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# BROTHERS

Special.)--The preinto the case of Hyams, charged murder Martha of Harry Hyams. charges of forgery the prisoners, all ed to have taken nd involving in all pleaded not guilty were remanded

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Ball at Government House in Honor of Admiral Stephenson and Officers.

Lient Governor and Mrs Dewdey
Hospitably Entertain a Large
Number of Guests.

A farewell dance was given at Government House last night to Rear Admiral
Stephenson and the officers of H.M.S.
Royal Arthur, the flagship having completed her commission at this station and being expected to sail for England
Shortly. Elaborate preparations had been made for the event, which was one of the most brilliant ever held within the hospitable walls of Government House. The fine ballroom was appropriately and the scene during the evening, and the scene during the evening was a gracedingly bright and charming.

Royal Arthur, Mrs Raymur, J L and Mrs Rawstorne, R Mr and Mrs Rawstorne, R Mr and Mrs Rawstorne, R Martenbury, C E and Mrs Rattenbury, C E and Mrs Rattenbury, C E and Mrs Redfern, Miss Rend, the Misses Reid, C E and Mrs Redfern, Miss Rend, C E and Mrs Reichardson, Mr, Lawford, Mrs and Miss Rich, Hardward Mrs Richardson, Capt, Mrs and Miss Rich, Hardward Mrs Robertson, Mrs Roboson, C W and Miss Rhodes.

Mr and Mrs Sealrook, Miss Seabrook, B R Seabrook, B R Seabrook, B R Seabrook, J H and Mrs Sealrook, Miss Seabrook, B R Seabrook, J H and Mrs Sealre, Ven Archdeacon and doesne expected to sail for England Mrs Scriven, J E Searlett, Rev C E and Mrs Scriven, J E Searlett, Rev C E and Mrs Shaw, A A Slaw, Miss Shaw, Lt H R and Mrs Shaw, A A Slaw, Miss Shaw, Lt H R and Mrs Shaw, A A Slaw, Miss Shaw, Lt H R and Mrs Spart, C B Stableshous, C B, H F Stephenson, Capt R H S Stokes, R N, Mr and Mrs Stimson, G Rooland Mrs Ratth, Ward Room Officers of HMS Satellite.

R G and Mrs, Tatlow, Wm and Mrs Station and the evening was agreed singly bright and charming.

Raymur, Lt Col and Mrs Rattenbury, C E and Mrs Rettenbur, C E and Mrs Redict, the Misses Reid, C E and Mrs Reichardson, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Robertson, C B, Ward Room Officers of the Victoria College of Music, London, at a meeting belied on Monday, December 9, duly elected Prof. Leo Bradley, of this city, a belief of the Within the ed with holly and evergreen, and the scene during the evening

Stuart, Ward Room Officers of HMS Satellite.

A Bunnaya accident which narrowly escaped being a fatality occurred on Capture and the scene during the evening was exceedingly bright and charming. The music for the programme of sixteen pieces was played by Bantley's orchestra, and three or four extras were during supper. The floor was in excellent condition, and the large number of guests—the invitations including 50 names—enjoyed themselves thoroughly. It was a fitting farewell to the navy men, who will no doubt recall with pleasure their stay in Victoria. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dewdney welcomed their guests as the head of the ball room, and their hospitable efforts to make everyone enjoy the evening were very ably seconded by Wr. E. A. Jacob, private secretary to His Honor.

Stuart, Ward Room Officers of HMS Satellite.

R G and Mrs Tatlow, Wm and Mrs caped being a fatality occurred on Quadra street at 9 o'clock Saturday evening, a team of heavy grays that had detached themselves from their vehicle knocking over and completely demolishing a baby buggy which Mrs. Johnson was wheeling on the sidewalk. By a miracle Baby Johnson escaped unlar the pleasure their stay in Victoria. His Honor, who will no doubt recall with line and Mrs Wilson, J. Mrs and Miss Webster, Walkem, Mr, Mrs and Miss Wilson, A. Ronaldson Wilson, Mr, Mrs and Mrs Wootton, E. and Mrs Wootton, Capt Christofthe evening were very ably seconded by Mr. E. A. Jacob, private secretary to His Honor.

The bright of these invited was as follows: His Honor.

The list of those invited was as follows: The list of those invited was as follows:

Mr. Mrs and Miss Abbott, JG L Hamilton, Mr Hamilton, the Misses Agassiz, Mr. Mrs and Miss Aikman, J A Aikman, J R and Mrs Anderson, Jas and Mrs Angus, the Misses Angus, Mr and the Misses Forrest, Mrs Wm F Angus, Sydney and Mrs Aspland, Miss Allison, and Commander A C Allen, RN.

The Government's Policy Plainly and

Aspland, Miss Altison, and Colonel James and Mrs Baker. H Hyde
Baker, Rev W D Barber, L C Barff, A F
and Mrs Barham, F S and Mrs Barnard, G
H and Mrs Barnard, Capt and Miss Barkley, R E and Mrs Barkley, Capt G E
Barnes, RMA; Canon and Mrs Beanlands,
Surgeon A S G Bell, RN; Bishop of Columbia and Miss Perrin, H and Mrs Bostock,
G W and Mrs Booth, Miss Bowden, W F
and Mrs Bullen, H Bullen, J R G Bullen,
Geo Bushby, W F and Mrs Burton, LieutColonel J Burrowes, RMLI; Mrs A L S
Burrowes, G H and Mrs Burnes, Mrs Black
E E and Mrs Blackwood, Mrs Blaiklock, J

Alan and Mrs Dumbleton, W S and Mrs Drewry, Justice and Mrs Drake, the Misses Tryrwhitt Drake, B H T Drake, J C Dwyer.

Thos and Mrs Earle, Hen D M and Mrs Eberts, W H, Mrs and Miss Ellis, Mr, Mrs and the Misses Ellis, Mr, Mrs and Mrs Elworthy. My answer is simply this: The only pledge that either I or the Government the Misses Erb F and Mrs Elworthy. and the Misses Erb, F and Mrs Elworthy.
Flag Lieut B Godfrey-Faussett, R N;
Capt F Finnis, R N; Mrs and the Misses

Flumerfelt.
Comdr F A Garforth, R N; Capt, Mrs
and the Misses Gaudin, F C Gamble, C W
Gamble, A J C and Mrs Galletly, H V
Galpin, Dr A J Garesche, Mrs J L Hill Ger-

B and Mrs Hall, K H and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall, D R and Mrs Harris, E A Harris, H F Hanson, Capt A and Mrs Hamilton, Lucius Hamilton, F. O Hamilton, C G and Mrs Henshaw, L G and Mrs Henderson, Mr. Mrs and Miss Heisterman, B S Heisterman, Hon Dr J S Helmcken, Dr B S Heisterman, Hen Dr Ja Heimickel, Dr J D and Mrs Helmcken, Hon D W and Mrs Higgins, Frank Higgins, W R and Mrs Hig-gins, C A and Mrs Holland, H R Hopkins, H A Holmes, W J Holmes, Dr D B Holden, A Holmes, W J Holmes, Dr D B Holden, oseph and Mrs Hunter, C M Houghton. Capt John and Mrs Irving, P Æ and Mrs

Mackenzie, O H VanMillengen, G L and Mrs Milne, E and Mrs Mohun, Commander A Y and Mrs Moggridge, R N, S F Morley, Mrs Mouat, R Ross and Mrs Monro, Mrs and Miss Monro, William and Mrs Murray, Mrs Mouat, R Ross and Mrs Murray, Mrs Mourt Mrs Murray, Mrs Mourt Mrs Murray, R E Major H H Muirhead, R N, A K Munro, R E, Mr Mrs and Miss Musgrave, J and R Musgrave, Major J M and Mrs Mutter, Henry F Mytton, Dr M J and Mrs McCarthy, R N, Captain A E and Mrs McCallum, Hon Senator and Mrs McInnes, Mrs G A Mc-

Tavish, A E McPhillips.

Mrs. and the Misses Nelson, the Misses Mrs. Oaksmith, W. E. Oliver, D and Mrs

Oppenheimer, I and Mrs Oppenheimer, the country." (Loud applause, during Hon. Mr, Mrs and Miss O'Rellly, Frank

Wardroom officers H M S Pheasant, seat.)

Capt E Palmer, G E and Mrs Parkes, B W and Mrs Pearse, Capt C St A Pearse, Mrs and the Misses Pemberton, J D Pemberton, F B and Mrs Pemberton, bt Colonel

and Mrs Peters, D A G; J L and Mrs Penny, W G and Mrs Pinder. Hon C E and Mrs Pooley, the Misses Pooley, T E Pooley, Lt G R Poole, R M A; A S and Mrs Potts, Mrs and Miss N Powell, George E Powell, Col Hon E G, Mrs and Miss Prior, C J Prior, Mrs C E Perry.

Wardroom and Gunroom officers, H M S Royal Arthur, Mrs Raymur, J L and Mrs Raymur, Lt Col and Mrs Rawstorne, R M A; F M and Mrs Rattenbury C E and A; F M and Mrs Rattenbury C E and B Columbia Natural History Society was held in the Provincial library last evening, interesting debates occupying several hours very enjoyably.

The St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society held an enjoyable concert, social and dance in their ball on Blanchard street last evening, the occassion being as genuinely pleasurable as any in the

Openly Declared More Than Six Months Ago.

Toleration and Compromise Can Alone Maintain the Existing Canadian Confederation.

Mr, Mrs and Miss Cambie, Robt Cassidy, Hedley and Mrs Chapman, Mr, Mrs and Miss Charles, Miss Clapham, F J and Mrs Claxton, H and Mrs Combe, H E and Mrs ment have given in this matter at all, is the pledge we gave when we came to our Finlayson, R D Finlayson, Mr, Mrs and the last session of Parlia-Miss Fisher, W E Fisher, Mr, Mrs and the ment, a pledge to the people's representatives and the country at large—a pledge Mrs G C Fox, M S and Mrs Furlonge, E H and Mrs Fletcher, Capt and Mrs A C conclusions at the last session of Parliaout of peculiar circumstances, and when the Misses Grahame, H M Grahame, Wm and Mrs Green, Mrs A A and, Miss Green, Ashdown and Mrs Green, Miss Green, Mrs And Miss Hadwen, Mr Hadwen, Miss and Miss Hadwen, Mr Hadwen, Miss and Miss L Harvey, Mrs E T Harington. R and Mrs Harvey, Mrs E T Harington. R and Mrs Harvey, Geo Harvey, Dr E Hasell, Mrs E B C Hanington, T B and Mrs Hall, R H and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall, R H and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall, R H and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Harly Mrs Harvey, Mrs E B C Hanington, T B and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Harly Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Geo Hall this evening one of the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Harly Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Geo Hall this evening one of the Misses Hall D R and Mrs Harly Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Mrs Harvey Hall this evening one of the Misses Hall R Hand Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall R Hand Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall R Hand Mrs Hall, the Misses Hall R Hand Mrs H and living according to my light and my

In the first of the evening the floor and the rest of the evening the ball will be conducted in leap year style. The committee are: Sonnson, Trotter and Mrs Johnston, P B Johnston, M T Johnston, ir; Geo C Johnston, M T Johnston, M T Johnston, ir; Geo C Johnston, M T Johnston, M T Johnston, ir; Geo C Johnston, M T Joh night, that nobody to this day could tell ests, because their party's interests con-serve the best and dearest interests of

the government.

# THE CITY.

A REGULAR meeting of the British Columbia Natural History Society was ing, interesting debates occupying several The Fire Chief Cannot by Law Be

street last evening, the occassion being It Is Beyond the Council's Power

terian church.

Ar a meeting of Seghers Council, No. Steinberger, offering to settle all claims 85. Y.M.I., last evening the following for land damages at the lake for \$1750. officers were elected: President, D. Mcsecretary, C. J. Wilkes; corresponding secretary, M. Steele; treasurer, J. Leonard; inside sentinel, J. McNeill; J. J. Swain; executive committee, S. A. than the value of the land. Bantly, V. Hall and J. Carpenter. Ald. McLellan was in fav

THE hearing of the injunction applied Speaking recently in Montreal on the Manitoba school question, Hon. Mr. Fos- defendants, the Nakusp & Slocan rail-Burrowes, G H and Mrs Burnes, Mrs Black
E E and Mrs Blackwood, Mrs Blaiklock, J
H and Mrs Brownlee, W and Mrs Bridgman, J E Bridgman, W H and Mrs Bramsdon, RN; R H Breeds, R and Mrs Beaven,
Mrs and Miss Beaven, W Beaven, Mr,
Mrs and Miss Brady, Jand Mrs Bryden, B
and Mrs Boggs, Mr, Mrs and Miss Byrnes,
the Officers of BCBGA.

Mr. Mrs and Miss Cambie, Robt Cassidy.

Speaking recently in Montreal on the
Manitoba school question, Hon. Mr. Foster said: "My position is simply this:
Whatever my prejudices are, whatever
my feelings are regarding public schools,
as compared with separate schools,
whatever my training and my bringingwhatever my training and my bringingthe Nakusp & Slocan railway.

AT a business meeting of the Sir Wm. Connon, F J and Mrs Cornwall, Dr D and Mrs Corsan, Thomas and Mrs Corsan, Thomas and Mrs Corsan, Mr, Mrs and Miss Courtney, H and Mrs Corsan, Mrs and Miss Courtney, H and Mrs Corsan, Thomas and Mrs Corsan, Thomas and Mrs Corsan, Mrs and Miss Courtney, H and Mrs Sworn to abide by and interpret the constitution, I say my simple duty is to set my prejudices and mrs Day, Joshua Davies, Chief Justice and Mrs Davie, Draic, Mrs and Miss Sophie Davie, Frank Dent, RN, Capt and Mrs Devereux, Mrs and Mrs Devereux executive, entrusted with a share in Wallace Society, held last night, the folthe Misses Devereux, F A Devereux, W E Devereux, Miss Devereux, Mi

the case for the prosecution was thus to demoralize the department. our policy to be and what we intended to carry out. That is all the pledge that has been given. (Applause.) I must remember that that constitution arose that that constitution arose that the horse and buggy referred to by the crown's new witnesses were seen and offered to read them.

grand events of the season. Prizes will knowledge, I must take account of this be given to the two best dressed gentlecircumstance, and be as tolerant as were men, and two for the best dressed ladies the Fathers of Confederation, who form- in national costume. Each person on ed this compact under which we live to- entering the hall will be given a blank day. (Applause.) That is simply my ticket upon which to vote for the prize position; that is simply the position of winners; the ballot box will be placed upon the stage and the gentlemen will GOVERNMENT'S POLICY CLEARLY DEFINED. vote for the ladies' prizes and the ladies Mr. Laurier said in this city, the other for the gentlemen's. After 12 o'clock ladies will manage the floor and the rest

Kent, Herosa Ker, Mrs E. H. A. J. Langley, the Misses Langley, W. H. A. J. Langley, the Misses Langley, W. H. Langley, W. F. and Mrs Langley, W. H. Langley, W. F. and Mrs Langley, Miss Lawson, W. H. Lobb. Mr and Mrs Lowen, C. J. Lowenberg, W. E. Long, C. R. Longe, A. P. Luxton, T. H. and Mrs Laundy. George and Mrs Major, Hon Senator and Mrs Macdonald, the Misses Macdonald, the Misses Macdonald, R. N. Roderick and Mrs Martin, Rev G. H. Marwood, R. N., H. G. and Mrs Martin, Rev G. H. Marwood, R. N., H. G. and Mrs Martin, R. Mrs and Miss Machanis, Mrs and Miss Machanis, Mrs and Miss Machanis, Mrs Martin, R. Mrs and Miss Machanis, Mrs and Mrs Machanis, Mrs and Mr constituencies of Canada. (Applause.) The thirty-fifth anniversary of the section 104 of that act gives power to pure heat of patriotism and a feeling of noon a mass meeting of children was further states that the council shall not native the voter will be voting against loyalty to one's country? (Hear, hear, held, an interesting and instructive appoint any officer for a longer period the best interests of the city and the and loud applause.) And are not the address being given by Mr. Hink-than their own term of office, or at a province as well. The man who votes bettles of peace more important and son Siddall, and sacred songs, recita-salary for which a yearly hiring may be more honorable than those of war and tions, etc., being contributed by several inferred. Section 101 declares that in destruction? And is it not just as in- of the elder scholars. Throughout the every election by the council for a municumbent upon the members of the day, at all the services, a special feature cipal officer or officers the voting shall party, when the call for battle comes was made of the singing by the school, be by ballot." party, when the call for battle comes and the principle for honor is to be fought out at the polls, to forget their fought out at the polls, to forget their may appear in their own eyes, and give their allegiance to their party's interests, because their party's interests constituted in the party's interests constituted in the party's interests constituted in the principle for honor is to be and the singing by the school, now 400 strong, under the capable direction of Mr. Clement Rowlands. The school has an average attendance of 300 and upwards, and is growing and prossible on the principle for honor is to be by ballot.'

The petition asking that the fire chief be not appointed by the council but elected by the ratepavers, was therefore filed on motion of Ald. Cameron.

J. G. Elliott, secretary of the Board of British Columbia as well. tendent E. A. Lewis and his associate Fire Underwriters, wrote as follows:

which the hon gentleman resumed his

Elected by the Ratepayers.

asked that as his plans were considered and it will be better to leave some rate-

C., cathedral; and the First Presby- lake. The Water Commissioner recommended that H. Williscroft be appoint also enclosed a letter from Mr.

In the discussion that arose, Alk. Wil-Brady; 1st vice-president, W. H. Harris; liams opposed the whole scheme of im-2nd vice-president, T. Rourke; recording provement as adopted at last week's secretary, C. J. Wilkes; corresponding meeting. It meant, not work for the secretary, William Mulcahy; financial laborers, but was simply spending most the right man in the right place at the of the money on land. For instance, Leonard; inside sentinel, J. McNeill; Steinberger's land in the offer really the pretext of a consuming interest in outside sentinel, M. Lawless; marshall, meant about \$150 an acre—much more the welfare of Manitoba—which is, by

Ald. McLellan was in favor of settling this matter with Steinberger. It meant a law suit if they did not. for a few weeks.

Ald. Wilson said if the council did not agree to the price arbitrators would have to be appointed. Ald. Wilson in this what do the city of Victor really made by Ald. Williams. Ald. Humphrey moved that the Water

the land in the ordinary way and report

Duncan after fourteen days as the cause It is expected that the police court hearing of the charge of murder against connection with his services at fires and Dr. J. K. Garrow and Harry Creech will be closed to-day. At yesterday's session while on duty. With reference to the the depositions taken at the coroner's other two, theirs was a breach of disinquest were admitted as evidence and cipline which if overlooked would tend

completed. The initial move of the de- Ald. Macmillan wanted the report

standing unattended in front of Dr. Gar- Ald. Partridge said Chief Deasy's Iet-Galpin, Dr A J Garesche, Mrs J L Hill German, Geo and Mrs Gillespie, C A and Mrs Gordon, R E; J B and Mrs Gordon, K and Mrs Gordon, Mr and Mrs Grahame, the Misses Grahame, H M Grahame, Wm and Mrs Greig, Mrs A A and, Miss Green, light of that toleration and compromise light of that toleration and compromise having intimated that the court had pre-Ledingham taken back. This Ald. Macmillan denied

Ald. Partridge and Ald. Wilson both insisted that Ald. Macmillan had acted as Ald. Partridge had charged, and some hot words followed.

Finally Ald, Macmillan's amendment was lost and the motion to refer the matter to the fire wardens was carried. The fire wardens will report to the coun-The market superintendent reported

receipts for the month of \$73.40. Tenders for printing by-laws and annual reports were referred to the printing committee. The following opinion from the city

solicitor was read: "I have the honor to inform you that you have no power whatever to carry out the wishes of the persons signing the two petitions as to the election of the fire chief or to appoint any officer in any manner but that pointed out in municipal act 1892. Sub-section 41 of

E. Baynes Reed, J.P., is confined to are about to consider a petition, object of which is to make the office of but that time is not assuredly the present

this department, it will be readily con- gency. ceded that they are fully entitled to ask your honorable body to consider this protest when the matter come up before

(Sd.)J. G. ELLIOTT, Secretary. Dr. Duncan, medical health officer, in reply to the council wrote that he had Victoria mean by this contest. any agreement with the Sadie.

hat the city council had no power to pass a curfew by-law. A further report of the City Solicitor The city had a right to order the fences put back.

It was decided to carry this out. corporation have never taken over the sidewalk on Craigflower road was removed, and until they do so they have no power to interfere with Mr. Ellison,

In regard to Kingston street lines, the city solicitor found that the corporation is only required to compensate the tenines shall be defined.

Mrs. Scaife, Miss Cameron, J. T. Higgins, A. B. Eiskine, Geo. Jay, sr. W. H. Ellis, Wm. Templeman, J. H. will show anyone willing to learn the were appointed as the city's representatives on the Agricultural Association board.

## AN INDEPENDENT OPINION.

is at the present time the scene of a of Lancaster, the Lord Privy Seal and political tempest in a teapot, got up by other office holders are included in or the Liberal party, not for the good of the excluded from the cabinet as the Premier country but for the purpose of returning pleases. their man. The man they want to represent time? We shall see. Under the way, a dishonest political farce—the so-called Liberal party have succeeded so far in diverting public attention from the actual wants of the province, and test with the Premier's £5,000. The the Nakusp & Slocan came before Mr. Justice Drake yesterday. The court granted the injunction to restrain the defendants the Nakusp & Slocan came before Mr. would do no harm to let it remain over issue their political platform, exhibiting a hypocritical interest in the welfare of Manitoba which they value simply and solely as a means to an end.

printed in type sufficiently large to do solely as a means to an end.

connection stated that remarks were attributed to him last week that were most at the present time? To look a red herring trail has been drawn after their own interests or to protect across the scent. The Manitoba school those of Manitoba?—the latter province Commissioner proceed to expropriate having already a minister in the cabinet. If the Liberal party succeeded in returning their man, and provided the there is any one idea binding all shades Dominion elections were cast in favor of of English Liberals together, it is the the Liberal party, granted the Liberal determination to realize for all sects candidate might do the most good for the province. But what probability is there animosity we have always frowned upon that the Liberal party will be returned? and I hope always will, yet here a party Will the Eastern manufacturers vote calling themselves Liberals are appeal-for them, or will the Eastern tarmers ing to the worst passions of mankind support them? Obviously not, for both to religious bigotry-in the hope of gainparties remember their only attempt at government once in thirty years as a lare Liberals. They are politically signal failure disastrous to every inter-est in Canada.

JAMES ANGUS.

the leader. The Liberal party was found by the country to be notoriously incapable. Why? Because they had not governed and were, therefore, out of become a critic, a fault finder, or act in opposition to the work of others, but it requires not only ability but practice (and long practice also) to guide the ship of state successfully in the time of dan ger. But the Liberals have had no practice in governing since they made the notorious failure between the years 1872 and 1878. And what kind of government

Ontario Grits (give them credit for good intentions) allied with the Rouges of Quebec. who vexed the righteou soul of Alexander Mackenzie from day to day, and finally distinguished them selves by the stuffing of ballot boxes They are there to-day, and Mr. Laurier must accept them or fail to find a ministry. Could they govern if elected? No-because they have neither the practice nor experience.

Will the manufacturers and the farmers of Canada entrust their interests to not, what would Victoria gain by electing a good citizen, who would not be in be on the spot to check him up. Lively a position to do as much good in Ottawa times are in store for the electors of as he does at home?

British Columbia wants a cabinet minister at the present time, who can command the good-will of his colleagues in office when the proper time comes for action and that time nothing can delay or impede but the action of the Victoria the mayoralty. His appearance makes electorate.

There is a tide in the affairs of men and of provinces as well which taken at a lively contest. the flood leads to victory. That time has come now not only for the city of Vic toria, but for the province of British Columbia, and nothing can stem that tide but want of judgment amongst the So far as public policy is concerned,

voters of Victoria. notwithstanding the talk about tariffs, it is no more than playing to the gallery because either party must adopt a revenue tariff. There is no difference in his respect, but there is a ponderous lifference to Victoria in returning a Liberal instead of a Conservative member, which is that in the former alterfor a Liberal candidate will vote for the refusal of Dominion aid to every project of provincial interest. such a man suppose that the

Fire Underwriters, wrote as follows:

"Gentlemen:—It having been brought to the notice of this association that you the return of a Liberal for the city of the Victoria might not be productive of harm,

fire chief elective, I am instructed on and in the words of the Hon. Dr. behalf of the board to enter a protest Helmcken, "The man who votes against against any such petition, and to Mr. Prior will do an act inimical to the state that the underwriters are fully best interests of his country "-not satisfied with the present existing because he happens to be Mr. Prior, but condition of the management of this because he happens to be able to realize department of the public service. Con- the embodiment of a policy that will help sidering that the fire underwriters' con- the city of Victoria and the province of tribute about one half the expense of British Columbia in the present emer-

VICTORIA LIBERALS.

To THE EDITOR:-I should like any master of the English language to inform us what the so-called Liberal party in ired the Alert for a trip to Darcey may not be able to say, but one thing I island, as he was unaware that there was am sure I can tell them and that is that ny agreement with the Sadie.

The City Solicitor briefly reported ble in the eyes of right thinking men.

A vacancy having occurred in the government, the office is offered to Col. Prior, together with a seat in the cabistated that the lots of St. John's church net. He accepts and because the office encroached three feet on Herald street. is one of emolument, he cannot sit ln the House of Commons until he has the eave of his constituents by re-election. He stands for that re-election and is met The City Solicitor reported that the by flaming headings in the Times "Not cabinet minister" and telegrams, how portion of the street from which the manufactured I will not say, are published every day from many quarers purporting to confirm the views, or I should say the wishes, of the so-called Liberal leaders. These telegrams inpayer to proceed against him on behalf of those interested.

The data to be a consisted of twelve can be consisted or twelve can salaried and two unsalaried officials it must always consist of the same, and the leaders pretend to find their authority in the B.N.A. Act. There is no such ant, owner or other person interested in the B.N.A. Act. There is no such the land in front of which the street limitation of the Premier's choice of Cabinet councillors in that Act.

Falconer, John Taylor and W. Pendray truth how wide is the discretion given to the Premier when choosing the consultative committee known by the familiar name the Cabinet. He will find the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the president of the local government board, the vice-president of the committee of TO THE EDITOR:—The city of Victoria council, the chancellor of the Duchy

A more vulgar idea is entertained that because the controllership has a salary of only \$5,000, the holder of the office cannot vote against a minister having \$7,000. In that case how is the Lord Privy Seal, having no salary, to vote

This "Not a Cabinet Minister," What do the city of Victoria and the to the ring, is the staple of the opposi question has been introduced and has been ridden to death. I would like to remind the Victoria Liberals that if

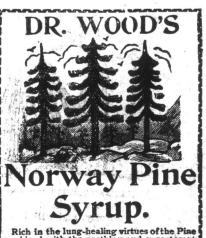
# MR. LAURIER'S CONSPIRACY.

Toronto, Dec. 30. - (Special) - The few who lead and the many who follow Mail and Empire to-day repeats its declaration that the sudden dissolution in Manitoba is undoubtedly one of the results of the conference between Hon. practice. Any individual or party can Messrs. Laurier and Sifton. It adds; Whatever may be the result in Manitoba—whatever may be the principles involved, we must not lose sight of Mr. Laurier's duplicity. As a leader he is engaged in a conspiracy of sectionalism hrough which he expects to introduce his free trade or to bring his Tartes and McShanes to the treasury, and the best minds in Canada must combine to frustrate him.'

LUXTON AND MARTIN.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 30.—(Special) — The Nor'-Wester to-night says: "Mr. W. F. Luxton left this city hurriedly on Sunday. He took the westbound train and his destination is Victoria. B.C. It is said that Joseph Martin, M.P., is now out at the Coast, in the interests of the Liberal party. Mr. Martin evidently inthose incapables? Not likely-and if tends venting his views on the Manitobo school question, and Mr. Luxton will Victoria when these two diametrically opposite gentlemen discuss the school

question. Ex-Alderman John Robertson has announced himself as a candidate for more promised—surely enough to make



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