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GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME

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Defering of the redistribution measure is another evidence that representative Canada is not to have a voice in these important affairs.

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acres should be purchased and set aside for public purposes and to be known as Songhees Park. While the Times has always advocated the establishment of a suitable system of areas for recreation purposes...

It is not to be denied that the purchase of the land described in the proposal is in the view of the enormous sum that the ratepayers are to be asked to pay for the acreage. The proposal to establish a public park in that part of the city suburbs...

There may be no doubt that a definite understanding had been arrived at between the city council and the provincial government prior to February 1 in 1907, we reproduce an interview granted by Mayor Morley to the Coionist and appearing on the morning of the date named.

This matter occupied considerable attention during the past year and in all our negotiations with the provincial government we have been treated very fairly.

In transferring its reversionary rights to the corporation the government will cede its interests to Victoria, and it will then be a matter for the city and the Dominion government at Ottawa.

There are several important features in the situation as it was presented by Mayor Morley at that time. It will be seen that Mayor Morley represented to the citizens of Victoria that the government had entered into a solemn agreement...

The Times believes that, to the ratepayer of average intelligence, it will seem strange that, after a lapse of less than five years, the city is to be called on to pay \$80,000 for a small part of the land which was at that time ceded to the city.

It is true that, since that time, the provincial government has acquired the rights in both the Dominion government and the Indians in the land in question. But the price paid by the province in liquidation of these rights...

How much of this would represent the value of the twelve acres? How much should be deducted from this equation in lieu of the reversionary interests ceded to the city by the province in 1907?

reputable title that Mayor Morley said it had given to the city? We think the ratepayers who are to be asked to authorize the expenditure of \$80,000 for these lands are entitled to be taken into the confidence of the city council as to the arithmetical process by which the sum of \$80,000 was arrived at as a fair equation for these twelve acres.

We think that it is the duty of Mayor Morley to give the public the information upon which they may intelligently vote either for or against the proposal to buy this park land. We individually Mayor Morley, as it was whose authority was accepted for the statements made in the interview which we reproduce to-day.

The Manitoba Free Press thinks it is fair to take 10 per cent. as the figure for Canada, but our own opinion is that this estimate is far too high. The decreasing birth rate in Canada has been a matter of major concern to several publicists who have given the matter close attention...

A review of the newspapers of Canada shows that there is no part of the Dominion that is without disappointment and complaint that the last universal census does not disclose a larger population than it does. That the Conservative papers foster this feeling and make capital against the late Liberal government on this account is not surprising...

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their ultimate destinations, and there is no way of keeping track of those who remain only temporarily in the country. This might easily account for the disparity in the figures if only immigration had to be considered. But it takes no account of the natural increase, that is, the increase in the number of those who are born over the number who die.

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ATHLETICS WIN FINAL BY THIRTEEN TO TWO. Giants-Herzog fanned on three pitched balls, the last strike almost striking the batsman. Fletcher was struck out on a bunt grounder. Bender to Davis. Meyers drove a liner through the pitcher's box for a single. Crandall went in to bat for Ames. Crandall was walked by Bender, but not intentionally. Devore struck out. He had three balls and two strikes when called out by Connolly. No runs, one hit, no errors.

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PASTOR THROWN THROUGH WINDOW. Lively Fight at Meeting Called to Discuss Affairs of Denver Church. Denver, Colo., Oct. 26.—Rev. W. S. Rudolph is nursing various cuts and bruises and a number of other members of the Union Presbyterian church are using soothing lotions as a result of minutes of lively fistfights over church affairs. In the fight the pastor was thrown through a window.

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CROSS-EYED WIFE GIVEN TO HUSBAND. Skilful Bluffer Taken on Four Charges. Istrate Jay T. (From Thursday) A tall man with a chequered habit, and two a description of his wife elderly, grey-haired, cross-eyed, has this morning a year's vicissitudes at His Majesty King Hotel Mutter, Hillside, of his carefully laid plans to swill his bank draughts. The man was successful because of a Detective Murray who last evening arrested two cheques were found not had time to issue. He is booked on the E. F. Reynolds, and against him this morning which he pleaded guilty to, and thanked when told that the sum in his pockets after a pro rata divided between him as an honest man was dispensed.

TO UNITE HUSBANDS AND THEIR FAMILIES. Further Particulars Regarding the Proposal Placed Before the Board of Trade. With regard to the proposed formation in Victoria of an organization to assist workmen to bring their wives and families to the city, further particulars were this morning given by the secretary of the board of trade, Mr. J. J. Foster, traveling manager agent for the C. P. R. He is interested in the project and is using his influence to interest the board.

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