ince a greater man than ever." Thus the trust funds of a benevolent institu- many respects the finest game bird in the advertising bureau refers to the tion, speculated with them, and placed the world-but he also has been slaughreturn of the Hon. Richard McBride, the "unearned increment" in their own tered too recklessly. Here are two premier of British Columbia and pre- pockets. One of the party pleaded that native game birds which we know with mier of all the premiers of the Domin- he was poor (although he appears to absolute certainty have only to be ion, according to the correspondents of have been in receipt of a good salary given a fair chance in order to furnish his sycophantic organ here, who went all the days of his mature years, and good sport and adorn the table of many to Ottawa with a fixed purpose in his has never been noted as a generous heroic mind and executed that pur- spender), that he had been ground pose without the least thought or down by the limitations of his income, shadow of turning even at the solici- and seemed to think that plea justitations of those other exemplars of fled everything. Those honorable noble Conservative principles, Hon. gentlemen, whose names are now a perhaps extending over more than one Messrs. Whitney and Roblin.

Hon. Richard McBride cannot be considered seriously. Neither his personality nor his mentality admits of serious consideration. He behaved at Ottawa just as might have been expected in the light of his public career and in view of the present position in the province of the government of

which he is the ornamental head. Mr. McBride went down to the Dominion capital not for the purpose of securing better terms for British Columbia, but for the purpose of creating an issue which he believed would overshadow all other issues in the appeal to the constituencies he had decided to make and for which and his confidential col-

league have been preparing for months. In pursuance of this plan he deliberatedy sacrificed the interests of the province to an extent which will be found set forth in our dispatches from Ottawa to-day. Our mettlesome Premier, by co-operating with the premiers of the other provinces, might have secured for British Columbia an additional subsidy of one hundred thousand dollars a year for ten years, equivalent to one million dollars, together with a promise from the Finance Minister that he would recommend to the Dominion government other monetary concessions of great

But neither the reasoning of Mr. Fielding nor the pleadings of his Conservative colleagues could turn the Premier from his purpose. His motives were entirely selfish, not patriotic. He knows, as every one interested in the question of better terms press of the east, and some Liberal newspapers also, are strongly opposed to any re-arrangement of the terms of union. He ought to know that the proposed settlement with the provinces will be made the subject of an attack that the federal party with which he assumed pedestal and attempted to deis allied will go on record on this mat- fend his colleagues-and on the logical ter, he ought to have seized the oppor- plea that certain members of the Lib- who literally holds us all in the hollow tunity when our claims for special eral party have been guilty of offences of his hands. It is greatly to be demake the best bargain possible. Instead of that he set up impossible terms, terms which have been admitted to be impossible by his own trust- the misuse of the trust funds of the serious breach has been created in the ed Conservative colleagues in the conference. When his demands are unanimously rejected, he melodramatically draws his cloak around his heroic

Now the noble Premier significantly party is affected by the revelations fingers his sword, draws up his magnifi- bearing upon the character of Messrs. cent figure, cocks his hat, and belliger-Fowler, Foster, Bennett, Lefurgey and ently announces that he will take his case "to the foot of the throne." Having laid his supplication before His Majesty, who GAME IMPORTATION AND PRE- emphasis to the attention of the gov- this city next summer will be in places will refer it to his Imperial gover which will submit it to the Dominion government, our swashbuckling Premier would find himself back to the point from which he started. But he has no intention of doing any such thing. He upon the preliminary success which knows he has no case to carry before the has attended their efforts to import King, even if His Majesty should deign to listen to him. He probably does not know himself, but his advisers would doubtless tell him, that Premier Walkem actually had a cause for complaint when he ap- preliminary success deliberately and pealed to the Imperial government, inas- advisedly, because while it is doubtless not been carried out. In the case under consideration the terms of union have been carried out to the letter. The present Dominion government might ignore the demands of the provinces for a re- tend with and a great deal that is far vision of the terms, as a previous gov- from admirable in human nature to be ernment persistently refused to consider overcome before absolute success in any proposition for reconsideration. But the interesting venture can be assured. with an overflowing treasury Sir Wilfrid The birds ought to do well if given the Laurier considered the appeal of the provinces might be worthy of consideration. The conference of provincial premiers took place. Our Premier, whose actions baby if it were not well known what his bals of their own tribe whose wiles real object it, withdraws and refuses to and methods are new to them. We take any part in the deliberations. The hope none of the human species will cost to the province we have already be found with so little sense in his alluded to. The effect of his action is in- head or so lacking in grace of heart as tended to be as stated, "He will go back to deliberately kill any of the strangers tion, followed by a banquet-both of the land to which they have been brought galvanized order. He will ask for a dis- as captives. They are magnificant solution of the Legislature. It will be creatures, and every true sportsman ines he has elevated himself, and if ever humbug of the most arrant, transparent description deserves to be rewarded according to its works, the present premier in their adopted country. of British Columbia merits the rebuke Now that the arrival of these attracwhich is his due. The outcome of the tive strangers has drawn the atten-Ottawa conference demonstrates how ut- tion of all who delight in sport with public was to be excluded from hunt- thirting for his blood in the places to terly unfitted he is in every way for the dog and gun, would it not be an oppor- ing on such lands. The feeling has which he has been assigned, and they striving to retain by deceit. The public the consideration of game preservation tion would be detrimental to the pubought now to understand how important at the head of her government a man not only honest and sincere, but mentally called a failure in British Columbia a company that such action as they pro- London is making things interesting qualified to represent her at times of very few years ago. The scarcity of posed will be looked upon with great for the large property holders. There

THE BESETTING WEAKNESS.

managers of two of the leading rail- disappearance of the willow grouseways of Canada and then drew upon the true Canada ruffed grouse and in "household word" in Canada, were, we believe, quite as resourceful as the good | birds to what ought to be their minicompany of lady and gentlemen adventurers who "procured" the location of the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway upon Kaien Island and received a fair recompense for their enterprise-a good deal more than the people who were the owners of the property and ought under the extraordinary circumstance of honest government prevailing for a time in British Columbia to have participated in the profits due them as a consequence of the construction of the new transwas placed in our way through the en terprise of the Dominion government, and we were denied the advantage of the opportunity through the knavery of the McBride government, which affects to be striving to gain better terms for the province. But, coming back to the enterprising M. P.'s who have so faithfully exemplified in their conduct the character of the majority of the persons who have been so violently assailing the Laurier government, it is apparent that the leading Conservatives | not be stopped unless there are detecin parliament are not to be balked in tives specially employed to discover the exercise of their natural instincts the offenders. It is absurd to expect simply because they are debarred from the government of the province to put office and of the opportunity which its hand in the public treasury for any office brings. They are bound to find such purpose. Such action would not a way of bringing their talents into be tolerated, and could not be expectplay. The revelations before the in- ed to be tolerated. We must do as all surance commission reveal the code other provinces and states having under which they operate. Now, found game worthy of preservation have made to use the property in a manner out and convicted, their leader is de- been compelled to do-impose a gun detrimental to the public interest, to fiant and defends himself by upbraid- license. ing members of the commission which

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others of less prominence.

fence of one of the meanest transac-

We suppose the field sportsmen of British Columbia are to be felicitated the best shooting grounds and fishing plan of water meter installation will rare and valuable game birds from Northern Europe and settle them upon the wilds of the province. We say nuch as the original terms of union had true that great care must have been exercised by those entrusted with the transportation of the capercailzie and black game, there is still much to conopportunity to accustom themselves to their new but we we but we but we but we but we but we but we their new, but we trust not totally strange, environment. They may have might be likened to those of a spoiled enemies to meet in the form of canni-Immediate steps will doubtless be taken until they have passed through their period of probation and have increased pedestal. He will have a grand recep- and multiplied satisfactorily in the granted. He will appeal to the people will take a delight in cherishing and from the great height to which he imag-protecting them by every means in his power until they have settled down and made themselves thoroughly at home

position he obtained by treachery and is tune time to devote a brief space to been strongly expressed that such ac- will surely catch him if he doesn't it is that British Columbia should have generally? Grouse shooting has been lic interest, and the acting surveyorperilously near what would have been general was instructed to inform the crises such as those through which we birds has been attributed to various disfavor by the government and legis- is nothing too good for the laboring causes, all quite plausible. That is, lature. So far as hunting rights are municipal funds. Battersea Borough they will serve until next year about concerned, legislation would undoubt- has secured a great building and fitted this time, when it will be found that edly be sought to thwart them in such it up with games for the amusement of other explanations must be sought action. It is the view of the governthe general public. Billiards, baga-Those five Eastern Tory members of unless we are candid and frankly con- ment that the wild lands of the provparliament appear to have a fairly fess that which has been apparent ince, whether owned by pricate indigood idea of how to take advantage of for some years, that the only reason viduals or by the Crown, should be all But it is certain property has to pay the

BETTER TERMS CONFERENCE. | tapped the information bureau of the | There are other reasons for the gradua generations of British Columbians. What are we going to do to preserve them from extinction? If we defer action for another year we believe nothing less than an absolute close season year, will be necessary to restore the mum numerical condition. It has long been apparent that a four months season is too long. The legislature ought to be asked to shorten it. We believe there can be no reasonable objection to such a proposition. If there are such objections and they can be sustained, let them apply to districts which are perhaps not so thickly settled as those in the neighborhood of

But a shortening of the season will not accomplish all that is necessary to preserve this most valuable asset of the province. The men who profit by sport ought to contribute towards a fund for the maintenance of an efficient corps of game wardens. A license should be imposed upon guns, not necessarily in order to restrict the use of firearms, but as the only equitable way of creating the desired revenue. Under present conditions, as everyone who takes an interest in the matter son with his eyes open knows, there is a great deal of illicit shooting. It can-

exposed him and by asserting that imposition of a license on guns had the some one who was not exposed has effect of restricting the use of firearms been guilty of more reprehensible acts. | the consummation would be greatly to | tion and will take all possible steps to Even R. L. Borden, the leat r of the be regretted from any point of view. opposition, although it is due to him to The so-called "city sport" has fallen state that his connection with the band into disfavor with the farmers. If of exploiters must have been of a very there is one class of the community minor character, as it only yielded him whom the hunter ought to seek to find upon the Dominion government by the a profit of one hundred dollars—even favor in the eyes of, and whom the Conservative party. Understanding Mr. Borden has descended from his gentlemanly sportsman treats with whatever courtesy is due from one man to another, it is the agriculturist consideration have been recognized, to of a similar character! That is not plored that through the carelessness true, of course, and the Conservative and recklessness, and worse than careleader knows it is incorrect. Not a single Liberal had anything to do with thoughtless, ill-mannered youths a Foresters' Society. But the fact that relations of the city dweller with his generally very generous and tolerant the leader has been driven into a decountry neighbor. We believe the im- by wholesale and the members of the tions of which there is any record in position of a gun license would have a council, as a rule, have no inclination figure and withdraws from the confer- the history of party politics in Canada generally beneficial effect besides to make an effort to raise \$300,000 and proves how seriously the Conservative creating the revenue necessary for the more for machines that will be in for

preservation of game. Finally there is a very important away as old junk. Councilman Crichaspect of the game question that ought ton, chairman of the finance committo be considered very seriously by all tee, said yesterday: "I believe that all interested and drawn with special the water meters that will be used in ernment. We refer to the disposition, where it has been shown that there is so prevalent in the United States, on a wanton waste of water. I believe it the part of wealthy men to acquire absolutely safe to say that no general streams and lakes in the country and be adopted. There is no necessity for have them set apart as preserves. This any great water shortage next sumis antagonistic to the spirit of demo- mer. The Volunteer Park standpipe, eratic institutions, as many of the de- which should have been finished last velopments on the other side of the line May, but which is now drawing near are. It ought not to be tolerated in to completion, will counteract the inany part of Canada, and we notice crease in population to such an extent that it has already been resisted in that conditions should not be any some of the other provinces of the worse than they were last summer and Dominion. It was somewhat of a surprise to us to observe that the Toronto Globe, which does not usually deign to meters in those residences where it is pay much attention to such matters, proved that a wanton waste of water protests quite vigorously against the is continually taking place. Outside of idea of permitting huge game preserves to be set apart in Ontario. The likely to take practical action in a case which has lately occurred in that province. A dispatch has been sent out from the capital of the eastern province lately which says: The newly-organized New Brunswick form to the natural laws which govern fish and game club which proposes to the relations of individual to individual tie up 1,700,000 acres of land in Victoria -the law of common honesty-or sufand Madawaska counties, will not be able to exclude the general public from the enjoyment of hunting rights on which society on this continent is suftheir land if the government of New fering to-day. Brunswick can prevent it. At a meet- Talk about beautifying the city by ing of the executive, Premier Tweedie, the construction of boulevards and in acting surveyor-general, stated that the same breath suggest the installathe matter had been brought to his tion of meters upon the services notice by several leading newspapers through which the street ornaments and game protective organizations that must be watered. the New Brunswick Railway Company's lands will be transformed into The caper is a lordly-looking gentlea large game preserve. He said that man, strong and well-proportioned. But

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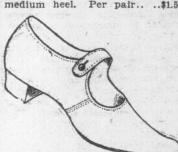


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after deduction of charges, of \$29,082. -Bert Aaronson, employ of F. W. Estate druggist, for has successfully pa

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tody over night an -The Phrenologica at the Y. M. C. A. a row evening. Many ested last winter hadesire to study aga will be open to all, a ance is expected.

-Early yesterday i occurred at the Ju Daisy Catherine Fred of A. S. Barton, Oak ton was only 19 year time. The funeral w the family residence edral half an hour la

-Major Macfarlane who was committed a bull, the property the same place, has trial, which will take Honor Judge Harrison at Duncan. The crosented by H. Dallas and the accused b

-United States Co will preside at the le at St. Andrew's Pre school room this ever belle Biggart, B. A., subject is George novel, "Adam Bede, gart's dramatic inter extremely well rec

The chair will be ta -William H. P. of the Victoria ceived a letter fro Rugby Union asking Thanksgiving Day, Thursday. As the good trim, the mat and will no doubt l

of the good old gan -Yesterday the Arthur Beaumont, dersfield, Yorkshire, family residence, co and Bay streets. T years of age. He ! daughter and his Beaumont, all reside The funeral will tal residence on Wedne from Christ church

-An interesting an took place at the la Grand Lodge of I. O nanimo last week. presented with a ver brooch in recognition as an officer of the G number of years. Mr couver, made the pro doing so gave a ver kindly address, which the delegates with e probation. Mrs. Hal much surprised, expr and pleasure at recei some expression of

-The Nanaimo Fr "Miss Ethel Hodgs Ald. Hodgson, has re educational departm general's silver meda highest marks in High Her standing also e year's tuition in the The young lady, who age, is to be congra high standing. She secuting her studies chool in Vancouver that in 1901 Miss won a scholarship first student in Brit take first-class honor in this examination.'

-Six months ago m in these columns of the old established business Dowell to two you Mesrs. W. H. P. Sw McConnell. This firm grown its former pr secured larger and quarters on Langley uilding recently pur C. Permanent Loan C ersation with a Ti Weeney said that th loubled their rubber had increased their by 300 per cent. The