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SOME REASONS WHY

Dismissing for the present the question of reciprocity, some reasons may be given why Mr. Templeman should not be chosen to represent this constituency.

Because he has not faithfully represented the interests of British Columbia, but has allowed political partisanship to influence his action.

Because he has been neglectful of the transportation of the province. As a minister he was, only during the past session, a party to a policy of railway construction which included the establishment of new transportation lines in every province of Canada except British Columbia, and British Columbia needs such facilities more than any other province.

Because he has not stipulated as a condition of his remaining in the cabinet that provision should be made for the construction of some of the vessels for the Canadian Navy in British Columbia, preferring to hold on to the emoluments of office rather than jeopardize them by standing up for the just claims of British Columbia in this behalf.

Because he has declined to commit himself to the policy of appropriating the whole of the moneys derived from the extinction of the sealing industry in British Columbia to the establishment of a new industry here, and preferably ship-building.

Because, although he has been a member of the Laurier ministry for more than nine years, and although during that period the citizens of Victoria have been urging the improvement of the Outer Harbor by a breakwater to Brothie Ledge, and although the Minister of Public Works has declared himself to be impressed with the necessity and advantage of such a work, Mr. Templeman has not exerted himself to secure an appropriation for this highly important public work.

Because, although it is patent to every one that the defences and garrison of Esquimalt are utterly inadequate to what is required, and although the defences have been allowed to fall into disrepair to a certain extent, as is shown by the gun practice of the garrison, he has not used his influence to see that the garrison was maintained at its proper strength and that the fortifications are kept in repair.

Because he is of so little influence in the cabinet that he was not consulted as to the relaxation of the regulations of the immigration department, whereby it was possible for a number of contract laborers to be brought into this province.

Because, if he is elected and the Laurier Government is sustained, he will support a new policy in respect to Chinese immigration, the chief points of which will be the abolition of the Chinese head-tax and the control by China of the immigration of Chinese into Canada.

Because his election will be construed by the Laurier Government as an endorsement by this constituency of all the various acts of maladministration which may be justly laid at its door.

Because he has on no occasion, since he was first appointed to the Senate up to the dissolution of the last Parliament, voiced publicly any of the claims of the province to consideration at the hands of the Dominion Government, but has permitted, without protest, the dissemination of the false impression that British Columbia has already received more than its entitled to at the hands of the Dominion.

We submit the above ten reasons why it is not in the interest of Victoria to select Mr. Templeman to represent her in the House of Commons. We present them without encumbering them with any consideration bearing upon reciprocity. They present good and sufficient reasons for his rejection as a candidate. His record as a public man, and this is all that the electors have a right to consider, shows that if he is chosen to represent Victoria, he will be merely a passive member of the House, whereas what this growing city requires is a representative who will be active in the advocacy of all its varied interests.

To elect Mr. Templeman will be to consign the representation of Victoria to a gentleman, who has never at any time taken a lively interest in its welfare; but has held aloof from all public efforts that have been made to advance its interests.

For the above reasons alone, and without taking into account any of the considerations arising out of the reciprocity agreement, we submit that under any circumstances that may arise it is desirable in the interests of this city that Mr. Templeman should not be its representative in the next House of Commons.

DESERVED PROMOTION.

Mr. James Thomson, who has been for many years manager of the British Columbia District and Steamship Service of the Hudson's Bay Company, has been appointed to the responsible post of Land Commissioner for the company with his office at Winnipeg.

Those persons, whose privilege it has been to know Mr. Thomson well, have always recognized his splendid spirit of optimism. He has ever been a firm believer in the future of Victoria.

We would not like to be understood as forecasting in any way the future policy of the company, for upon this subject we have no knowledge, but it is interesting to Victorians to know that the great landed interests of the company in this vicinity, which constitutes far and away the greater part of its holdings in British Columbia, will be in the hands of a gentleman who knows Victoria so well and has such a keen appreciation of the greatness of the city's future.

We know we speak not only for Victorians generally, but for the thousands of people in the province, as well as at the outermost posts of civilization as in the cities, when we wish Mr. Thomson every success in his new and highly responsible office.

HE DID NOT KNOW.

Mr. Templeman has written to the Trades and Labor Council to say that he did not know of the instructions relaxing the instructions to the immigration officers until he heard it through police court proceedings.

It is an astonishing state of things that so important a change directly affecting the condition of labor in British Columbia should have been made without the member of the cabinet who represents British Columbia being consulted about it.

Mr. Templeman has been used somewhat scurvily by his colleagues. He ought to have been consulted before the regulations were relaxed in the slightest particular. He ought to have been given an opportunity of investigating the situation to see if the relaxation was necessary.

action was unnecessary, and Mr. Templeman had sanctioned the relaxation notwithstanding, he would have occupied an infinitely better position than that which he is placed in today.

But they ignored him totally. In respect to what they will next ignore him we do not profess to know. And yet he asks the people of Victoria to elect him because he is a cabinet minister.

WAR TALK

We are yet unable to discover any justification of the war-talk that was so much in evidence a week ago. There was certainly a good deal of such talk. Eastern newspapers published columns of despatches, which were printed with inflammatory headlines.

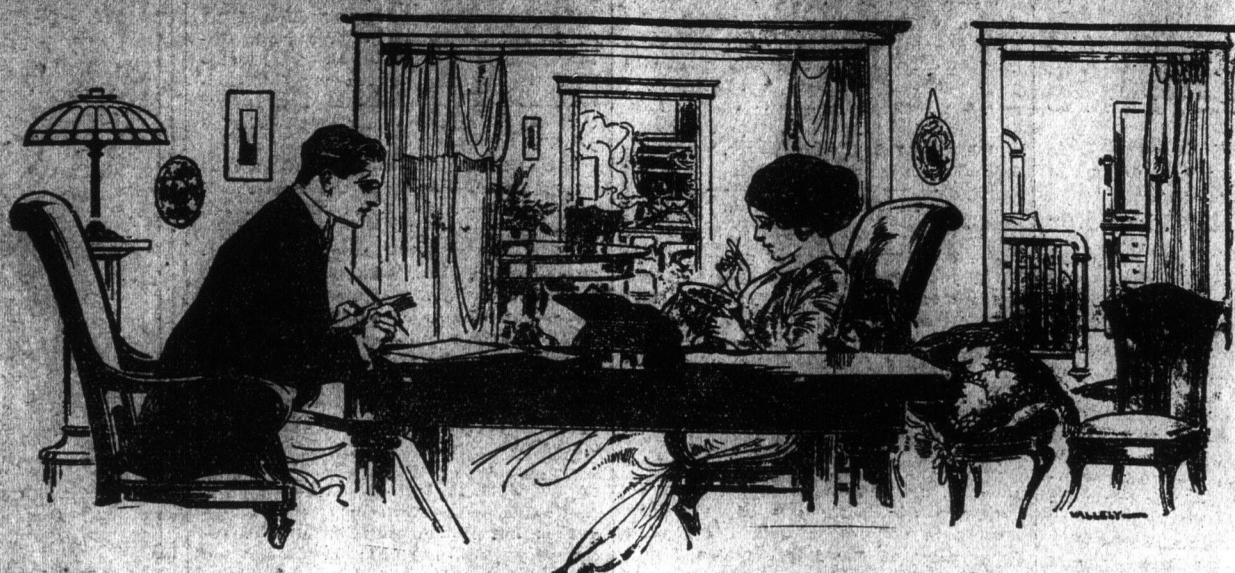
Not long afterwards, one of the semi-official newspapers of Berlin announced that those who supposed Germany to be seeking territorial acquisition in Morocco were quite mistaken, and added "the fable that Germany is backing down before England is without foundation."

The local Liberal paper propounds the startling doctrine that the regulations controlling immigration may be altered without the responsible minister being consulted.

If abuse without limit, malice amounting almost to genius, evasion of issues, misconception of its own case and failure to make the best of what arguments are open to it could win an election, the local Liberal paper has been completely and even phenomenally successful.

There are yet six days left during which it can appeal to the electorate from the standpoint of common sense; but it's dollars to doughnuts that it will only realize that it has not done so, when it wakes up on the morning of the 22nd and wonders how it happened.

Mackenzie and Mann interests are reported to have purchased a majority of the Skeena river salmon canneries. The new C. F. R. tourist hotel at Balfour is to be formally opened tomorrow evening with a grand ball.



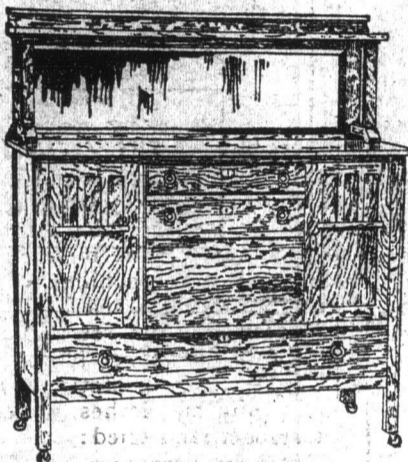
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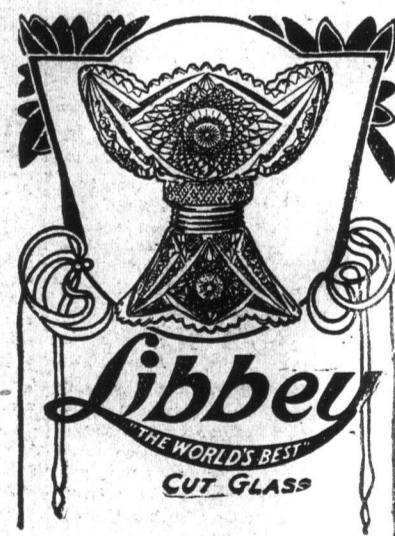


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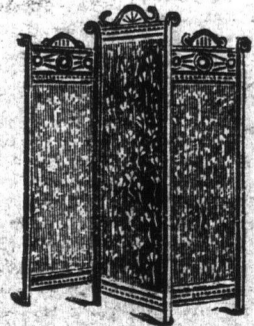
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