

ment. But that which makes despotism objectionable, can never be removed by good administration under its forms.

If the Government are really in earnest in preventing the monopolization of land, all that is required is the introduction and application of a proper system of taxing land to bring it about. If they will levy taxes not upon land, but upon land values apart from improvements; if they will levy upon it enough taxes to make it unprofitable to hold big blocks of unimproved idle lands, and give industry a chance to get this land free on condition that it will pay such taxes, they will have no need to pass restrictive laws or to assume despotic powers, and they will put the province in a position to get a continually increasing revenue from her lands. Nobody pays money for land of any kind and holds it out of use for the fun of the thing, but because of the profits it brings, and if the holding of big blocks of land be an abuse, the removal of the element of profit from it will remove the abuse.

That the Government should not only resort to greater restriction on the purchase of public lands when that policy has already proved its own usefulness, but that they should introduce a feature into their land policy that savours of family compact rule, proves one of two things, either their incapacity or their duplicity. It has ever been the characteristic of practical politicians to find every kind of way but the true way for the effecting of pressing reforms, especially when these reforms are calculated to remove abuses by which they and their friends have grown rich. It will be well for the present administration, and for those who oppose them in the House, to bear in mind that the people of the province are close observers of the present situation, and that they will mete out the full measure of punishment to the delinquent who violates his trust as the representative of the country's interest either in the Government or in opposition.

CRESSET.

## NELSON.

Much interest is being manifested in the sale of lots which is to take place next Tuesday at noon, at the salesroom of J. P. Davies & Co.,

Nelson, as everybody knows is the distributing point for the great Silver King and other valuable mines on Toad Mountain. It is the terminus and headquarters of the Columbia & Kootenay Railway, connecting Nelson with the Columbia River, and the natural distributing point for any road connecting with the American system of railways to the south. It is also the commercial centre of the great Kootenay district. The Bank of British Columbia and the Bank of Montreal have established agencies in this city.

Nelson is not a boom town in any sense of the word. The resources of the country surrounding the city are infinite and are now on the eve of development. A few years will see Nelson a large and prosperous city. From every quarter comes the news that people are preparing to go into the Kootenay country, and Nelson, being the only place of importance, must become the base of all the mining operations of the future in Kootenay. Unlike other places, this city is already a living reality. The advertisements in the several papers state that the sale will be in subdivisions 58 A and 182, group I. Comprehensive maps of the town-site showing the several subdivisions have been issued, and have been generally distributed, so that everyone may be fully informed on the matter.

## VICTORIA BUSINESS HOUSES

## ARCHITECTS.

WOODALL COLE, Architect, Belmont block, 60 Yates st.

EDWARD MCCOSKRIE, Architect and Building Superintendent, room 51, Five Sisters Block.

## BAKERS.

SCOTCH BAKERY, 103 Douglas street, Russell & Ward, props., bread, cakes, &c.

## CUTLERY.

M. & H. A. FOX, 78 Government street, importers of all kinds of knives, scissors, table cutlery and fishing tackle.

## CLOTHING.

T. M. GRAHAM, Merchant Tailor and Clothier, hats, caps and gents' furnishings, 148 Government street.

## CARRIAGE WORKS.

W. M. POWELL, Ontario Wagon and Carriage Works. Repairing of all kinds. 82 Johnson street.

## CORNICE WORKS.

W. H. PERRY, sheet metal, cornice work and roofing, 94 and 96 Johnson st.

## FRUITS.

E. A. McEACHERN, fish, vegetables, Poultry and general produce. Game of all kinds in season, 44½ Government st.

## HORSESHOERS.

WILLIAM HODGE, first class horse shoer. Particular attention paid to tender feet. 92 Johnson street.

## HOTELS.

DOMINION HOTEL, meals 25 cents, Stephen Jones, jr., propr., 117 to 123 Yates street.

## INSURANCE AGENTS.

E. E. WELCH, agent Ontario Mutual Life Assurance Co., rooms 10 and 11 Bank of B. C. building.

## MACHINISTS.

NEWBIGGER & ANDERSON, 105 Douglas street, sewing machines, lawn mowers, bicycles and light machinery of all kinds repaired. All work guaranteed.

## SADDLERS.

W. DUNCAN, harness maker and saddler, 88 Johnson street.

## SURVEYORS.

T. S. GORE, BURNET & Co., Provincial Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers, rooms 1, 3 and 4, Five Sisters Block.

## STOVES AND TINWARE.

GEO. PHILLIPS, stove dealer, DeCosmes' Block, 146 Government street, Victoria, B. C. All kinds of jobbing and tinmithing promptly attended to. Anthony Steel Plate Furnace.

## SECOND-HAND GOODS.

WILLIS BOND, general dealer in second hand goods, 84 Johnson, corner Broad.

CURTICE'S, 81 Johnson street, New Second-Hand Store. Ladies and gentlemen having cast-off clothing of any description, will please send postal card to the above address, stating hour to call, will receive prompt attention. Cash paid for goods.

## UPHOLSTERERS.

J. L. FARWIG, 123 Fort street, mattresses, lounges, etc. repaired at moderate prices. New and second-hand furniture.

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