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AN HONORED AND USEFUL MEMBER.

Ralph Smith, M. P., has been unanimously nominated as the Liberal candidate for the Nanaimo electoral constituency.

Furthermore, it is a matter of common knowledge that if the member for Nanaimo had been selfish in his ambitions he might have had a substantial token of the Premier's appreciation in public office carrying attractive elements for a poor man.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S NEEDS.

We are told by one who assumes to speak as from an eminence, and therefore with authority, that the people of British Columbia in pressing their claims for cabinet representation in the Dominion government, were not influenced by any desire that larger appropriations would be voted the province as a tangible result of such representation.

The one outstanding need of British Columbia is the construction of railways which will make her wonderful resources accessible to the world and promote as speedily as possible her development.

kind on the continent of America, is being pushed through our northern territory. That line, in accordance with pledges, was placed under construction just as soon as the necessary surveys could be made.

The Grand Trunk Railway has made its Pacific Coast Terminus, for the time being at all events, at Prince Rupert. But the company has the power to construct branch lines.

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Yet the people are asked to believe that the Minister of Inland Revenue has not in his office fulfilled the expectations of the people—that appropriations were not desired, but a commanding voice in the councils of the nation—the long silent "Voice of the West," we suppose, "which would represent in the Cabinet those views and expectations which are in a degree peculiar to British Columbia."

A SMASH IN VANCOUVER.

The gasoline tank of the local government machine has exploded at Vancouver. The nomination of Mr. Cowan at the Conservative convention there has completely upset the calculations of the political chaffeurs and hurried them and their friends into the ditch.

has been severe and his humiliation great; but who will say that they were not deserved? It will be amusing to see Mr. McBride eat his dish of crow at the first public meeting in Vancouver.

MR. BARNARD'S NOMINATION.

We do not know whether Mr. G. H. Barnard or Mr. J. L. Beckwith is the more sincerely to be congratulated upon the result of the vote at the Conservative convention held last evening.

As a statement published in the Times last evening with respect to railway construction in British Columbia has been questioned, we repeat the portion of the speech of the Minister of Inland Revenue.

A RECKLESS CRITIC.

Mr. Martin Burrell, the orator of the evening at the Conservative convention, and in his spare time an employee of the provincial government, was not altogether happy in his oratorical flights of imagination and humor.

Mr. Beckwith (on his way home from the convention which "spontaneously and free from all extraneous influences selected a Conservative candidate last evening.")

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 2nd to 8th September, 1908.
Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine was 86 hours; rain, .60 inch; highest temperature, 72.0 on 4th; lowest, 64.0 on 5th.

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