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THE MAYORALTY CONTEST

A great deal of interest is being aroused in connection with the Mayor's election, and every day adds to the prospect that Mr. Paterson will be the the voters. His absolutely frank and fearless manner of treating the various questions that arise whether they relate to municipal affairs

or his own business record, strengthen the confidence of his friends and commands the respect of those who have not hitherto known him very well. The impression that he leaves upon the minds of those, who make up his audiences at public meetings is that he is a ences at public meetings, is that he is a safe man, who can be trusted to dis-charge the duties of the Mayor's office judgment and a proper

e extreme to which some of Mr. Morley's supporters are ready to go are very great and exceedingly discredit-Yesterday the Colonist had a letter from one of them, written expressly for the purpose of creating the impres sion that Mr. Paterson is a friend of the liquor traffic and hand-in-glove with immoral agencies. This letter, although it is signed by a man, who ought to above affixing his name to such a base calumny, we have not published, and we refer to it only for the purpose of calling attention to the species of tactics, which commends itself to certain ties, which commends itself to certain self-styled leaders in moral reform. Mr. Paterson's record as a moral man and citizen will bear the closest scrutiny, and we are not sure that it will not shine in comparison with those

zens are being misled by it.

It will be admitted on all sides that Victoria needs a more efficient occupant

These first twelve days in January have scarcely been characterisite of the Victoria climate. Usually we have fine weather in January. Most seafaring men say that November and December are the months for storms on the northwest coast, and January and February are generally free from them. But January, so far, has been considerably colder than it usually is, and it seems to be the rule in this part of the country that several days of continued cold weather, that is when the thermometer remains below the freezing point for all or most of the day, are likely to be followed by snow. The prevalence of the north winds has been an exceptional feature of this winter. In many years people mow their lawns during the month of January, and almost every year the crocuses are beginning to other investors are already on the morning's

words, that it is as large as the main-land portion of Nova Scotia, which has a population of nearly 400.000 people. We repeat it, however, today, because so few people outside of Vancouver Islwe repeat it, however, today, because so few people outside of Vancouver Island of itself contains more timber or commercial value, more coal, more iron, more deposits of copper and more mineral wealth generally than can be found in any other part of the world of similar deposits of copper and more mineral wealth generally than can be found in any other part of the world of similar ducing in great quantities large and small fruits of the very highest quality.
We direct attention of strangers to the geographical situation of Victoria.
Most of them who are with us now,

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cede that there may be several impor-tant towns established in that part of the Island, but nothing can seriously af-fect the supremacy of Victoria, which rests upon the fact that the Straits of regard to it, although commerce seek-ing these cities is subject to whatever chiefly wrecks resulting from the ignorenterly wrecks resulting from the ignor-ance of shipmasters, and, in some cases, from the failure of shipowners to pro-vide their vessels with proper charts of the coast. We repeat most emphatical-ly that there is not a harbor all along this coast, with the single exception mentioned, that is equal to Esquimalt and Victoria in respect to safety of approach from the sea. If this were a ong-settled community, with must vested interests, which could control routes of transportation, these considerations would not have so much weight as they do now, when the development of the coast is in its initial stage. Fortunate-ly the way is clear for transportation companies to select the best routes for commerce, and their choice will be in-fluenced by matters of the nature re-ferred to. The advent of the Canadian Pacific to Vancouver Island was not Pacific to Vancouver Island was not due to Montreal influence, but because of the insistence of the company's officials at this end of the line, who knew ficials at the line is the line in the line in the line in the line in the

RUNNING A NEWSPAPER

Almost daily we are in receipt of let-

Almost daily we are in receipt of letters or calls from people who object to the way in which the papers of the city deal with public matters. We do not now speak of provincial or federal politics, for these do not as a rule form the subject of criticism on the part of our self-constituted advisers, whose sphere embraces municipal politics and matters directly hearing upon the material ters directly bearing upon the material will not saine in comparison with mose of his calumniators. As a matter of fact, a moral "bunco game" is being put up in Victoria by a few designing people, and quite a number of honest citizens are being misled by it.

It will be admitted on all sides that Victoria needs a more efficient occupant Victoria needs a more efficient occupant of the civic chair than the gentleman who has filled it during the past year. There are too many things of importance to be dealt with to make it safe to risk another suclid twelve months of turmoil as that through which we have just passed—there are too many things to be done for the citizens to think of the citizens to to be done for the citizens to think of wasting another year with experiments in fads. To secure the necessary change it is only necessary to get the vote out. If all who are entitled to the franchise vote on election day, there will be no doubt as to the result. The only danger lies in the apathy of many people towards all things municipal. only danger lies in the apathy of many needle towards all things municipal. To such we say that this apathy of many the properties will be needle to the complete towards all things municipal. To such the say and the most careful extraction of the properties will be premitted to occupy the majoralty for another year. He has been difficult, indeed, that there has really been nothine accomplished, in one official term; if he is given a second term; if he is given a second term if he is given a second term; if he is given a second term if he is given a second term if he is given a second term; if he is given a second term if he is given a second term; if he is given a second term if he is given a second term; if he is given the propose of the propose of the propose of the propose of the total proposed to be a reasonable of the propose of the propos people towards all things municipal, around us, and we are told that, if we To such we say that this apathy may were alive to the interests of the comese first twelve days in January hour for the time spent in waiting for the scarcely been characterisite of the toria climate. Usually we have fine the loads. And so on. The cold-blood-the in January. Most seafaring a wealth of detail and a picturesqueness asy that November and December

the crocuses are beginning to other investors are already on the up their heads during the first of this month.

The crocuses are beginning to other investors are already on the ground making purchases.

Having failed to learn from the Seatter of the situation of Victoria. It is weeks of this month.

As to the situation of Victoria. It is an old story for the Victoria papers to say that Vancouver Island contains an area of 15,000 square miles, in other words, that it is as large as the mainare thrown back upon our own judg-ment as to what is best to be done, and

threat as to better terms; but this was cade that there may be several important towns established in that part of the Island, but nothing can seriously affect the supremacy of Victoria, which rests upon the fact that the Straits of Juan de Fuca, when once proper safeguards to navigation have been provided, will be one of the safest waterways in the world. It is true that there have been wrecks on the West Coast, far too many, but if we eliminate from the list those which could have been prevented by ordinary good seamanship, or by the existence of a reasonably compared to the statement of the safe of t spect to the water frontage may prove regard to it. although commerce seek-ing these cities is subject to whatever dangers exist there, has for foundation British Columbia are concerned, the only thing to be considered is whether or not a good bargain was made for the province, and we venture to say, with-out fear of contradiction, that it was the best bargain ever made by any pro-vincial government in Canada in respec to a future terminus of a great railway system. If, for reasons best known to themselves, those charged with the management of the affairs of the Grand Trunk Pacific saw fit to deal with the government through the intervention of other people, that is a matter between them and the directorate of the company. The public is not concerned about it, unless it can be shown, as it has not been and cannot be shown, that by dealing with intermediaries the province was the baser. Such was not the case. The bargain was a good one. The province stands to make a great deal of money out of it, and Mr. Macdonald has had the chance to make a phrase fame but it is as near as many neonle

when Mr. McInnes took the platform, there would be many things The very stars were going to halt in their course, when the Young-man-from-the-Yukon began to get in his work. It is perhaps characteristic of the people of British Columbia to refuse to be aroused by this vigorou young gentleman. Indeed, if the truth may be told, he seems to be getting just a little tired of himself. He is apparently beginning to wonder why he came down from the Seats of the Mighty on the off chance of getting in a

get Mr. Macdonald's reference to state education, but this is so vague and meaningless a phrase, that even his warmest supporters have not sought to make anything out of it. Nor do we lose sight of the fact that he has adopted the general feature of the irrigation proposal as outlined in the Colonist some posal as outlined in the Colonist some matter. He age have not the province will be persons who had business with the Department know that he has at all times matter he age anything and impar-

He alleges that the Colonist has made an unwarranted attack on his character in respect to the occurrences at the Victoria West meeting on Friday evening. The Colonist is in a position to Victoria West meeting on Friday even-ing. The Colonist is in a position to say that a number of reputable citizens, who were present at the meeting, will testify that the Mayor used the word "flar" in the course of the unseemly de-"liar" in the course of the unseemly de-bate between himself and Ald. Stewart, who at the time was addressing the meeting from the platform. But we do not think the testimony of citizens would be of any avail with the Mayor. He is in a unique class. We do not want to argue with him. We leave him with the argue with him. the hands of the electors on the in the hands of the electors on the 17th instant, in the full confidence that they will handle his case adequately. In the meantime we can state that yesterday morning's editorial reference to Mayor Medical and the state of th morning's editorial reference to Mayor Morley was based on the absolute facts as to what occurred at the meeting at Victoria West.

We regret to be compelled to add that

Mr. Morley's memory appears to be so defective that he cannot always be trusted to give a correct version of things which he has said or done.

MR. McINNES' THREAT

So far as we have observed, none of the Opposition papers have com-mented upon Mr. McInnes' extraordin-ary statement that British Columbia ary statement that British Columbia could not hope for better terms until a Liberal Government was put in power. They are quite ready to accept most things that Mr. McInnes says, but this is a little too much for them. We doubt if the history of Canadian politics shows anything like it. The right of the province to better terms is admitted by Liberals as well as by Conservatives it is admitted by the

that it would have treated Mr. Mc-Bride's mission as fore-doomed to fallure unless it had information from headquarters.

Mr. McInnes has only gone a step farther than the Liberal papers went. He has only said what they would have said if they had not been lacking in courage. In the course of his remarks at Vancouver, Mr. McInnes spoke about Mr. McBride having offended the other premiers. This is yery absurd. What premiers. This is very absurd. What right had the other premiers to be offended, because Mr. McBride would not accept a sum utterly out of keeping with what the province is entitled to. For our part we are unable to see what the other premiers have to do with it.
We do not believe that Sir Wilfrid
Laurier's position in this regard is tenable. British Columbia made no bargain with the other provinces and is
asking nothing from the other provinces. British Columbia is by far the
largest contributor prograf toward the argest contributor pro rata toward the minion revenue and if the maximum amount claimed by Mr. McBride were granted, it would be much less than what we pay into the federal treasury.

SEWER POLITICS

It must be very unfortunate to be constituted as the Times is, to look for evil in everything that a political opponent does, to invent alleged facts in order to bolster up his false theories. For some reason best known to him-self, Mr. Neil Mackay has seen fit to resign the office of Deputy Commis-sioner of Lands and Works and accept the nomination for Kaslo. His right to do so could hardly be questioned, par-ticularly by the representatives of a earty, which numbers among its candi lates two federal officials, who resigned in order to accept nominations, and considered the expediency of nominating another federal official. Messrs. Mcnnes, Henderson and Marchant were fully within their rights as citizens in seeking to enter public life, and so is Mr. Mackay. But the Times, which would go into hysteries, if anyone should suggest sinister motives on the part of these gentlemen, finds in Mr. Mackay's action only cause for con-demnation. It even goes further than to question his course from a political point of view, and makes the gravest tegrity, for it says that he may trusted not to reveal anything that would be to the discredit of the administration of Mr. Green. In other words. provincial cabinet. He realizes that he came too late to be of any particular service to his party. He could not pre- Mr. Green's reputation from charges of vent the breach in its ranks, and it was dishonesty. Anything more dishonorable hopeless for him to remedy its irrepar-able blunder on the "Better Terms" than such a charge it is not easy to question. In his effort to do so, he went or the other extreme, and made matters sertions to the effect that the Liberals are going to succeed in the election, It is only stating the simple truth to Mr. Mackay, if elected, would be powersay that the Opposition have not so much as endeavored to make out an affirmative case on their own behalf. If they have a policy on any subject, they have not disclosed it. We do not for get Mr. Macdonald's reference to state they have not disclosed it. We do not for get Mr. Macdonald's reference to state they have not disclosed it. We do not for get Mr. Mackay, it elected, would be preventing investigation into the affairs of the Lands & Works Department. Indeed such an investigation cannot be prevented under any circumstances, if the Opposition have any charges to make, which they have a policy in the control of the control o

this is the last straw. Surely the fair fame of Victoria is not to be dragged in the mud any deeper by this upstart, who heretofore has been given credit for being at least a gentleman. Think of it! The chief magistrate of the Queen City of the West so far forgetting what is due the people he officially represents. in the matter of decorous action, as to hurl the word "liar" repeatedly from an obscure position in a public hall, as would the veriest boodlum of the slums! The people of Victoria are tolerant of shortcomings in their representatives when those shortcomings are unobject tionable; but we very much mistake their mettle if they tolerate such shock ing indecency of conduct on the part of one occupying the position of mayor. If the elections were not so close at hand, Mayor Morley should be asked for his Mayor Morley should be asked for his resignation. He has advertised to the whole world that he is simply impossible in any public position—and the sorry part of it is that the resultant advertisement to Victoria is not of the desirable sort. So indignant were those who witnessed the Mayor's shameful conduct at the maching that the Colonconduct at the meeting, that the Colon ist was waited on at its conclusion and asked to utter a word of protest.

A JUDICIOUS DECISION The decision of the Japanese Government not to send its training squadron to the Pacific Coast is very entire large more coal, more iron, more deposits of copy and any other part of the world of similar any other part of the world of simi

The returns of what are officially known as the "Gun Layers" Test" in the fleet for last year show a remark-able improvement in the shooting. It will hardly be credited that in the test will hardly be credited that in the for 1897 there were only 2,052 against 4,380 misses. In 1901 the portion of hits was larger, the against 6,244 misses. In 1894 shooting was still better 5,784 being made as compared with misses. In 1905 the hits for the time exceeded the misses being ime exce against 3,857. Last year the hits were 5,733 and the misses 2,328. In regard to the shooting of last year it is mentioned that the vessels at the Cape of Good Hope, North America, Australia, West Indies and East Indies all made very bad records, which shows that the shooting of the home fleet, the Mediterranean fleet and the Atlantic fleet must have been very much better than the returns indicate, on their face The best shooting recorded by any one man was by Seaman Baker of the "Drake," being 11 hits out of 11 rounds in one minute with a six-inch gun. A man who can plant shots on the mark as quickly as that is worth a whole crew who cannot shoot straight. The 'Drake" has the place of honor in the 101 rounds, with six inch guns, the average number of hits per minute being 8.7. The Formidable has 8.5 hits per minute and the Drake 8. The Ex-mouth with a 12 inch gun stands at the head of the list making 16 hits ou of 19 rounds: the Bulwark and the New Zealand each making 15 hits out of 20 rounds. The test, except so far as they relate to ships at a distance from home, are regarded as exceed-ingly satisfactory and the Admiralty congratulates the officers and men upon their admirable work. It is only recent years that much attention the standard of shooting is steadily improving.

TWO RESIGNATIONS The Daily News of New Westminste

evotes an article to the resignation of Mr. McInnes of the Yukon Commissionership and of Mr. Green ortfolio of Lands and Works, and of course seeks to make the comparison very unfavorable to Mr. Green and very greatly to Mr. McInnes' credit. ne would think that as the News exthe reasons given by Mr. McInnes for his resignation, it would not seek to cast discredit upon the reasons given by Mr. Green. Mr. McInnes gave up \$12,000 per year simply, he tells us, on the chance of getting into the cab inet of British Columbia, although h knew very well that two things must happen before he would achieve this ambition, namely, he must be elected imself and a sufficient number Liberals must be elected to control th House. We do not say that this wa House. We do not say that this was not Mr. McInnes' reason. He says it was and he ought to know. Mr. Gree portant business opportunity which h could not accept and remain in poli-tics. The explanation is a reasonable one and, on the face of it, certainly there is no reason for questioning it The News, however, sees fit to refer in an indirect way to certain reports tha have been circulated in regard to Mr If anything were wanting to indicate that A. J. Morley is absolutely unfit to occupy the high position of mayor of the city of Victoria, it was furnished ut the most in the last of the most in the most included about Mr. McInnes? The tactics of the News are most unworthy. It surely ought to be possible to conduct a political campaign without reflection. of the Colonist if it should refer to th West upon the motives of people who are i arouse even a spark of enthusiasm in last evening, when he disgraced himpiteir audiences is not a matter of surprise. Their campaign is a spiritless one as though they were oppressed with

COMMENTS ON CANADA A writer in the London Standard is

terribly exercised over the prospect of Canada becoming a "Mongrel nation." He does not suggest any way to prevent such a terrible catastrophe, loes he profess to say that it ought be prevented. opinion is simply one of the many things that are said nowadays about the Dominion by people who know ery little concerning the country and shut their eyes to the teaching of history and geography. To re-proach a nation for being mongrel comes with rather a poor grace from the Englishman, for if there is in the world a people made up of more di-verse elements it is the British race. If we go back to the beginning of the resent era, we find the country inhabited by people concerning whom we do not know very much except that they were by no means homogeneous. Then the Romans came. They for several centuries occupied the country in-ter-marrying with the natives, bring-ing up "mongrel" children. There are hundreds of English names which if traced back to their origin show that they were derived from Romans. The Saxons came in hosts and with them the Jutes and the Angles and a missaxons

the Jutes and the Angle cellaneous collection of adventure from Central Europe. Later the Danes invaded the country and so many of them stayed in it, that they were able to keep three Danish kings upon the throne, and we find the names of Danish origin in every part of the country. Not long after that the country. Not long after that the country. The same over by thousands.

Frenchmen in great tive manner in which a certain class of English writers deal with things writers deal writers squadron to the Pacific Coast is very judicious. There is, of course, no reason why the ships should not come to Esquimalt, but if they did so, and failed to visit the United States ports, there would be a great deal of hard feeling among our neighbors. No one would suggest that the United States authorities, federal, state and municipal, would not show the squadron every courtesy, but there is no telling what the representatives of nearly every nation in Europe have courtesy, but there is no telling what equ. op 143 in significant properties and the representatives of canadian is amusing. We assume that blowing up of the Maine in the harbor of Havana was not suggested or extended by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race, it has altered by the Spanish government. But the significant properties of the British race and the representatives of Canadian is amusing. We assume that the significant properties of the British race and the representatives of the British race and the re

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Another writer in a London monthly Another writer in a London monthly is greatly exercised over the future of Canada. We are unable to gather from what he says whether he believes that the Dominion is going to be annexed to the United States, Australia tralia or China, but he is very sure that we cannot hope to be an inde-pendent nation, and he is good enough to say that he hopes that our amour propre will not be offended by his candid expression of opinion. He

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