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## THE CRISIS.

Next Monday is nomination day when the people of Fernie will be called upon to name the candidates for the second municipal election. Thus far little stir has been noticed on the calm surface of municipal waters. "Still waters run deep" however, and the real situation is not always revealed to the casual observer. The calm may be real and indicative of only genuine listlessness and passive contentment or it may be indicative of an approaching storm from an unlooked-for quarter.

Certain it is that the result of the last election was not satisfactory to a certain clique not one of whose candidates were elected. It was the boast of at least one liquorman at that time that the next election would be run on a different voters' list and that the result would be more to his taste. These remarks were soon forgotten as the natural outcome of disappointed hopes. But a glance over the new voters list calls these threats to remembrance. Many names are registered as residing in hotels with no other qualification for their registration. The list dragged along slowly enough but a systematic effort was made on the quiet to gather in all the votes favorable to the clique and many names were rushed in on the last day. Do these things and the idle rumors on the street indicate the deep running of still waters? Is there a concerted movement on the part of this element to gain control of the civic government?

This city is too small and too young to withstand dissensions. The strength of one faction pitted against the strength of another faction in battle for only one principle is a sheer waste of civic energy. Candidates should be selected according to a broader rule, a rule which includes morality as one, and only one, of its test. Fernie's growing time has come. The coming year will doubtless bring many perplexing questions the settlement of which will affect the city's vital history for all time to come. The public utilities of the city must be improved and this may mean the outlay of large sums which will swell the tax rate for the next generation to struggle with. The duties of the present council have in a large measure been of a formal nature, preliminary to the real work that faces the council of 1905. This is the time when Fernie must rise above mere factional strife. This is the time when her strongest, most loyal-hearted citizens must be called to guide her destinies. This is the time when her rulers must be selected upon the broad principle of true individual merit as viewed from every standpoint. Men chosen upon this high plane will tower above all "graft", petty jealousies, and everything that puts the city's best interests in a secondary place.

In Nelson the warmest kind of a municipal campaign is in progress. John Houston at the head of the "Progressive" party with a full ticket of six candidates for aldermen and Dr. Rose with a full ticket behind him, are the aspirants for Mayor. Each has filled the chair before and the platforms of the two parties are almost identical. Many personalities are being dragged into the campaign and the city is getting a lot of undesirable advertising on the outside. Two prominent Fernie citizens several weeks ago bet a silk hat on the result. Each then disclaimed any knowledge of the men or the issues at stake and we venture to assert that the bet is to them as much a gamble now as it was then. Elections in Nelson are always uncertain, far more so than horse races.

J. G. CUMMINGS' report appearing in this issue is well worth a careful perusal. It clearly demonstrates the feasibility of a wagon road into the Flathead at a very small cost, much smaller than the estimates given by the government expert.

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His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint the Hon. F. CARTER COTTON, President of the Executive Council, the Hon. R. G. TATLOW, Minister of Finance, DAVID RUSSELL KER, of the City of Victoria, Esquire, and JOHANNES BUNTZEN, of the City of Vancouver, Esquire, to be Commissioners under the "Public Inquiries Act" for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting upon the operation of the "Assessment Act, 1903," with respect to its practical bearings on the financial requirements of the Province.

The said Commissioners will hold their first meeting at the office of the Minister of Finance on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 1905, at 10 a. m., of which all persons interested are hereby to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
 29th December, 1904.

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 Tenderloin of Beef, Mushroom Sauce. Apple Frittere, Lemon Sauce  
**ROASTS.**  
 Sirloin of Beef, Brown Gravy. Young Turkey with Dressing.  
 Leg of Pork and Apple Sauce.  
**VEGETABLES.**  
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