In all some fifty people were present at the function. Dinner was served in a pavilion on the lawn overlooking the waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Ferns and masses of native flowers had transformed the tent into a veritable bower which lighted by a myriad of fairy electric lights concealed in clumps of shrubbery, or festooned from point to point within the tent and along the sylvan colomade which conducted the guests from the house to the hower. At pauses in the proceedings an excellent orchestra renedered music from a distance. Mrs. H. Croft evolved the plan of decoration and superintended its arrangement.

Hen. Mr. McBride

Richard. McBride, premier of British Columbia.

Mr. McBride referred to the presence of the visitors in British Columbia as but another instance of the growing importance which Canada is gaining in the motherland. British Columbia has been visited by great soldiers, leading statesmen, prominent professional men, but none more welcome than the members of the fourth estate.

It was an indication of the fact that there was more laterest in Canada than ever before. He could understand than ever before. He could understand that with the great pressure of public business in the colonial and other government offices in Great Britian Canada was given not so great a share of attention as Canadians might wish.

Then it is so largely due to the energy of the transportation companies and in a great mesure to that of the C. P. R. He regarded the enterprise of the C. P. R. as a good instance of the enterprise of Canadians generally, and specified their excellent steamship and rail service as a type of things Canadian.

Here in Western Canada the great distance from the Atlantic and from Britain is a great handicap. Formerly when one had seen Montreal, he would

Britain is a great handicap. Formerly when one had seen Montreal, he would return to Britain and state that he had seen Canada. Such a time had passed away, however, and the casual visitor.

resisted away, however, and the casual visitor, even, realizes that he has to feel the breezes of the balmy Pacific before he could say that he had seen Canada.

The citizens of British Columbia feel that they have the richest of all the provinces of the Dominion. It has, however, to be admitted that local conditions present many difficulties.

For instance, in the opening up of the mineral wealth there is the initial trouble of transportation. Before a man will delve into the natural resources of the province the provincial government must go deep into its treasury to provide him with roads. This is a heavy drain upon the finances of the province.

Continuing Mr. McBride told the visitors that this was the reason why the resources of the province had been so slightly tapped. Where the country was traversed by railways, and he instanced the C. P. R., its great wealth was realized, but as good, and indeed better conditions, would be found to exist elsewhere if the country has but the transportation facilities. Even with the G. T. P. the problem would be far from solved. It, like the C. P. R., would be but a pathfinder.

"All that has been said and all that can be written about British Colum-

VOTED VERY PLEASANT EVENT

Interchange of Sentiments of Warm
Attachment to the Empire and
Liking for Victoria

Liking for Victoria

Liking for Victoria at the end of one of the most eventual journeys the has been the fortune for anyone to take and after but 24 hours in your midst, I think it impossible that 6,000 miles separates us from the dear oil Motherland, so homelike it all seems to the poet laureate:

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Hon. Mr. MoBride

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sriment offices in Great Britain Canda was given not so great a share of attention as Canadians might wish. He was happy to note, however, that in the press of that nation and in the speech of the people it had reached a degree of distinction which had raised it to a height where it was the envy of the other colonies, who admitted its proud pre-eminence, Canda is first.

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Then it is a leave of the colonies of the British empire and the most important problem that British statesmen would have to grapple with. This was the industrial struggle with the awakening Orient, Japan and China. Much as Britain owes to distinct the most important problem that British t

stead of the 21-2-inch main we used to have. It was laid about eight years ago.

It may be added here that Water Commissioner Raymur afterwards if fixed the date of laying this main as April, 1901. In response to further questions from the mayor the witness adoutant the water service in the area mentioned has been better than before, and that the same might be said in a corresponding degree of the rest of the city.

Mayor—Did you give the fire department all the water available during the last fire?

Mr. Preece—Yes. Within fifteen minutes they had all the water possible. I gave the necessary orders as soon as I saw the smoke of the fire and another 6-inch valve and as soon as I saw the fire had spread up by St. John's church, I shut off the Johnson street 6-inch valve to give more pressure above.

In response to further questions

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Fire chief—Hardly, but we have always been able to get volunteers.

Ald. Henderson referred to the figures of comparative fire losses produced by the mayor and asked the chief if he considered his force had kept pace with the growth of the city.

Chief Watson—No. The apparatus is the same as it was seven years ago. But the force isnumore satisfactory. Formerly we had 180 men and 18 on call, and we never knew where we were, now we have 27 paid men which is more satisfactory.

survival of the fittest and contended that competition was necessary to find who was the fittest to survive. Conditions today placed a premium upon strength and unscrupulousness and the strong and unscrupulousness would triumph over the weak. The modern jungle of industry placed a premium upon the tooth and the claw. The labor movement alimed at changing the whole system of industry, where a healthy emulation would take the place of competitive strife and the whole of humanity would be uplifted. The labor party in Britain was not avowedly Socialist. After years of hard work, they had, however, succeeded in educating the trade unions to see the folly of dividing their forces at election time, and the Socialist leaven was working everywhere. All over the country the young men and women were flocking to the Socialist party and the growth of the movement had even astonished him. He ventured to say that there were those alive to-day who would see a Socialist over.

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The mayor then summoned the council into secret session to consider the evidence presented them, stating that if they came to any conclusion a

# had even astonished him. He ventured to say that there were those alive to-day who would see a Socialist government in power in Britain. Inspired by an ideal which neither of the old political parties, nor the church, blighted as it was by modern transfer with a zeal and devotion which may have been equalled, but never excelled, in any of the great movements of preceding ages. He appealed to the young to take part in this movement, and help forward the day when poverty will be but a memory of the bitter past.

Leader of British Labor Party on Socialism—Coming The labor movement stood for the

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