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THE VICTORIA NOMINATIONS

A meeting of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association is called for Monday, January 7th, in the Institute Hall. Particulars of the announcement will be found in the advertising columns of this morning's Colonist.

RAILWAY TAXES

It is surprising what difference there sometimes is between the statement of a fact and the fact itself. Mr. J. A. Macdonald, to whom we wish a very Happy New Year, and a good sound thrashing at the elections, which will be much better for him than leading a corporal's guard of followers in the House, makes the following assertion in regard to the railway taxes, namely, that it has refused to make a railway corporation pay its taxes.

That is the statement of the alleged fact. The fact itself is: Every railway company in British Columbia that is legally entitled to be taxed, has been taxed at the full amount provided by law and has paid its taxes.

Thus one of Mr. Macdonald's phrases is shown to be absolutely hollow, and the others are not any better.

PASSING COMMENT

This is what a man said to the Colonist yesterday: "Give it to the growlers. It would not make me so much different if they only were knowers; but people who don't know them repeat what they say." Then he went on to say: "Where will you find a city of the size of Victoria where you will see so many fine stores, such a fine display of goods, and such a lot of well-dressed women in the street? Not being good at conundrums the Colonist gave it up promptly. Since then it has been asking others, and the general verdict seems to be that the answer to the question is that there is no such place anywhere.

But good as Victoria now is, it will be very much better in the future, to be the future which will come around at some indefinite period in the sweet by-and-by, but the future that is just resting here. There was another thing which the man asked: "Where" he said, "will you find a city as big as Victoria such excellent newspapers?" This made the Colonist blush until it turned red. We plead guilty. "Though we say it ourselves" as should be the two Victoria dailies, but we are not equaled in any city of 30,000 population on the American Continent.

BETTER TERMS

Sessional Paper No. 28a just received from the office of the King's Printer at Ottawa would be a useful document in the hands of every voter in British Columbia. It contains 39 pages, of which 30 are devoted to the special claims of British Columbia. We have already printed the report of the actual proceedings at the Conference, the additional matter in the return being confined to a detailed statement of British Columbia's case. For the benefit of those who did not read the report already printed in this paper or to whom the return seems to be unavailable, we summarize the proceedings of the Conference.

The first session was held on October 10th. Four resolutions were passed unanimously. Mr. McBride being present, namely: That the Colonist be authorized to publish the proceedings of the Conference in 1902 be pressed upon the consideration of the Dominion government for an immediate action; that in case the government accepted this proposal that legislation should be enacted during the present session of parliament to give effect to the recommendations of that Conference, pending any necessary amendment by the Imperial Parliament of the B. N. A. Act; that in apportioning the per capita allowances there should be a readjustment every five years as far as the four western provinces are concerned, and that a committee should be appointed to present the resolutions to the Dominion government. Mr. Whitney then submitted a memorandum giving the views of the government of Ontario upon the financial relations between the Dominion and the provinces. As the Dominion was not asked to take any action thereon, it is unnecessary to go into details respecting it. Then Mr. McBride submitted a memorandum "embodying the claims of British Columbia to special and distinctive treatment." The memorandum asked that the claims referred to in it should be submitted to the investigation of a committee. Mr. Sir Wilfrid Laurier then announced that the government would take the scope of the claims of the Colonist into consideration, and the Conference adjourned until the following day.

On the following day, "the question of the claim of the province of British Columbia for special consideration" was discussed, to quote the official report, and the Conference adjourned until the following day. On the third day of the Conference, Mr. Gouin submitted a resolution respecting certain claims by the Dominion against some of the provinces, which was at the request of Sir Wilfrid Laurier withdrawn. Sir Wilfrid then addressed the Conference in regard to the claims of British Columbia. He admitted the force of Mr. McBride's contention, saying "that the conditions in British Columbia, owing to the vastness of her territory, to its mountainous character and the sparseness of her population, create exceptional difficulties, which should be taken into consideration in the adjustment of the distribution of grants in aid of provincial governments." He said also that he thought the matter came properly within the scope of the objects of the Conference, but if that body recommended its submission to another tribunal, the recommendation would have been made by the government. He closed by "strongly" advising Mr. McBride "to avail himself of the opportunity which is manifested in the Conference." There was some discussion which occupied the afternoon of the day, but the Conference closed for the day.

When the conference reassembled on the next day Mr. Laurier was present except Messrs. Lemieux and McBride, and a resolution was adopted by those present declaring that Mr. McBride should submit the claim of any province to arbitration. Then a resolution was passed declaring that the opinion of the Conference, British Columbia is entitled to reasonable allowance "in view of the large area, geographical position and very exceptional physical features of the province," and that "such additional allowance should be made to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years."

The Chairman then announced to the Conference that Mr. McBride "declined to assent to the terms of this resolution and declared that he would take no further part in the proceedings of the Conference." Mr. McBride then came in, and shortly after the Conference took recess. Later in the day the conference reassembled, when Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated the views of the Dominion government on the increase of subsidies as applicable to all the provinces. Brief reference was made to discrimination by provinces against companies incorporated under Dominion laws, the tax on commercial travelers and the fisheries, after which the proceedings closed.

The foregoing is a simple statement of the facts. Its correctness can be determined by reference to the Victoria Times of the 15th inst., or the Colonist of the 18th inst. Friends of the government need not feel disappointed at the failure of the Dominion government to recognize that it was not one, which should have been left to the Colonist. The Dominion government cannot help being gratified by the able manner in which Mr. McBride presented his case, and the recognition by the Dominion government and all the provincial governments of the fundamental principle involved in it.

MORE PHRASE-MAKING.

With all the emphasis that red ink, big type and a photograph can bestow, our evening contemporary prints a number of phrases, which Mr. Macdonald has telegraphed from Rossland in regard to provincial politics. Elevation of the phrase "the government," seven of them to the opposition. Mr. Macdonald says that after he will enlarge upon them, the Colonist will follow his example. In the meantime a few observations may be made. Mr. Macdonald's reference to the levying of sufficient taxes to meet the running expenses of the government, and such other well-known government to expend more than the province can afford upon roads and bridges, and such other well-known government has neglected to protect the forests. This does not happen to be true, because the government has in point of fact inaugurated a system of forest protection. Number Five of his charges is that the government has neglected to complete its work in regard to public lands. Mr. Macdonald either has a short memory or he does not know what he is talking about. No one has pretended or will pretend that there is not a great deal more to be done in the province. No reasonable man would expect any government to be able in a few years to complete the work of the Dominion government. The Opposition would not dispute it. The Bureau of Information in the Colonist, which we think, confined its efforts to those parts which are easily accessible, and not the whole of the Colonist, and anyone else says that "this has not been done," is a phrase which is a phrase which is a phrase.

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would be interesting to know why, if this matter is of such importance that it is worth putting in a party platform, Mr. Macdonald did not think it worth while to urge the changes while he had a seat in the House, instead of waiting until he stands a very good chance of not getting back again. Number Seven is the Joker in the pack. The Colonist is a de-matation, that it spreads it in red letter across its front page, as though the paper had scarlet fever. It is a de-matation, that it spreads it in red letter across its front page, as though the paper had scarlet fever. It is a de-matation, that it spreads it in red letter across its front page, as though the paper had scarlet fever.

SOME TIMELY ADVICE

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