

A TIP FOR VICTORIA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

A hint has been thrown out that if the representatives of Victoria in the provincial Legislature (among them Premier McBride), may not outwardly appear to be doing much for the city, yet they are quietly at work upon some mysterious mission that will prove of great material benefit.

Once upon a time, we do not know how long since, but certainly hundreds of years ago, the ancestors (paternal and maternal) of a certain individual crossed with the Normans and the Vikings respectively into Great Britain.

"We are afraid that the policy which Mr. Bowser, K. C., M. P., and soon-to-be-Attorney-General, announced to his constituents a few nights ago, cannot well escape being vigorous, if vulgar, classification 'hogwash'."

"People elsewhere in British Columbia—elsewhere" meaning to a large extent, but not exclusively, the constituencies represented by Liberal members—people, we say, will now understand why it is that the Government is 'unable' to undertake certain works and to make certain desired changes.

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Before proceeding further, however, it may be necessary to premise that what we have to add must be stated in 'allegorical' form. Or rather we are going to adopt the favorite method of our most esteemed contemporary and submit a hypothetical case, with the necessary explanation that what we are going to say has no reference to anybody in particular.

representatives of Victoria devote altogether too much attention to the petty business of the distribution of the patronage of the constituency and pay altogether too little attention to great affairs of state which it is not necessary in this disquisition to specifically mention.

After cutting a wide swath there, in the common parlance of the day, and finally completing the establishment of the British Empire upon a basis from which no foreign assaults could dislodge it, one or more of the successors of the aforesaid ancestors, finding life flat, stale and unprofitable, and altogether out of harmony with their aggressive constitutions, crossed the raging Atlantic on the little Mayflower.

Is it any wonder that an individual with such blood in his veins should consider himself especially qualified under our modern conditions to serve his country in an elective capacity; not that if a blind and perverse generation closes its eyes to his qualifications and his claims, the government of the country in its distribution of paltry patronage should endeavor to atone for the blindness of the people? It is true, envious persons with narrow and bigoted conceptions of character whisper that there is a stain (bar sinister) we believe they stand to call it in the days when the great house was warring for supremacy upon the escutcheon of the son of this very distinguished family.

Collier's: British Columbia is considering a university bill which is criticized by some as an incomplete measure. It does not definitely provide for the creation of the special colleges, such as law, medicine and mechanics, which are generally accepted as parts of a thorough university.

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As will be gathered from the following communication, the Canadian Commissioner of Immigration at Winnipeg, the centre towards which the main stream of immigrants to the Dominion is flowing at the present time, and will be for a considerable time, approves of the idea of sending an exhibit of the products of Vancouver Island to the midsummer fair to be held at the capital of Manitoba.

"The work of governments in securing immigrants is not complete unless they have taken all reasonable means to lay before the new arrivals the possibilities of the different parts of Western Canada.

tion, other parts of British Columbia have been properly represented by exhibits, and, I fancy, to the advantage of that portion so displaying its capabilities. Therefore, it seems eminently proper that Vancouver Island and the city of Victoria should give the new arrivals and the visitors (of which a large number are Americans), an opportunity of seeing what the extreme western end of Canada has to offer.

The cares of Empire bear heavily. It is no light thing to carry the burden of Imperialism, as the statesmen of Great Britain have reason to know. There are rumblings of dissatisfaction in India. The visit of General Baacha to England, in his capacity as premier of the Transvaal, seems to have excited heart burnings in the Orange River Colony. The famous General De Wet comes to the front with some vigorous criticism. In a published statement he asks: "Can Mr. Botha go to the Colonial Conference with a full mandate from the people of South Africa?"

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DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED. that this is indeed Canada's growing time. The surplus of revenue over expenditure on all accounts should be quite sufficient to silence all the critics who shout for retrenchment. No one will dispute the contention that the government should discontinue waste and extravagance; but in a country like Canada the bulk of the expenditures should be productive of increased revenue, and the condition of the finances for the past nine months seems to indicate that on the whole the expenditures are judiciously handled and produce the best results. VISITORS WERE ENTERTAINED BY CANADIAN CLUB AT LUNCHEON TO-DAY Sir William Mulock and W. L. Mackenzie King Were the Guests of Honor. (From Monday's Daily.) Over one hundred of the citizens of Victoria sat down to luncheon to-day with Sir William Mulock and W. L. Mackenzie King, who were entertained by the Canadian Club, A. W. McCurdy, president of the club, occupying the seat at the head of the table, with Sir William and Chief Justice Hunter on his right, and Mr. King and Hon. R. G. Taitow on his left. Among other persons were the following: A. G. Morley, A. C. Flumert, T. Cunningham, E. B. Jones, H. G. Brown, L. C. Fisher, E. Jacobs, Jos. Peirson, J. P. H. W. Clark, J. Walsh, H. S. Crotty, John B. McKillingan, P. B. Warren, C. A. Holland, James Forman, J. Cochrane, F. C. McIntosh, H. A. Munn, John Nelson, F. J. Bennett, C. H. Lugin, Dr. T. J. Jones, Rev. H. A. Carson, H. C. Mason, L. H. Hardie, W. Bundo, J. W. Church, M. A. P. H. Eaton, Ernest A. Hall, F. Inglis, H. G. Lawson, J. H. MacEachern, W. Leslie Clay, H. A. Ross, A. W. Crease.

LOC -At Harrow street, Sunday 10 a. m. Bible 7 p. m. A. T. R. preach. -It is expected on his return from the Canadian ment. He is settled on June 1. -Rev. H. C. University church schoolroom of church on Mor subject will be -Sweeney and their new complete study Chinese character -A meeting soclation will Monday, the 3 retail clerks a as matters brought up. -On Tuesday a public m rooms, Victo the question of The school be attend. The f -There were minor cases on Saturday. board a scho concerned in watch. Each -Dr. Robert perintendent of Bay cemetery from Hann Rev. E. T. readers were R. Ridland r -Mrs. B. with a special another of hall on the 28th. No cordial in those who dances toget -St. Phillip namo, who A. Bagshaw, the ground, made by the save it. It brush burned at \$2,000. -Dr. Herg health office made a visit where he found in the lower close the pre few days, but in the other will continue -Among visited here (C. F. Lay, his wife and a residence Lay is being weather after and late spr -The board ers are to coast this tween the railways as former to cess of rate eastern port transacting the to force on -J. Borro morning ch -Fing, the The accused prove his in defend him, however, in the case was next to April. -Tax Coll delinquent Friday, T. Mr. Carter three years quite willing get out that and as a res pay the cost -The lad L. O. T. M. make the of the Anticess. Some been secured will be held West, Tuesr stead of M nounced. -Mayor receipt of quenters of the by resk Menzies str tion dump s and thus s very offen intention to abate the -Dr. Rob Sanitarium, next Tuesd nard J. H. license. Th taken place 1907. Mr. B of the Coll geons of B -The ign brought was found at Kosjah