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FIRST PUBLIC BUSINESS OF THE YEAR.

The holidays are over. The business of the new year calls; let the citizens of Victoria give attention. After a longer period than usual for rest, recuperation and the accumulation of reserve force after the strenuous business of the holiday season, all the people ought to be in the very best of fettle for the work that lies before them in the year 1910. There is a feeling of optimism and enthusiasm in the air which bodes well for the new year. Everyone we meet anticipates that it will be the greatest year in the history of Victoria.

The first serious business to engage attention in a public way must be the election of a new city council. The most important feature of that high duty is of course the election of a Mayor. Not for years has there been a larger field to choose from, and seldom has better material offered.

The announcement of the candidature of ex-Mayor Morley means that there are three aspirants for the office of chief executive who have had previous experience in municipal affairs, while Mr. Oliver, who is also a candidate, has served the neighboring municipality of Oak Bay in the capacity of Reeve and Councillor so honorably to himself personally and so satisfactorily to his constituents as to leave little doubt in regard to the services he will render if elected.

Aldermen Turner and Henderson and Mr. Oliver have already outlined the programme they propose to exercise all their influence in having carried out if elected. In such matters, while it is true "mayors propose and councils dispose" (and occasionally oppose, as citizens know from experience), yet the bills of fare alluded to contain many reforms necessary to the well-being of the city. But it may be well to bear in mind that there are many matters of vital importance to citizens which necessarily cannot be set forth in declarations of policy. These are questions with which a mayor has most to do; and it is connection with these things and in the relations of a chief magistrate to them that render the judgment of the electors in the selection of chief representative a matter of very great delicacy and of extreme gravity.

Mr. Morley has entered the contest a little late in the season. But his views in regard to municipal government are well known. There is still more than a week left for him to elaborate his programme and get it before the people. Unfortunately, this cannot be done through the medium of public meetings which it would be possible for citizens to attend in the mass, because the city hall has been wisely declared unsafe for such gatherings. Should the city become a joint owner in the proposed new theatre, this difficulty may be overcome to some extent in the future; but in the meantime the question has been asked, what is going to be done about it? We are not sure that the council has the power to expend money for the convenience of Mayoralty candidates, although there may be no two opinions in regard to such business being of urgent public importance. The business is that of the people in a sense larger than it is the business of individuals, even if such individuals be moved to some extent by personal ambition.

Ald. Stewart and Mable have announced their intention of retiring from the council board. We regret, and we believe we express general feeling in the matter, to learn the decision of these two efficient and outspoken aldermen. Their experience and ability would be of great service to the city during a year of unusual activity. In view of the fact that either Ald. Henderson or Turner must of necessity be temporarily retired from the service of the city, the decision of Ald. Stewart and Mable is all the more to be regretted. We hope both may experience a change of mind before Monday next.

A few citizens of good repute and excellent qualifications have been persuaded to offer themselves as candidates for seats at the council, but as yet the number offering will come far short of adequately filling the impending gaps at the Mayor's "round table." But the candle is yet burning, and out of the considerable remnant of the old council again in the field and the new material offering, the citizens will doubtless succeed in selecting a board of aldermen quite up, and possibly superior to, the accepted aldemanic standard.

The elections, as our readers doubtless know, will be held a week from Thursday next.

CANADIAN PACIFIC EXPLORATION

Company is Now Clearing Land in the Kootenays for Settlers.

Creston, Dec. 30.—E. Mallandaine, chief timber ranger and district land agent in the Kootenays for the Canadian Pacific railway, has been granted a two months' leave of absence by the railway company to enable him to take a well earned holiday.

Mr. Mallandaine has charge of all the exploration of the Canadian Pacific lands in British Columbia, amounting to over 3,000,000 acres, principally in East and West Kootenay. This is probably the largest exploration of land ever undertaken in British Columbia.

The result of this exploration is that the company will know just what they have in the way of timber, agricultural lands and other lands. The exploration necessitated the employment of ten distinct parties, which were scattered in vraious localities under the direct supervision of Mr. Mallandaine.

Hundreds of miles of new trail have been cut through that will be not only a benefit to the company, but to the government and the prospectors and others making their living out of the hills. All the streams in this vast area have been measured and their courses correctly plotted, and the altitude of all high mountains were also taken. The work that has been done will be of great benefit to tourists also who may be in search of Alpine scenery or a sporting locality. The railway company also has in view the idea of clearing large areas of land for settlers. It has been learned on good authority that the company already has made a start on clearing land at Jaffray, where they have a number of men at work clearing a block of 100 acres under the supervision of Mr. Mallandaine. It is expected that the company from now on will make a practice of clearing all its land preparatory to offering it for sale. In addition to his office of district land agent and chief timber ranger for the Canadian Pacific, Mr. Mallandaine has filled the office of chief fire warden for the Canadian Pacific and has had the personal supervision of dozens of fire wardens throughout the Kootenays.

THE TIMES NEW BUILDING

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The whole building will be fireproof, and the upper floors will be served by a first class elevator service. The building will be steam heated and a vacuum cleaning system will be installed throughout.

The transmission chutes will be operated by compressed air, all plates and documents passing from one floor to another being transmitted in this manner.

The main entrance will be from Fort street, and will open on a fine vestibule, tiled and marbled. The main offices of the Times will be finished in mahogany, while the other offices will be completed throughout in slashed fir. The corridors will be in fir and burlap The elevator and other openings will be enclosed in rolled glass and wire, and in all other respects the new block will conform to the most rigid conditions with relation to its being fireproof.

Work will commence in ten days, the contract calling for completion by the 1st September.

The specifications drawn by Mr. Griffith provide for a building with not only a handsome exterior, but which in interior fittings and furnishings will be one of the most modern on the coast.

The lease held by the Times on its present cramped premises does not expire until the end of next year, but as work is to be rushed on the new block it is hoped that it will be able to welcome its friends in its new quarters before next fall.

WIDESPREAD PLOT UNEARTHED IN INDIA

Thirty Arrests in Connection With Assassination of Magistrate.

Bombay, Jan. 3.—Thirty people were arrested to-day for alleged complicity in the assassination of F. T. Jackson, chief magistrate, recently. Two men arrested at the time of the crime are said to have implicated those taken into custody to-day, and their statements are reported to show a widespread plot.

TO TOUR INDIA.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—The Baptist Mission Board has delegated John Firstbrook and James Ryrie, who, with their wives, leave on January 6th for a tour of the mission countries in the East, to visit the station at Vizagapatam, India, which the London Missionary Society has offered to hand over to the Canadian board, and to examine the property and cable a report of their findings as to the advisability of securing it.

GREETING!

May Christmas joys belong to thee,
To thee and thine;
May this New Year a glad one be:
From sorrow may it e'er be free;
Our wish—
"For Auld Lang Syne."

THE "BON AMI"
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DETAILS OF TARIFF REFORM DEMANDED

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upon Lancashire, Cheshire and Yorkshire whether victory should be won or lost.

Simple Issue, Says McKenna.

Mr. McKenna, speaking at Pontipool, maintained that the issue was a very simple one. It was: "Who was to determine how people should be taxed and by what government they should be ruled."

Earl Cawdor, on the other hand, declared that the real issues the electors had to decide were, did they really wish that any government might come into power should be absolutely independent, did they wish for religious education and to see the licensing trade unjustly treated, did they wish to set up a hostile port in Ireland, or to see the navy maintained at such strength as was needed?

Mr. Buxton, speaking in Tower Hamlets, said Mr. Balfour's position, as far as tariff reform was concerned, was a pitiable and ignominious one. He had been driven step by step to accept the nauseous food given him—had been compulsorily fed by tariff reformers. He had resisted as much as possible, but warders and doctors, like Chamberlain, Chaplin and others had been too much for him.

Lord Portsmouth, at Crediton, thought the best way to reform the Lords would be by selection by qualification. He desired to see the second chamber remodelled on a representative election basis.

Disorderly Scenes.

F. E. Smith carried unionism into Lloyd George's own constituency, Carnarvon, in support of Lloyd George's opponent, H. E. Vincent, on Wednesday night, with the inevitable result of disorderly scenes. The Unionists had taken unusual precautions. A strong body of three hundred local stewards had been organized, supplemented by strong drafts from among the Unionist quarrymen employed at Lord Penryn's quarries at Bethesda, and the still larger quarries of Ashton Smith at Llanberis. Amid great interruption and frequent hubbub, Mr. Smith showed how under free trade Carnarvon had lost its once flourishing slate shipping and iron trades. When finally his voice gave way and he had to resume his seat, he announced himself willing to answer any written questions.

F. E. Smith, at Landudno, declared that those who in the name of democracy were attacking the titled hereditary honors of peerages were in a very difficult position, where they were face to face with the admitted fact that rich men in the Liberal party were falling over each other in an attempt to get into the Lords.

The Liberal Policy.

Charles E. Hobhouse, parliamentary under secretary for India, speaking at East Bristol, said that it had been the experience of all nations that had tried protection that the consumer and not the foreigner had to pay. The Liberal alternative was the budget. The Liberals hoped for a free trade policy to attract to the country as much capital as possible, and when it is in full working order they would take from it toll according to the wealth it produced and the convenience it afforded to the public.

Stands by Its Record.

Sir William Robson, solicitor-general, at South Shields said that what the government had done was before the country. They had attempted a good deal more than they had done. The failure in their attempts, however, was due to the power and existence of the hereditary chamber, which he hoped would receive a clipping in this election. Tories said if they taxed bread foreigners would pay it. It was a serious charge, but he was going to suggest that the promise that the foreigner would pay their taxes was made by men who knew in substance that the inducement they were holding out to the British working classes was false.

Bonar Law, at Dulwlhc, said Winston Churchill wrote his manifesto under the influence of a nightmare and read it when he awoke.

Lord Winchester at Christchurch, remarked that the burning question at the election, if they were to believe Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd George, was the veto power of the House of Lords, but they found audiences on that question as cool as a cucumber. They had shown no enthusiasm whatever for the subject. The House of Lords had never refused to bow to the expressed will of the people, and if it remained as at present constituted it would never do such a foolish thing.

Canadian Preference.

Sir Gilbert Parker, at Yalesbury, said that since Canada gave us preference Great Britain had doubled its shipping with her, and last year British workmen got nine millions in wages out of the purchases of Canada.

Walter Long strongly urged tariff reform preference in a speech at Sleafod, while Lord Rothschild, in order to reassure the elderly voters, personally guaranteed all old-age pensions in Buckinghamshire if Unionists are returned to power.

These pensions are one of the Liberals' strongest cards.

Lord Loreburn, presiding at Wednesday's Gladstone centennary luncheon, said the last years of Gladstone's life were spent in trying to secure freedom, justice and self-government for Ireland. Lord Loreburn hoped that those holding aloft the banner of Liberalism would not forget the precepts and example of Gladstone in this particular.

Writs for elections are to be so issued that no polling will be possible before January 15th.

The Daily Mail thinks the Unionists' prospects are good in Midlands, where Liberals now hold 44 seats and Unionists 22. The Express says that of the present Labor members 14 hold safe seats, 14 are doubtful and 15 will lose.

HIS TONGUE SLIPPED.

The Girl—Isn't this play tiresome?
The Young Man—It's an awful bore. But there is no use, Miss Pinkle, of your trying to conceal a yawn with that fairy little hand of yours; it can't half cover—er—I mean—that is——.—Chicago Tribune.

Splendid Bargains Await You at Our January Sale

Ladies' Trimmed Millinery, Regular Value $10, January Sale, $2.50

Included in our January Sale, which started this morning, is a splendid assortment of Millinery. Most notable is the offering which we are making in Ladies' Trimmed Millinery. These sell regularly at $10, but to clear them out, they are marked at $2.50. The styles are most authoritative, in felts and corded effects, beautifully trimmed with wings, feathers and ribbons—a special bargain indeed.

January Sale Prices on Blankets and Bedding

WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, 56 in. x 76 in., neat blue and pink border. January Sale Price, pair $2.75
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, 56 in. x 76 in., blue or pink border, very soft, pure wool. Slightly soiled. January Sale Price, pair $3.50
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, 64 x 84 in. Extra fine quality of pure wool. In this lot there are three styles to select from, slightly soiled. January Sale Price, pair $5.00
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, 64 x 84 in. Very fine quality of pure fleece wool, plain with pink or blue border or checked. Four different lots to select from, slightly soiled. January Sale Price, pair $5.95
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, 64 in. x 84 in. and 68 in. x 86 in. Very heavy soft wool, checked or plain, with blue or pink border. Four different styles in this lot. Slightly soiled. January Sale Price, pair $7.50
WHITE WOOL BLANKETS, size 65 in. x 85 in., English make, very soft and fleecy, bound with blue silk. January Sale Price, pair $7.75
DOWN QUILTS, fancy floral designs, panelled, in contrasting colors, piped edges, size 60 in. x 72 in. Regular $3.50. January Sale Price $2.90
DOWN QUILTS, art sateen covering, panelled piped edges, well made in every respect. Size 60 x 72 in. Regular $6.50. January Sale Price $4.50
DOWN QUILTS, art sateen covering, very attractive patterns, size 66 in. x 72 in., very well filled. January Sale Price $6.75
DOWN QUILTS, art sateen covering, frilled and panelled in plain sateen, pink, red and green, size 66 x 72. January Sale Price $7.50
JACQUARD RUGS, a very heavy flannelette rug in fancy designs. Blue, pink and grey. Size 62 in. x 80 in. Very useful as a couch or bed cover. Regular price $3.50. January Sale Price $2.50
FLANNELETTE BLANKETS, best quality, in white or grey, blue or pink border.
Small size, January Sale Price, pair $1.00
Medium size, January Sale Price, pair $1.25
Largest size, January Sale Price, pair $1.50
HONEYCOMB QUILTS, single bed size, hemmed ready for use. January Sale Price each $1.00
HONEYCOMB QUILTS, medium size, hemmed ready for use. January Sale Price $1.25
FRINGED HONEYCOMB QUILTS, for single or medium sized bed, heavy quality. January Sale Prices, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50
HONEYCOMB QUILTS, large size, hemmed ready for use. January Sale Price $1.35
FRINGED HONEYCOMB QUILTS, large size, good English make. January Sale Prices, $2.00, $2.50, $5.00 and $3.50
FRINGED HONEYCOMB QUILTS, extra large size, very heavy, good wearing quilt. January Sale Prices, $3.00, $3.50, $3.75 and $4.00
MARCELLA QUILTS, heavy quality, size for single or medium bed. January Sale Price, each, $1.35, $1.75 and $1.90
MARCELLA QUILTS, fine heavy quality, size for single or medium sized bed. January Sale Price, each, $2.65 and $3.45
MARCELLA QUILTS, large size, heavy quality. January Sale Prices, $1.90, $2.65, $3.25 and $4.20
MARCELLA QUILTS, large size, very fine quality, assorted designs. January Sale Prices, $4.40, $5.90, $6.10 and $6.90
MARCELLA QUILTS, extra large size, heavy quality, assort- patterns. January Sale prices, each, $3.20, $4.20, $5.35 and $5.85
COTTON SHEETS, hemmed ready for use, size 63 in. x 90 in. January Sale Price, pair $1.50
COTTON SHEETS, hemmed ready for use, size 72 in. x 90 in. January Sale Price, pair $1.60
COTTON SHEETS, hemstitched, ready for use, size 72 in. x 90 in. January Sale Price, pair $1.75
COTTON SHEETS, hemstitched, ready for use, fine heavy grade of cotton, size 72 in. x 90 in. January Sale Price, pair $2.00
COTTON SHEETS, hemstitched, extra large size, very heavy cotton. January Sale Price, pair $2.50
COTTON PILLOW SLIPS, sizes 40 in. x 36 in. and 42 in. x 36 in., made of heavy fine cotton. January Sale Price, each 15¢
2,000 YARDS ENGLISH FLANNELETTE, 32 in. wide, large assortment of stripes. January Sale Price, per yard .. 10¢
600 YARDS HEAVY KIMONA FLANNELETTE, 39 inches wide, floral and conventional designs, in all the best shades. Regular 25c yard. January Sale Price, per yard .... 15¢
750 YARDS ENGLISH FLANNELETTE, twilled, very heavy quality. Regular 20c quality. January Sale Price, per yard ..... 15¢

Linens at January Sale Prices

BREAKFAST CLOTHS, of unbleached Damask hemmed ready for use, assorted paterns, size 48 x 60. January Sale Price, each ..... 50¢
Size 60 in. x 60 in. January Sale Price, each ..... 65¢
Size 60 in. x 66 in. January Sale Price, each ..... 75¢
BREAKFAST CLOTHS, half bleached, hemstitched, with colored borders, red, blue and green, 50 in. x 50 in. January Sale Price, per yard $1.00
TABLE DAMASK, fully bleached, 60 in. x 70 in. wide. January Sale Price, per yard ..... 50¢
TABLE DAMASK, fully bleached, 66 x 70 in. wide. January Sale Price, per yard ..... 75¢
TABLE DAMASK, fully bleached, 54 in. to 72 in. wide, heavy quality, satin finish. January Sale Price, per yard.. $1.00
TABLE DAMASK, unbleached, 50 in. wide. January Sale Price, per yard ..... 25¢
FRINGED TABLE CLOTHS, 54 in. x 54 in., white, blue, pink. January Sale Price ..... 50¢
EMBROIDERED TEA CLOTHS, 30 in. x 30 in., slightly imperfect. January Sale Price, each ..... 25¢
EMBROIDERED RUNNERS, OR BUREAU COVERS, 18 in. x 54 in., slightly imprefect. January Sale Price, each.. 25¢
TABLE NAPKINS, unbleached, 18 in. x 18 in., Dice pattern. January Sale Price, per dozen ..... 75¢
TABLE NAPKINS, unbleached, 22 in. x 22 in., Dice pattern. January Sale Price, per dozen $1.00
TABLE NAPKINS, fully bleached, 18 in. x 18 in., assorted patterns. January Sale Price, per dozen $1.50
TABLE NAPKINS, fully bleached, hemmed or unhemmed. January Sale Price, per dozen $2.00
TABLE NAPKINS, fully bleached, hemmed or unhemmed. large size, splendid assortment of patterns. January Sale Price, per dozen $3.00
TABLE DAMASK, unbleached, 56 in. wide, plain or with red border. January Sale Price ..... 35¢
TABLE DAMASK, unbleached, 60 in. to 70 in. wide, good assortment of patterns. January Sale Price ..... 45¢

A Big Spencer January Sale of Shoes

Up-to-the-minute styles—satisfaction certain—all sizes and priced at the start at figures that will admit of no doubt as to their sure and rapid sale. There are sales and sales, but a Spencer Shoe Sale is the one sale the people know they can rely on for genuine and substantial reductions. Read the following descriptions. Note the makes. You know them and the regular prices. Then come as you always do.

Women's Shoes, Regular Value up to $6.00 for $3.45

GLAZED KID LACE BOOT, dull kid tops, plain toe, Goodyear welts, E. C. Burt. Regular price $6. Sale Price $3.45
GUN METAL CALF LEATHER BLUCHER, smart last, Goodyear welts, E. C. Burt. Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
GLAZED KID BLUCHER, patent tip, narrow toe, high heel, E. C. Burt. Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
PATENT COLT LACE BOOT, dull kid top, high wave top, Goodyear welts, "Queen Quality." Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOT, Goodyear welts, "Queen Quality." Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
All made by Edwin C. Burt, New York, and "Queen Quality" Boston. Regular values up to $6.00
PATENT COLT LACE BOOT, dull kid top, plain toe, high peg heel, Edwin C. Burt. Regular price $6. Sale Price .. $3.45
PATENT COLT BUTTON BOOT, tip, Goodyear welts, high heel, Edwin C. Burt. Regular price $6. Sale Price .. $3.45
PATENT COLT BLUCHER BOOTS, dull kid tops, Goodyear welts, "Queen Quality." Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
PATENT COLT LACE BOOT, tip, welted, high Cuban heel, "Queen Quality." Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
PATENT COLT LACE BOOT, tip, welted, high Cuban heel, "Queen Quality." Regular $5.50. Sale Price $3.45
GLAZED KID LACE BOOT, patent tip, Goodyear welt, fitted with improved arch support, "Queen Quality." Regular price $5.50. Sale Price $3.45

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