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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. Among them are:

Because he has not faithfully represented the interests of British Columbia, but has allowed political partizanship to influence his action. For proof we refer to the course which he saw fit to take when the question of Better Terms was under discussion. He not only made no effort to see that the just claims of the province received considerdeclare over and over again that these claims were untenable. Such small consideration as the province did receive was due to the intervention of Mr. Fielding, and apparently Mr. Templeman was not consulted at all on the

Because he has been neglectful of the transportation of the province. As a minister he was, only during the past sestion, 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

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 be-

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 Brotchie Ledge, and although the Minister of Public Works has declared himself to be impressed with the necessity and advantage of such a work, Mr. Templean appropriation for this highly im-

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 prov-

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 it is 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 inter-

fare; but has held aloof from all pubc efforts that have been made to adime in her history Victoria needs a epresentative who will devote himself with aggressive energy to place her special claims before the attention of the government and Parliament of Canada. Mr. Barnard has given the people his express promise that he will do this, and has specified some of the lines of activity along which he will work.

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

DESERVED PROMOTION.

Mr. James Thomson, who has been for many years manager of the Brit-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. While in common with every person who knows Mr. Thomson we greatly regret his departure from Victoria, we congratulate him heartily upon his deserved promotion. In him the Hudson's Bay Company has had a zealous and faithful servant, and in his new and larger sphere of work his friends will have no doubt of his giving service such as will add to his already admirable reputa-

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. The Colonist can say with perfect truth that the fund of knowledge gained by him in his journeys through the province, which he was always ready to make available to those who could employ it for the public interest, and his resolute determination at all times to see nothing but a sunny outlook for British spiration and encouragement to it in its efforts to advance the general welfare. This paper will greatly miss his wise counsel in dealing with matters relating to the development of the province

in a broad way. 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 th in addition to what it has in this province, the company holds a very extensive domain comprising some of the management of al which is in the hands of Mr. Thomson. While speaking of the company and its operations we may mention that the plans in connection with the building of a great departmental store in this city have not been al-

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

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 said that an honest confession is good for the soul, but in this case it will certainly be bad for votes. As this relaxation was made without Mr. Templeman's knowledge, he was in duty bound to say so, but he must have made the confes-

sion with regret and humiliation. It is an astonishing state of things that so important a change directly affecting tthe 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's paper asks the people of Victoria to vote for "Mr. Templeman and a Portfolio:" but of what value is it to have a mem ber of the cabinet as our representative, when any department feels at perfect liberty to ignore him in matters of vital interest to this constituency and

this province? Mr. Templeman has been used somewhat scurvily by his collegues. 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 was necessary. He could then, if he had been so disposed, have put himself in communication with the Trades and Labor Council and asked their advice. Even if that advice had been, as we are sure it would have been, that the relax-

To elect Mr. Templeman will be to ation was unnecessary, and Mr. Templeinfinitely better position than that which said that in his opinion the relaxation vance its interests. At this particular | was necessary, and he would have reing a positive stand on the question. But to be ignored absolutely, to have to learn from police court proceedings that a governmental act had been done that was of such a serious character and was calculated to incur the hostility of the voters, is a position of humiliation in which Mr. Templeman's collegues had no right to place him.

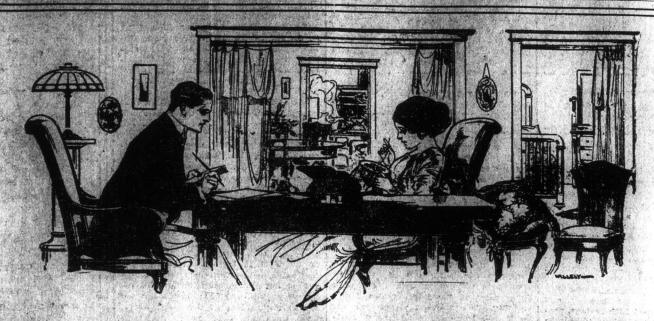
But they ignored him totally. In respect to what they will next ignore him we do not profess to know. And yet he asks the people of Victoria to elect him because he is a cabinet minister. We are beginning to understand what Mr. Templeman's paper meant when it said that the government would regard a question from a Conservative member from Victoria as a piece of impudence, for if a cabinet minister can be treated as if he were non-existant, almost any sort of treatment is likely to be meted out. to a member of the opposition.

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 head-lines. Among the reports in circulation was one to the effect that the Rothchilds were seiling the stocks held by them. It did not seem to have occurred to any one that if this great house began to unload its enormous holdings and to accumulate cash, the resulting fall in prices would have been disastrous. There seems to have been much feeling expressed against England in certain quarters in Germany, where undoubtedly the opinion was held that the United Kingdom was so distracted by its internal affairs that it would not undertake to say anything in foreign politics. When, therefore, Mr. Lloyd George made his famous declaration as to Britain's position, and Mr. Asquith defined the attitude of the government, receiving the full endorsement of Mr. Balfour, who went so far as to say that if other nations were counting upon domestic dissensions as likely to weaken the hands of Britain abroad they were greatly mistaken, a certain section of the German people looked upon it as a threat and became angered. Not long afterwards, one of the semiofficial newspapers of Berlin announced that those who supposed Germany to he seeking territorial acquisition in Morocco were quite mistaken, and added "the fable that Germany is backing down before England is without foundation." The German Socialists, who are steadily growing more numerous and fluential, have declared against any policy that contemplated a resort to arms. The more sensational of the British press discussed very event of war. It was pointed out that the frontier fortifications of France are now impregnable and that for the first time in many years France is the superior of Germany in artillery. It was also stated that the French army was never in anything like its present state of efficiency, and that it is abundantly able to hold Germany in check for a torians generally, but for the thousands time at least. While the land forces were preparing for a struggle, the British fleet was to be sent across the channel with all speed, and the complete destruction of the German navy, to be followed up by an invasion from the sea, was to be attempted, and the papers went on to show how this could be easily accomplished. All this was very exciting reading, but it did not justify anticipations of war. The latest despatches say that German business men are already feeling the pinch of hard times due to the withdrawal of foreign money because of uncertainty as to the ourse of the government. This will be a potent agency for peace.

The local Liberal paper propounds the startling doctrine that the regulations controlling immigration may be altered without the responsible minister being consulted. This is another sample of the "new Liberalism." George Brown would turn over in his grave if he knew it was being preached in these days that the members of a government are not responsible for the acts of its officials. He would, if alive, ask the Liberal paper what it supposed responsible government is.

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. P. R. tourist hotel at Balfour is to be formally opened tomorrow evening with a grand ball.



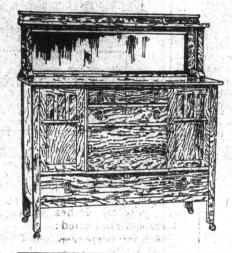
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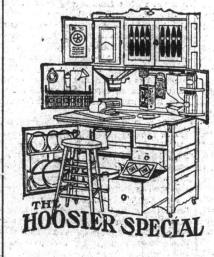
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