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The Colonist.

aroused in connection with the Mayor's election, and every day adds to the prospect that Mr. Paterson will be the of the voters. His absolutely frank and fearless manner of treating various questions that arise whether they relate to municipal affairs or his own business record, strengthen the confidence of his friends and com-mands the respect of those who have and 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 who can be trusted to discharge the duties of the Mayor's office with good judgment and a proper

t of dignity.
extreme to which some of Mr. Morley's supporters are ready to go are very great and exceedingly discreditable. Yesterday the Colonist had a letter from one of them, written expressly the colonist had a letter from one of them, written expressly the colonist had a letter from one of them, written expressly the colonist had a letter from one of them, written expressly the colonist had a letter from one of them. 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 at is signed by a man, who ought to be 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 tacties, which commends itself to certain it is signed by a man, who ought to ties, which commends itself to certain self-styled leaders in moral reform. Mr. Paterson's record as a moral man and a good citizen will bear the closest scrutiny, and we are not sure that it will not shine in comparison with those

Victoria needs a more efficient occupant who has filled it during the past year.

There are too many things of impor-

We have a good many strangers in Victoria at present, some of them have not been long here, others have been long enough with us to be able in some long enough with us to be able in some long to corroborate what we are going to say. First, as to the weather. paying them at the rate of \$2.50 per These first twelve days in January hour for the time spent in waiting for the prime spent in waiting for the prime spent in waiting for the prime spent in waiting for the state of \$2.50 per the state of \$2.50 se first twelve days in January hour for the time spent in waiting for coil climate. Usually we have fine ther in January. Most senfaring a wealth of datail and a night result of the loads. And so on. The cold-blood ed facts were told, and sometimes with 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 thrust up their heads during the month of January, and almost every 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 mainland portion of Nova Scotia, which has several door on the ground making purchases.

Having failed to learn from the Seattle papers wondering the out of language hard to surpass. We put down the Seattle papers wondering ther in reside out our Victoria critics would say, if the Colonist or Times wo

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 Island appreciate the fact. This 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 wealth generally than can be found in any other part of the world of similar area. This may sound like a sweeping statement, but it can be proved. It also contains a great extent of fillable land of high fertility, and is capable of producing 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.

Backs, which, as faithful chroniclers of the news, we are at all times compelled to print. Victoria is just as good a place as we have always thought it was. Its qualities as a residential city are just as admirable as the most enthusiastic of us have claimed. Its situation as the future site of an important commercial and manufacturing city appears, as the years pass by, to be even more advantageous than we thought. So are men who have been accustomed geographical facts have upon the future of communities. We direct their atten-As men conversant with affairs, they know that the tendency of ocean-borne traffic is towards the use of ships of the largest tonnage and consequently of the greatest cost. Ship-owners will there-fore, other things being equal, select ports easy of access from the ocean as sels, and it can be fear of successful

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cede that there may be several impor-tant towns established in that part of chiefly 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. Fortunately 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 ferred to. The accounter 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 this end of the line, who knew the line, who knew ficials at this end of the line, who knew the line, who knew the line, who knew the line who knew t

RUNNING A NEWSPAPER

Almost daily we are in receipt of let-

tics, for these do not as a rule form subject of criticism on the part of our self-constituted advisers, whose sphere embraces municipal politics and matters directly bearing upon the material 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 peeds a more efficient occupant. means get together and reconcile their own differences of opinion, it might be chair than the gentleman chair than the gentleman possible for a newspaper to derive some benefit from them, but their views are commany things of important possible for a newspaper to derive some benefit from them, but their views are command the chronicle a command the chronicle and the chronicle 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 such 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 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. To such we say that this apathy may prove very dangerous and costly. There anound us, and we are told that, if we were ally to the interests of the company to the were ally to the interests of the complished, in one official term; if he is girlen a second term, he will be insolute on an endorsation by the citizens of his mischievous and profitess course. He has not per textualisted his capacity for doing any good. We hope to see a livelier interest taken in this contest than Victoria has usually seen in municipal elections. If this is the case, Mr. Paterson's election will be assured. The fact that /very many excellent citizens pay little attention to municipal affairs.

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are thrown back upon our own judg-ment as to what is best to be done, and

Island, and we are quite ready to con- attempted to

threat as to better terms; but this was too glaring a piece of political audacity for even the Liberal organs to stand for, and it has been allowed to drop out of sight, so far as their columns are concerned. The Colonist has said very little about the Kaien Island transaction, because it does not consider it necessary to reply to what, at the most, are only unfounded suspicions, and, as made use of by the Opposition press, are only wile slenders. This sale of the colonist has sale of the colonist has sale of the colonist has said transaction, because it does not consider it necessary to reply to what, at the most, are only unfounded suspicions, and, as made use of by the Opposition press, are only wile slenders. The sale of the colonist has sale of the colonist has said they had not been lacking in courage. In the course of his remarks at Vancouver, Mr. McBride having offended the other premiers. This is yery absurd. What cede that there may be several important too glaring a piece of political audacity for even the Liberal organs to stand for and it has been allowed to drop out of sight, so far as their columns are guards 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 complete system of coast protection, the number remaining would be few indeed. The bad name which the Eastern papers have been so fond of attaching to the West Coast of this Island, and, strangely enough, the papers of Seattle and United States.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST

A great deal of interest is being aroused in connection with the Mayor's election, and every day adds to 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 respect

SEWER 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 loser. 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

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> The very stars were going to halt in their course, when the Young-manters 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 polities for these departments. The people of British Columbia to fuse to be aroused by this vigor work. It is perhaps characteristic of the people of British Columbia to refuse to be aroused by this vigorous 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

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 postal as outlined in the Colonist some postal as outlined in the Colonist some provides and Public Works of the province will stand the most careful scrutiny. All persons who had business with the Department know that he has at all times andergored to deal housestly and impar-

THE MAYOR'S LETTER

We print a letter from Mayor Morley. We print a letter from Mayor Morley of the 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 say that a number of reputable citizens, who were present at the meeting, will testify that the Mayor used the word "liar" in the course of the unseemly debate between himself and Ald. Stewart, "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 in the hands of the electors on the 17th in the hands of the electors on the 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 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

premiers. This is very absurd. What right had the other premiers to be of-fended, 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 ten-able. British Columbia made no bargain with the other provinces and is asking nothing from the other provinces. British Columbia is by far the argest contributor pro rata toward the ominion 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 onstituted as the Times is, to look for evil in everything that a political op-ponent 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 party, which numbers among its candi-dates two federal officials, who resigned in order to accept nominations, and considered the expediency of nominating another federal official. Messrs. Mc-Innes, 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 hysterics, if anyone should suggest sinister motives on the part of these gentlemen, finds in Mr Mackay's action only cause for condemnation. It even goes further than to question his course from a political point of view, and makes the gravest nsinuations concerning his perso tegrity, for it says that he may trusted not to reveal anything that would be to the discredit of the admin-istration of Mr. Green. In other words. Mighty on the off chance of getting in a provincial cabinet. He realizes that he came too late to be of any particular service to his party. He could not prevent the breach in its ranks, and it was hopeless for him to remedy its irreparable blunder on the "Better Terms" fungine. It is a senseless charge, bequestion. In his effort to do so, he went nuestion. In his effort to do so, he went to the other extreme, and made matters worse than he found them.

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 discovering but this is a vague and think require probing.

inability of the Opposition speakers to arouse even a spark of enthusiasm in their audiences is not a matter of surprise. Their campaign is a spiritless and constantly shouting "Liar!" at one one, as though they were oppressed with 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 cred for being at least a gentleman. Think of it! The chief magistrate of the Queen City of the West so far forgetting what 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 hoodlum 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. I Mayor Morley should be asked for his Mayor Moriey 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 devention of the design of the sort. sirable sort. So indignant were those who witnessed the Mayor's shamefu conduct at the meeting, that the Cold ist was waited on at its conclusion and asked to utter a word of protest.

A JUDICIOUS DECISION The decision of the Japanese Govauthorities, federal, state and municipal, would not show the squadron every weight fertility, and is capable of proling in great quantified against of the are claimed. It said to the very highest qualify of the very high qualify of the

The returns of what are officially nown 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 for 1897 there were only 2,052 hits against 4,380 misses. In 1901 the pro-portion of hits was larger, the 3,562 portion of hits was larger, the 3,562 against 6,244 misses. In 1894 the shooting was still better 5,784 hits being made as compared with 7,684 misses. In 1905 the hits for the first time exceeded the misses being 4,374 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 leet 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 lines, with a 9.2 inch she made 17 hits out of 18 rounds. The Hindustan made 33 hits out of 33 rounds. The King Edward scored 87 hits out of 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 Exmouth with a 12 inch gun stands at the head of the list making 16 hits out 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 apon 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 Commis nership and of Mr. Green course seeks to make the comparison very unfavorable to Mr. Green and very greatly to Mr. McInnes' credit. One 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 he knew very well that two things must happen before he would achieve this ambition, namely, he must be elected imself and a sufficient number House. We do not say that this was not Mr. McInnes' reason. He says i was and he ought to know. Mr. Green says that his reason for retiring says that his reason for retirings that he has been offered an im 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 question The News, however, sees fit to refer i an indirect way to certain reports tha have been circulated in regard to Mr. Green, none of which have ever been formulated. What would they think 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 at the meating hold in William and the meating hold in the meating hold of the Colonist if it should refer to th

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 to be prevented. The expression of opinion is simply one of the many things that are said nowadays about he Dominion by people who know ery little concerning the country and who shut their eyes to the teaching of history and geography. To reproach a nation for being mongrel omes 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 present 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 mis-The decision of the Japanese Government not to send its training 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 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 Normans came over by thousands, since which time Frenchmen in great remembers and the representatives of the country. The authoritative manner in which a certain class pal, would not show the squartor extended in great courtesy, but there is no telling what equ. op 143 in significant passes and the representatives of nearly every nation in Europe have poured into England in an almost unforken stream. This "mongrel" featured by the Spanish government. But

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peoples. The same process is going on in the United States today and on in the United States today and when the problem of the amalgamation of races presents itself to Canada, the process will be found very simple. All petty lines of defalcation are lost sight of in a country of continental dimensions, where the only thing asked of the man is that he will be a good cit-

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 gives himself a very great deal of un-necessary trouble. The only thing that occurs to us in connection with such of English writers deal with things Canadian is amusing. We assume that their statements of opinions must be accepted by a good many people or else they would not be published, but

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