, and that even there he would effect a "tremendous reduction" in the majority of the government. How the bosom of the old gentleman must have swelled with pride and hope as he surveyed these "sweeping statements" in print! But it was only another case of pride going before a fall. On the very next day the following document was put in his hand:

"Unless payment of my account, submitted to you yesterday, and the terms of future engagements, as handed to Dr. Montague last night, are accepted by you I shall wire the Premier to-night to extend investigations to include from 1882 to 1896."

This instrument was executed under the hand and seal of Robert Birmingham, late organizer of the party, and was replied to by his leader in a very defiant manner, as follows:

"Your message of May 22 received. You will never receive another dollar from any fund which I can control."

(Signed) CHARLES TUPPER.

Now as to this correspondence, all that it is necessary to say is that, notwithstanding the tone of defiance which the Conservative leader assumed towards Mr. Birmingham and those behind him, it is noticeable that the kicker has been quieted and that we shall hear nothing more from the late Conservative organizer. If his silence has not been bought it has been secured in some way equally effective, and those who know the man will readily understand that his price was a fairly high one. Is it not the irony of fate that revelations of this kind should be made just at the moment when the whole party was bursting with mock indignation at the alleged corruption which had been charged against the Liberals?

The origin of the trouble seems to have been the statement of the Montreal Star and the Toronto World that certain members of the Conservative cabinet of former days would never again be admitted to the councils of the party. This was taken by Dr. Montague and Mr. Haggart to mean their permanent banishment from office, and it is said that Mr. Birmingham was merely their instrument when he made his demands on their leader, which included the recognition of their claim to a place in the Conservative government, when it is formed. The Toronto World claims that the insurrection which occurred at the time of the discovery that there was a "nest of traitors" in the cabinet has never been really suppressed and that this is another eruption with the object of securing the deposition of Sir Charles Tupper from the leadership and that "the fight that is now on is not merely a struggle between Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Birmingham, it is a struggle between the progressive and clean Conservatives in the House and the discredited organizer and ex-ministers from Ontario for ascendancy. It is the old gang and the old crowd and the old organ that are and have been trying to control the party and to prevent any reorganization and progress within its ranks. Sir Charles Tupper will beat them all out of their boots. In a few days the organization will be completed, the scallaws will be hustled out, and the Conservative party will present a solid front to its antagonists."

ELECTORAL CORRUPTION.

It is amusing to read a letter in the Colonist, from a good Conservative, we presume, warning the opposition in Victoria to be on their guard against electoral crookedness on the part of the degenerate Grits, who have been guilty of such terrible crimes against the freedom of the ballot in Ontario and elsewhere. Does our Tory friend imagine the people of British Columbia are not acquainted with the history of his party in Canada? From the days of the Pacific scandal it has been the same old story. It is not such a long time since a member of a Conservative cabinet was banished from public life on account of his connection with hoodlums which were then in operation for the purpose of raising funds to corrupt the electorate. Two friends of this honorable gentleman, Nick Connolly and Thomas McGreevy, were incarcerated in the common jail as long as their health would permit for their same crime, and although they were liberated on the recommendation of members of the then Tory government, which would have been seriously handicapped in the succeeding federal campaign with-

out their invaluable services, we have not yet heard that these distinguished gentlemen have succumbed to the cruel blight that was cast upon their lives through the agency of the hoodlums Grits. We might go on covering columns with instances of the corruption of the methods of the party to which this correspondent of our contemporary refers, showing how constituency after constituency was wrested from the party to which it had declared its allegiance by the crooks who were paid out of the fund which these men, who were released from jail because the confinement was injuring their health, were instrumental in raising. Did anyone ever hear of a Tory government taking action to secure the punishment of the men who were guilty of these crimes against the freedom of the ballot? The Grit government of Ontario has taken action and through the courts has secured the conviction and punishment not only of many who were bribed, but also of their bribers, and the officers of the Crown there did not restrict themselves to any one party. The Grits were treated the same as the Tories, but notwithstanding the efforts of the lawyers employed by the Conservatives to conduct the prosecutions on their behalf, the majority of those who were convicted were Conservatives. We do not deny the fact that there have been dishonest practices on both sides, but it is also a fact that the Conservatives have been proved to be the greatest offenders in this respect, and that they are responsible for the introduction of such reprehensible methods into Canada. Listen to them howling about Grit dishonesty in the House of Commons at Ottawa, while at the same time their leader is engaged in the task of sealing the mouth of his late organizer, who has been threatening to "say things" unless the bribe to secure his silence was made sufficiently large. Mr. Birmingham, we are told, has consented to sink his individuality for the present, but those who know the man will readily concede that his silence has only been secured on the receipt of a substantial "consideration."

NORTHERN NEWS BUDGET.

Body of Unknown Man Found in Rocky Heights of White Pass.

Skagway papers received from the North through the arrival of the steamer City of Seattle on the Sound on Thursday night contain an interesting budget of news.

A long way off from the main trail in the rocky regions of White Pass. City the body of an unknown man was discovered by some foot travelers last Monday, reports the News. The party was going over the trail to the summit and made a wide detour to avoid the tollgate when they made the startling discovery. When seen from the opposite side of the canyon he appeared as a man sitting on a boulder, comfortably resting after a hard climb up the mountain. The man had been dead for at least six weeks. Judge Schlegel went to the scene in company with the man who had brought the information and after examining a coroner's jury at White Pass City, held an inquest and buried the badly decomposed remains near where they were found.

Some very rich gold quartz has been discovered on McKinley creek in the Athin country. The snow in that section is just beginning to disappear, consequently no accurate estimate can be made at present concerning the extent and importance of the new field.

Taking an average from all the drifts on the scores of creek and bench claims on Spruce it is only a reasonable estimate to place a value of \$17,000,000 on the main pay channel. From discovery down to 140 below, says an Athin correspondent in the Juneau Record-Miner. We have here one of the greatest hydraulic propositions in the Northwest. We can put 5,000 miners' inches of water on these benches with 400 feet of fall and as much more water as could be used to advantage.

The railroad company has announced in the new tariff sheets just issued that the fare from Skagway to White Horse is \$20; round trip \$32; to Caribou \$28.50; round trip \$22.15. The fare to Bennett remains \$10 one way and \$16 round trip. The distance from Skagway to Bennett is 41 miles; from Bennett to White Horse 70 miles.

Snow still impedes work in the upper Porcupine district, but prospectors are making progress as fast as the disappearing snow and frost will permit.

Work on the Taku-Athin tramway has been suspended temporarily owing to the litigation between the two rival companies interested in securing the territory.

A Victim of Piles

For 20 Years—A Constant Sufferer From Bleeding and Protruding Piles—Cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

In vain did Mrs. Jas. Brown, of Hintonburg, near Ottawa, search for a cure for piles. In Europe and America she tried every remedy available, but it remained for Dr. Chase's Ointment to effect a cure.

Mrs. Brown writes: "I have been a constant sufferer from nearly every form of piles for the last twenty years, and during that time both here and in the Old Country have tried most every remedy. Only doing justice to Dr. Chase's Ointment when I say that I believe it to be the best remedy obtainable for bleeding and protruding piles. I strongly recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to mothers, or indeed to any person suffering from that dread torment—piles." Physicians and druggists recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment as the one preparation that is guaranteed to positively cure piles. It is guaranteed to positively cure piles, whether itching, bleeding, or protruding. 90 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates and Co., Toronto.

The Outlook In Africa

Experts Think the Retreat of Boers Will Be Followed by Guerilla Fighting.

Burgers May Trek to Rhodesia Where Carrington Will Deal With Them.

Petition for Cessation of Hostilities Is Expected at the Foreign Office.

(Associated Press.)

London, June 2.—Popular opinion has proclaimed the advent of victory in Africa. The nation has made up its mind that the war is over; that the prestige of British arms is restored; that President Kruger is vanquished; that priceless territory has been annexed; that humanity has not been staggered, and that, led by the little Sir Calhoun, "Boys," Great Britain's army has fulfilled the most optimistic expectations.

It is scarcely surprising, in view of the bewildering rapidity of Lord Roberts' progress during the past week, that the

Troubles Still Ahead of the army in South Africa receive only a passing thought. Nevertheless, among the few more serious-minded who have intimated knowledge of the Boers and the plans of the war office, there exist grave apprehensions of developments in the near future.

In the systematic retreat of the Boers they see the possibility of long drawn out guerilla fighting; treks into Rhodesia; internal disorganization in the Transvaal due to bandits, and a thousand and one lawless elements that evolve themselves from a heterogeneous army after it ceases to become an organized body.

Some of the most accurate authorities on African matters say Major-General Frederick Carrington's work in Rhodesia May Only Begin

when Roberts finishes. Some speculation, however, can only be left for time to prove and this war, so far, has abounded in surprises, which have completely upset the estimates of those best fitted to express opinions.

Probably the most reasonable forecast of the immediate developments in the Transvaal can be gained by reviewing the events in the Free State or Orange Colony. When the country is formally annexed and subjected to a wholesale sweeping, no more of British troops, certain opposition still exists. The preponderance of numbers is bound to eventually

Reduce the Inhabitants to subjection, and so it will be probably with the Transvaal, the occupation of Pretoria and Johannesburg being followed by operations similar to those undertaken in the Orange River colony.

The personal status of President Kruger, since he left the capital, is creating some discussion. A representative of the Associated Press learns that Lord Salisbury will consider him to be President of the South African Republic, until Roberts is ready to annex that territory. Hence, wherever Kruger may be, even if he goes into Portuguese territory, any communications which he might make to the British or other governments looking to

A Cessation of Hostilities, would receive official recognition and be answered, though it is safe to say Lord Salisbury would merely refer Kruger to Lord Roberts.

Some message from "Oom Paul" is now expected at the foreign office. If the indicated line of procedure in answering is carried out, it can result in nothing unless Kruger is willing to assist Roberts in persuading the people to lay down their arms. One thing the British government is determined, President Kruger cannot stay in the Transvaal. In the event of his capture, he must be transported, not necessarily in defiance, but he must be got out of the territory which Lord Salisbury expects will shortly be part of the British Empire.

Every effort will be made to capture President Kruger, but the government officials are inclined to believe he will manage to get into Portuguese territory, where the British will be unable to touch him.

One of the most curious features of the closing chapters of the great war is the oblivion into which Buller has fallen. Generals French, Hamilton and others are more frequently talked of and cheered than the former commander-in-chief, who seems to have become a negative quantity in the shadow of Biggarsburg.

Words fail to describe the national gratefulness to Lord Roberts. Wellington never was to England what Roberts today is, in the eyes of the general public.

A Dukedom and the Order of the Garter at the Queen's disposal through the death of the Duke of Argyll, are the least rewards that could be bestowed on him. Already people are talking of the scenes which will mark his home-coming. Military circles occasionally try to bring Lord Kitchener's name on, but their efforts have small effect on the popular sentiments.

One evidence of Roberts' capability is the use to which he put wireless telegraphy. While Buller, White and other generals failed to develop the plant sent out to them and looked askance at the innovation, relying solely on the old-time telegraph, Roberts always has with him a body of

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device are also satisfactory. The British battleship Hannibal, while under way, clearly read the battleship Jupiter's message at 32 miles' distance.

An extraordinary incident in connection with the battering in of the chest ironclad Bellicose by the battleship Majestic has just leaked out. It appears that the loaded bow torpedo of the Bellicose was discharged by the effect of the shells of the Majestic, and only smart maneuvering on the part of the modern warship.

Saved Her From Being Blown Up by the self-released projectile of the old hull.

The fact of the Duke of Connaught having taken Lord Francis Clinton Hope's castle Blayney, County Monaghan, for the season, with the option of five years, seems to indicate the establishment of a Royal residence in Ireland. But whether the Queen will occupy the residence which May Yohe, the American actress, otherwise Lady Hope, has just vacated, in order to fulfil theatrical engagements in Australia, it is impossible to say. Castle Blayney is one of the finest properties in Ireland, and it is understood that if the Duke and Duchess of Connaught are satisfied with it they will take it for a long term.

The Duke of Argyll announces that Inverary Castle, with its immense domain is for rent. A most remarkable case came up this week, when Mrs. Brinkworth sued the estate of the late Wm. Beckett, a former member of parliament, for continued support of herself and her alleged children. Mrs. Beckett was head of one of the wealthiest private banking firms in England, and eminently respected in parliament and in society. It now transpires that Mrs. Brinkworth lived as his mistress for many years and that the couple amused themselves by

Buying Children, which they passed off as their own. Beckett was said to use the children to bluff his own family into consenting to the payment of large sums to his mistress. Mrs. Brinkworth was non-suited and criminal proceedings may be commenced against her for trying to pass off the children as Beckett's. The executor of the estate sued is Mr. Ernest Beckett, son of the man who lived such a double life. He is also a member of parliament and owns one of the finest houses in Piccadilly.

FOREIGNERS IN DANGER.

"Boxers" Attack a Party of Refugees, Killing Four and Wounding Many—Fate of Remainder Unknown.

(Associated Press.)

Tien Tsin, June 2.—The foreigners who escaped from Pao Ting-fu are ten miles from here. Four of the party were killed and four wounded. An expedition is proceeding to their relief.

The French consulate has received information from the priests at Tiao Tsin-fu that 30 foreigners, including six ladies and a child, who were attempting to escape from Pao Ting-fu to Tien Tsin in boats, were attacked by 700 "Boxers," armed with rifles and spears. Many were wounded and four killed, but the fate of the remainder of the party is unknown. Having little ammunition, however, it is considered impossible that they could hold out against the "Boxers."

Troops at Peking.

Peking, June 1.—The Americans and other foreign guards, number 348, arrived here in the midst of the dragon festival. The streets were crowded, and though the crowd were greatly interested in the unusual spectacle, no manifestation of hostility was made.

Arrests Ordered.

Shanghai, June 2.—The Empress Dowager has ordered the governor, Sham Hui, to arrest Lin, the Chinese manager of the Peking syndicate. Kia Chief, of the Sham Hui commercial bureau, and Fan, a leading banker, on the ground that they are dangerous characters, but in reality because they are connected with British enterprises.

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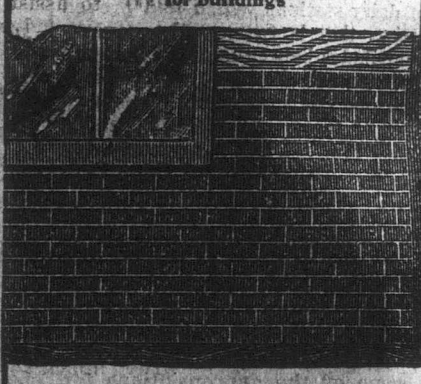
(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, June 2.—Judgment was reserved until Monday in the Nelson voters' list case, which has been before the full court for the last two days.

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May, 26th, 1900.

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