

after another from their find when they had rub of battle from their eyes Richard McBride, honor-Green, trusty R. G. Tatar birds of the cuckoo kind rated the nests of the vantage the militant members of the party and the Times reason for expressing dis of the course pursued by new leader of the rehabili-whose record in British as strong as the striking of its head, none of us have to grieve at the outcome. accomplished that to which energies. One unworthy has been killed. Its suc- come into existence in a institutional manner, what- they think of the subsequent its leader. To that extent has been cleared. The now be joined upon clearly

ancouver World would have to see W. W. B. McInnes to form a Liberal govern- it is glad to see party lines circumstances. It says: will not be outdone by their men in courage or in readi- the public will. While have preferred to go to the der an enthroned leader of the opportunity which will of going to the country tangible and fixed party in to them will be accepted and rejoicing. Nor will the address of the Conservative of leadership, Messrs. Wil- et al, to sink their personal for the party weal, be with- as an object lesson. The may be taken as demonstrat- sibility of as speedily and terminating any domestic in the Liberal ranks when is to be thereby assured. is better than fighting a friend and foe in stylism. If Premier McBride as an leader of Conservatives on the gauntlet, as it appears he will find the gage of bat- tle well accepted by provincial, well pleased at last to find sign laid in such a manner promise of definite and results."

OSE LAND GRANTS.

attempt to review the nces of the Columbia & land grant affair the Mail and Empire makes ous assertions. In one says: "The Columbia & West- entitled to 20,000 acres per tiguous, or not far removed line. When the road was then government, that of amur, found that it would be to allocate land along the allyway, and an arrangement upon entered into whereby any was to receive, instead, 0,000 acres that were due to it, in another part of the dis- creater value, seeing that they coal and oil, but of smaller he blocks to be given covered re." And again: "There can but that the cancellation of grant, after the service for was given has been perform- kes of the character of repu- It is announced that the C. as two ways of securing re- ne is the petition of right for recognition of its claim; the an appeal to the federal au- to disallow the provincial ac- the bonus. Its course and ts, will be watched with inter- it goes without saying that if can be withdrawn after the for which it was granted has completed, an entirely new of promoting railway construc- been discovered." It looks ch as though the Mail and Em- been carefully primed by erson or persons representing adian Pacific. Or perhaps it adopting Sir Thomas Shaugh- expressed views. Very likely adian Pacific will endeavor to the coveted lands by either or the methods mentioned, but Columbian will be much sur- and dismayed if it gains its end any way. The Mail and Empire ally be ignorant of the fact that celled grants covered lands another part of the district," ething like 300 miles away. Of they were of greater value than ds provided for in the act, but all and Empire will surely not that therefore the government railway company were at lib- set aside an enactment of the ure. It is plain that the action the Dunsmuir government took instance of the company's agents al and was calculated for the y. To call the cancellation of ation "repudiation" is impudent extreme.

HE IMPERIAL LIMITED.

NIPEG, June 9.—The first Im- Limited train of the season from al passed through Winnipeg to- time and with a goodly number engers.

TIME FOR REFORM.

According to the Vancouver World, complaints are made by many people who have had business with the lands and works department at Victoria that attempts were made by attaches of that department to exact from them something in the way of "sweeteners" or "tips." The statements made in this connection may or may not be true, but in any event there are a good many well founded complaints about the way in which business in this department is conducted. There should be a thorough renovation by the new ministry. The World makes some general remarks on this and other departments which are worthy of attention. When it can be freely stated and with apparently convincing circumstantiality, it says, that servants of the people engaged to transact the people's business honestly, and under what are certainly fair salaries for the work performed, undertake to exact tips, bonuses or special considerations of a monetary value as conditional to their prompt performance of their public duties or any part thereof, it is high time for rigid inquiry and re-organization.

It is unfair in the extreme to the honest and efficient men of the department that the culpable ones should not be singled out, and not alone dismissed from the service, but made to answer to the common law if they have in the smallest respect transgressed its fair provisions.

While on the subject of the lands and works department, it is to be hoped that Hon. Mr. McBride, or whoever among the Liberal leaders shall have the honor of succeeding him in the premiership after the test of party strength at the polls, will at an early date give thought to the desirability of dividing this cumbersome and untidy wedded department. A change in the Constitution Act, of course, will be necessary, but that change is bound to come.

The dual department is already unwieldy, and growing more so with every day that passes. The very complication of its interests and their diversity makes it extremely difficult for the responsible minister to keep himself in touch with all the details of his own department, and thus abuses of the opportunities at their command among the officials become possible which otherwise would not.

The separation of the lands department from that of public works appears as necessary as does that of agriculture from finance, another irrational union, in the first instance authorized simply for the reason that Mr. Turner was then the finance minister; and Mr. Turner incidentally took a deep interest in agricultural advancement in the province. The natural union would appear to be between the lands department and that of agriculture.

THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

It is a good sign for the party and the country that the Conservatives throughout the province have already commenced active campaign work. But the rank and file of the party must go it alone for a considerable time to come. For the next month or so Hon. Richard McBride and his colleagues in the cabinet will be too busy straightening out the horrible tangle left by Prior, McInnes, Wells and Eberts, to address the electors and help generally in the campaign for the furtherance of good government. This is as it should be, and The Miner is confident that all those who have the welfare of the country at heart will cordially commend their patriotic attitude. It is a clear case of the country first and politics quite a secondary consideration.

Conservatives have an excellent foundation on which to build. There is the platform of the Revelstoke convention with its broad, sound and wholesome principles. As a basis for organization it will be found of great value. But in attempting to advance the cause of the party it must ever be remembered that besides the Revelstoke program a more definite policy may be expected from the McBride government. Mr. McBride is desperately in earnest about the welfare of the wage-earners. He has wrestled

with the problem, and The Miner is in a position to state authoritatively that his plans are well advanced for the practical amelioration of their condition. He is also strongly imbued with the idea that a more equitable system of taxation is absolutely necessary. The struggling merchant, the small holder, and the young industries are to receive greater consideration in the rate of assessment than heretofore, while the big dividend-paying corporations will be expected to meet the deficit. It is therefore very necessary that active workers and aspiring candidates should give heed to this all-important feature of the campaign. British Columbia Conservatism must be prepared for modern ideas and a new order of things, the same as the party is shaping in the East and has shaped in Great Britain. The welfare of the masses must ever be the first consideration with the Conservative party of British Columbia. The burden of government must be made to fall on them as lightly as possible. The rich, especially the big dividend-earning corporations, must be made to pay their FULL SHARE of taxation, otherwise the McBride policy and the patriotic desires of the progressive wing of the party will be made abortive and a glorious opportunity ruined. It is the duty of the humblest worker, as much as Mr. McBride, to see to it that the evil influences of corporation heels are not allowed to dominate the work of the party. It is an easy matter to prove a man's record in this respect, and if it is found that his leanings and sympathies are against the righteous doctrine of the new order of things, his aspirations must be frustrated at any cost.

MARTIN AND THE LIBERALS.

Joseph Martin's resignation of the leadership of the British Columbia Liberals is excellent politics from his point of view. He is hated, feared and distrusted by the more sober-minded and conscientious element of his party. There are scores of Liberals in this province who believe that their party would be in a position to accomplish much good for the country were it not the Turner administration was dismissed, and on many other occasions before and since. There is not a prominent Liberal in B. C. today who is a match for Martin in the game of practical politics. To give credit where credit is due, the probable reason for this is that self-respecting Liberals would not stoop to the practices that Martin always adopts when in an emergency. By this last display of cunning Martin has scored undoubtedly. Men who went to the coast last week determined to oust him or raise a tempest, have returned to their respective districts silent and subdued. 'Twas ever thus with all hide-bound Grits. They will tolerate all sorts of political infamy so long as their peculiar sense of propriety is not outraged by the smooth outward working of the political machine.

But the question naturally arises, Will that large section of Liberals who place patriotism above party, allow themselves to be duped by Martin diplomacy? Martin has controlled a majority of the Liberals of B. C. ever since he came among them. He captured the last provincial convention with the greatest ease, and if he wants for the imminent domination of "Fighting Joe," but they are so disgusted at his many sharp practices and utter disregard of the lofty sentiments that went so largely to make up the political creed of men like George Brown, Joseph Howe, Sir Oliver Mowat and others of their class, that they would not openly follow him, for fear that the party would become discredited beyond all redemption. By his resignation, however, Mr. Martin intends to pull the wool over their eyes and thus maintain harmony within the Liberal ranks. The senior member from Vancouver realizes that he is the strongest personality in B. C. Liberalism. He can always drum up a following of office seekers and time servers. He proved this at the Vancouver convention, at the time to, will certainly control the next. That he will want to, is a foregone conclusion. It would be ridiculous to imagine Joe Martin humbly following any other B. C. Liberal. He would wreck the party rather than become a humble follower like those who now squirm at his dictation. Now, if Martin can control a provincial convention, it will be an easy matter for him to control the Liberal members of the next legislature. It looks, therefore, very much as though the better element of the Liberal party will be forced to deny their support to Liberal candidates at the October elections. Meanwhile the Liberals of B. C. occupy the extraordinary position of being a party without a leader and no platform except Martinism as set forth at the Vancouver convention. Never was a party so called in power, and finally learned what kind of a place he was ordered to on arriving in Fernie he found one church

PASTORS GO AND COME

Incidents Attending Departure of Two Rossland Clergymen.

While a Third Is in Local Pulpit for the First Time.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Sunday and yesterday saw scenes attending the departure of two Rossland clergymen, while a third occupied his new pulpit here for the first time. Rev. A. L. Burch, pastor of St. Andrew's church, addressed parting words to his congregation on Sunday and left for the east on Monday; Rev. Charles W. Hedley, M. A., rector of St. George's church, is to leave the city for an Algoma parish next week, and commented on the fact in an interesting vein; while at the Methodist church Rev. R. F. Stillman, the new pastor who comes to Rossland from Fernie, occupied the pulpit for the first time and made an excellent impression.

Rev. A. L. Burch has only been in Rossland two months, but in that brief period he made friends by the score in St. Andrew's congregation and out of the city. Two months ago he came to the Golden City to take the pulpit of St. Andrew's temporarily, but it is a source of gratification to his friends to know that at a congregational meeting to be held tomorrow evening he will be extended a call to take over the pastorate permanently. Meantime urgent business required his attention in Toronto, whither he went yesterday morning. In the interim, and while the call is being adjudicated upon by the synod of the church, a locum tenens will be provided by Rev. Mr. Ball of Trail, moderator of the district.

At St. Andrew's on Sunday night Rev. Mr. Burch addressed a few words to the congregation in parting. Owing to the possibility of his return at a comparatively early date, his valedictory was somewhat out of the ordinary. Referring to his experiences since coming to the Golden City, he left the inference that he believed in the future of the community from an industrial standpoint and that he had formed a liking for the city and its people. He incidentally remarked that the mountain was a grand scale that he was more than ever impressed with the magnificence of nature. Referring to his treatment by the congregation, he stated that time would not permit of his detailing the occasions on which the people of St. Andrew's had conferred kindness upon him. At the depot yesterday morning a number of members of St. Andrew's gathered to wish Mr. Burch God-speed. Among those were Messrs. Lockhart, McKenzie and McCoy, and Messrs. T. S. Gilmour, Walter Morton, James Anderson, John Shaw, A. McNaughton, R. W. Grigor, William M. Wood and D. H. Hedley.

MR. HEDLEY'S DEPARTURE. At St. George's church Sunday night Archdeacon Pentreath preached. At the close of his sermon the archdeacon expressed his appreciation of the singing by the choir, and then mentioned his regret at the approaching departure of his dear friend Rev. Charles W. Hedley. He knew, he said, that Mr. Hedley would deprecate any allusion at this service, but he could not refrain from saying that the diocese was losing one of the most devoted and faithful parish priests in the two dioceses of New Westminster and Kootenay, and that in returning him to the east the church in the Kootenay was losing one it could ill afford to spare.

In speaking of the parish the archdeacon congratulated the congregation on the fact that it had met all its obligations during the past year in spite of many removals and expressed the hope that the Memorial church would shortly be built.

After the service the archdeacon placed before the church at the request of the bishop the name of a clergyman, and spoke strongly of his qualifications. In the absence of four prominent members, the committee adjourned till Wednesday, when the matter of concurrence in the nomination will be decided. The name of the clergyman in question is withheld until the committee takes action.

NEW PASTOR HERE.

After being switched over the various branches of the Canadian Pacific in eastern British Columbia during the greater part of last week, Rev. R. F. Stillman, formerly of the Methodist church at Fernie, arrived in the city early Sunday morning. He preached his first sermon before a Rossland congregation the same evening at the local Methodist church, choosing as his subject "Christian Growth," the text being from Christ's illustration, "The lilies of the field, how they grow." Matthew 6-28.

There and the town in the state of construction. He was told there were no Methodists in the town, but determined to hold a meeting the following Sunday, which he did in the dining room of a hotel. After that money was raised to build a church, and the Methodist church in Fernie is now reputed to be one of the handsomest church structures in the Kootenays. The congregation increased and the church went ahead up to the time of the explosion in the mines. The catastrophe and the subsequent strikes, however, decreased the congregation seriously, but it is now said to be on the climb again. Rev. Mr. Stillman was presented with a handsome watch chain and locket by the members of his congregation, while his wife was given a superb set of silver knives and forks by the ladies of Fernie.

A PUBLIC RECEPTION

TENDERED REV. R. F. STILLMAN BY MEMBERS OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THE OCCASION.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The public reception given last night at the Methodist church by the members of the congregation to their new pastor, Rev. R. F. Stillman, of Fernie, proved to be a most successful affair. A well balanced program, consisting of songs, speeches and other forms of entertainment, had been arranged for the occasion last week, but owing to the non-arrival of Rev. Stillman, it was in a measure cancelled. However, the program of last night was one that found favor with those present and was eminently successful.

Principal McTaggart, of the Rossland schools, acted as master of ceremonies, and did exceptionally well. He interspersed his remarks with clever stories and jokes that were well received.

Several tasteful musical selections were rendered by the three members of the Salvation Army present. The three ladies, Ensign Hurst and Captains Charlton and Johnson, opened the reception with a song that was received with applause. During the course of the evening, Captain Charlton made a speech and Ensign Hurst and Captain Johnson sang several religious songs.

George Tippet, foreman of the War Eagle mine, was the principal speaker of the evening. He opened his speech by saying how delighted he and the members of the official board were in securing such an able man as Rev. Stillman as a successor of Rev. A. M. Sanford. He quoted a remark made by the former pastor in making his farewell address to his congregation, and then went on to say that in Rev. Stillman, of Fernie, he believed that the Methodist church of this city had secured a most worthy successor to the well-liked Rev. Sanford. He thought that Rev. Stillman would prove almost as good a mixer as his predecessor.

Richard Morrish was the next speaker. He dealt at some length on the subject of Sunday schools in connection with church work; of the early founding of Sunday schools and their gradual growth up to the present time. He made a special mention of the local Sunday schools. A. D. Christy took up another branch of Methodism, namely, the work of the Epworth League. He thought that the work of the Epworth League was worthy of note. His speech was received with much attention by the congregation.

After several songs had been rendered, the new pastor, Rev. R. F. Stillman, was introduced to the congregation. He responded in a neat impromptu speech. He thanked those present for the hearty reception tendered him and his wife by the Methodists of Rossland, and deplored the fact that he had disappointed them in not arriving on scheduled time. He spoke at length on the difficulties that confronted him when he was ordered to Fernie to establish a church at that point and the matters concerning the cause of Methodism.

At the conclusion of the speeches refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

NEWS OF THE COAST

The death of Joshua Davies, one of the best known citizens of Victoria, occurred the other day. For some time past the deceased had been confined to the hospital, his death resulting from heart trouble.

Mr. Davies was born in Sydney, Australia, and was 57 years of age. He moved with his father to California, and from there came to this province in 1860. He took an active interest in the business carried on by his father, and upon his death took over the auction business, which the deceased has carried on ever since.

For years he was a director of the Jubilee hospital, and was at one time the president of the board. He always took a deep interest in that institution, and was prominently identified with the Royal hospital, out of which the present institution grew.

The deceased was also a very prominent Odd Fellow, having been a past noble grand of the order.

He leaves a sister, Mrs. Sylvester, and three brothers, Henry, David and Phillips, all residents of Victoria.

Mr. Davies had at one time considerable interests in Kootenay, especially in land and timber.

favor of preferential trade, believing that this policy is necessary for the future prosperity, progress and solidarity of the empire. A copy will be sent to Mr. Chamberlain.

The provincial government is paying some attention to fostering the salmon fisheries of the province. This is evidenced by the fact that there were passed in the estimates sums aggregating \$24,000 for the construction and maintenance of hatcheries. Ten thousand dollars is to be set aside for the construction of a sockeye hatchery at Rivers Inlet. This hatchery will be the first constructed on the coast north of the Fraser river. A fish ladder, involving the expenditure of \$6000, is to be built at the mouth of Quessell lake. This ladder will open, on, to be more exact, will reopen, approximately 10,000 miles of spawning grounds to the sockeyes, Quessell lake, and all the streams running in it, has been shut off from the run-entrance of salmon for seven or eight years, or ever since the Golden River-Quessell Milling company built a dam across the mouth of Quessell lake in connection with some mining development work. For the maintenance of the hatchery under construction at Seaton lake the sum of \$5500 has been set aside.

T. Jones of Sandon, ore buyer for the Iola Smelting company, has been visiting Vancouver for the purpose of looking into the value of the zinc properties on the north shore of Burrard Inlet. If he makes a favorable report, they will probably be purchased by a company that has a proposition under to erect a smelter or refinery in the vicinity of Vancouver for the treatment of zinc ores, which are now being shipped from the Iloaca to Ilo, Kansas, as well as those to be mined from the properties on the Inlet.

Purser Emery received a shock on the arrival of the steamship Empress of Japan at Vancouver by being requested by a United States officer to hold all passengers until a list of United States citizens was handed to him and he had inspected it. The purser reported the matter to Captain Pybus, who stated that Vancouver was a British port and he was a British vessel, and as soon as the gangway could be got out he would allow the passengers to disembark. It is believed that the strange proceeding of the United States immigration official was due to over zealousness in interpreting the new immigration law.

William Kyle, aged 21, bookkeeper for the B. C. Transfer company, and McDonald Bros. of Vancouver, took poison and was found dead. After an investigation of his accounts in the afternoon Kyle confessed to the act, and said that he had embezzled small sums of money. McDonald arranged to come back to the office in the evening to straighten the short accounts, and agreed not to prosecute Kyle. In the evening Kyle did not turn up. A warrant was issued and at midnight a police detective found him dead in the bed in his room. He had taken poison. There was no inquest. Wolf, an expressman, who Kyle said had induced him to steal, was arrested.

Charles Gallbraith, a well known young lacrosse player of New Westminster, appeared in the police court on a charge of assisting a Chinaman and as a result had to pay a fine amounting to \$15.75. It was stated that the lacrosse player and a number of companions were in a restaurant when he got into a dispute with the Chinaman and the athletic youth forced him on a red hot stove, with the result that the Chinaman was badly burned. The costs paid by the defendant included the doctor's bill and other expenses.

George Holland, a young man 24 or 25 years of age, was arrested in Vancouver for passing bogus drafts on prominent citizens. When he arrived at the Terminal City about a week ago he put up at the Hotel Vancouver and lived in style. He claimed to be a hotelkeeper from San Francisco, and was looking for an opening. He had a draft of \$200 or \$300 which he was unable to get cashed the other day, and on pretence of not being known at the bank secured an advance of \$120 from H. T. Ceperley on the strength of the paper. Mr. Ceperley found, after investigation, that the draft was worthless and placed the matter in the hands of the police.

The Victoria school board has taken over the charge of the manual training school established by Sir William McDonald and appointed as teachers W. H. Bins at a salary of \$1200, Waddington at a salary of \$1080 and L. A. Campbell at \$900 a year. Cordial thanks were accorded to Sir William McDonald for his initiation of the effort and carrying it on for a period at his own large cost.

ASLEEP AT SWITCH.—Nelson, a Canadian Pacific wiper, met with a remarkable accident at Farron on Sunday. While waiting the passage of the Boundary train he lay down by the track and played a mouth organ for a time, until he fell asleep. While in the Land of Nod, his right arm felt across a rail and an engine backed down over it, cutting the right hand off at the wrist. Nelson was taken to the Central hospital at Nelson for treatment.

DEPORTED AND AWAY

(From Tuesday's Daily.) C. Dooley, United States inspector of immigration, arrived in Rossland last night, having in tow five Russo-Germans whom he had captured at Endicott, Washington, without the papers necessary to admit them to the republic. The party had gone from Rossland, and were brought back here by Mr. Dooley, acting on instructions from the inspector of immigration. Having fulfilled his duties in the matter, Mr. Dooley leaves this morning for Northport, which is his present headquarters.

The foreigners in question are Lautenschlagers, mother and sons. They are from Russia, and are the descendants of Germans settled in the White Bear country a century ago. Four months ago they came to Calgary, but in the

middle of winter there was no opportunity of winning a home, and the boys failed to secure regular employment. In this strait they determined to go to Endicott, Wash., where a son-in-law of Mrs. Lautenschlager resides. The railroad agent at Calgary ticketed them to Rossland, where they were to transfer to the Spokane Falls & Northern for Spokane. Endicott is distant about 775 miles from this place. The S. P. & N. agent, however, refused to sell the tickets, owing to his instructions from the immigration department, and Inspector Dooley was summoned to unravel the tangle. He reached here a fortnight ago, and his decision was that the party must enter United States territory, if at all, via Sumas, where there is a board of inspection, and that the Canadian Pacific ought to furnish the party with transportation to Sumas, having ticketed them to Rossland despite peremptory instructions to the contrary. The matter was being taken up with the railroad company when the Lautenschlagers quietly dropped out of sight. The boys walked to Northport, while the mother was driven along with the baggage. Their destination was known, and, when in possession of the necessary authority, Inspector Dooley went to Endicott, apprehended the party, had them before a commissioner, and secured the order for their deportation. Friends furnished them with funds, and when they reached Rossland they were able to purchase tickets to Sumas, where their troubles will be ended if they succeed in passing the board of examination. They left last night for Sumas.

A scrutiny of the steamship company's books at Liverpool, where the party were ticketed to Canada, disclosed the fact that when the Lautenschlagers reached there seven members of the family desired to emigrate. Two of these were refused transportation because they were affected with a contagious disease of the eye, and the balance were kept in quarantine for two weeks, lest the disease should break out on them. It was this fact, ascertained after the case was encountered, that made the immigration authorities determine the outfit should be carefully examined under the proper auspices. When arraigned at Colville it was only by a scratch that the Lautenschlagers were not ordered deported to Liverpool, which would have been a sad disappointment to them.

AN EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 8. — A shock of earthquake was felt early to-night at Alusi, a town between Guayaquil and Quito, and was followed by a slight fall of ashes which it is believed were thrown out by the Sangual volcano, situated on the plateau of Ecuador.

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