VICTORIA TIMES, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1909.

TERMS SO STARTLING CONTRACT IS HIDDEN

## LIBERALS SHOW **MORE FORGED** ENTHUSIASM TELEGRAM TACTICS INTERVIEW THAT LOCAL ASSOCIATION

PLANS ACTIVE CAMPAIGN WAS MISLEADING

Strong Committees Will Wage Vr. F. A. Pauline Promptly Fight to Elect Good Rep-Shows What His Views Are on Railway Policy. resentatives.

(From Saturday's Daily.) (From Saturday's Daily.) Immediately the dissolution of the There was a large and very enthus iastic meeting of Liberals at the head- legislature was announced the Colonist mmenced quarters of the Liberal Association last its forged telegran night, when the work of organization methods of conducting the election was commenced. Committees were ap-pointed and arrangements made for the conduct of the campaign. An in-the conduct of the campaign. An in-the conduct of the campaign. An intense feeling of optimism pervaded the assembly. The men scented the fight with pleasure, and victory was in the which had been so suddenly sprung

upon the community. Among thos upproached was F. A. Pauline, and by A number of short addresses were given. M. B. Jackson told what the province of Manitoba had suffered approaching the matter in a genera vay secured from him an admissi that he was anxious to have the Bark from the domination of the governley Sound railway built, and that h ment by the Canadian Northern railwould as soon have Mackenzie & Mann way, and of the poor way in which build it as anyone else. This was disthey built and equipped their rail-ways. He warned the Liberals torted and played up in such a way as to try to lead the people to believe against giving way one inch in this that Mr. Pauline would support th matter, for he knew from experience

Mackenzie & Mann contract. Mr. Pauline took a prominent in the organization meeting of the Lib one with common sense could accept erals in their rooms last night. This gentleman, immediately after the calling of the meeting to order, took oc casion to express his opinion of the

President McMicking referred to the contract with Mackenzie & Mann, and necessity of working together and all also of the election methods of the working hard. While undoubtedly the Colonist newspaper. He explained that railway policy of the government could he was an out and out Liberal, and innot be acceptable to the people of tended to remain so. He could not ac-Vancouver Island the Conservative or- cept the contract offered by McBride ganization was strong, and it would be nor did he see how any business man necessary to work hard. At the same could do so. A policy which proposed but that the Liberals would win at this time. Even the colleagues of Mc- road already built for a distance of Bride were falling away from him and they were in a position to know more port from business men. He was of about the agreement than anyone. A number of others made short A number of others made short speeches, all of which rang with the the two lines already in existence, and

determination to win the election, and with trust in the commonsense of the people who would undoubtedly recog-the Island to Victoria, making it the nize the fallacy of again being bluffed terminus. into voting for an abortive railway Mr. Pauline expressed his intention

what the Canadian Northern had done

for Manitoba. He felt sure that no

such a policy as that proposed by Mc-

Bride and his two remaining asso-

ciates.

After the general meeting the newduring the present election and doing ly appointed campaign committee met all in his power to secure the return and appointed an executive. Work will of John Oliver and the party which he ence at once and the city will is leading. He felt sure that the elec be thoroughly canvassed in the inter- tors could not support the Conservative ests of the Liberal candidates, who policy, but that the Liberals would be will be chosen on Wednesday evening elected on this occasion. next at a mass meeting of Liberals in Institute hall.



## RICHARD AND HIS FUNNY NOISES.

The Leader of Make-believe-Puff! puff!-choo! choo!-s-i-s-s-s-s-Make more noise, boys, or people will see we are only fooling. I depend on you, Billy, to make up for Tatlow and Fulton, now that they won't play with us. for we'll have all we can do to make the game go.

LIBERAL CAMPAIGN DATES.

Victoria Liberal Nominating

Convention will be held Wed-nesday, October 27th, at In-

Saanich Primaries will be

held Thursday at 8 o'clock, as

Oak Bay, Boleskin road,

Saanich nominating conven

tion will be held at Colquitz

Royal Oak, South Saanich.

Hall, Friday evening.

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## **REPORTED THAT PROVINCE GUARANTEES PRINCIPAL**

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Finance Minister Tatlow Said to Have Become Alarmed at Nature of Obligations---Electors Are Entitled to Production of Contract.

## (From Saturday's Daily.)

Why did Messrs. Tatlow and Fulton resign?

That question is being asked to-day in every riding in British Columbia It overshadows every other issue. If the heads of the two big departmentsthe financial and the spending-and who have seen the contract, are so astounded at its terms as to leave the ministry, in which they are the premier's oldest colleagues, then the worst fears of the public are justified.

The alleged contract is an imposure, and its terms are not accurately reflected in the statements given to the public.

The Times has every reason to believe that its provisions impose infinite ly heavier and graver obligations on this province than has been represented, that the benefits are on the side of the railway company and the obligations on the province.

The premier is working a daring game. He will withhold the agreement as long as he is permitted, knowing that when it is ultimately published a revulsion of feeling will follow. He is asking the endorsation of the electorate on a document which the electorate are not permitted to scan.

How many more secret contracts with M. and M. are the people of British Columbia to be asked to take on faith?

If its provisions of this one are so monstrous that a man of the high standing of the finance minister cannot longer ally himself with a govern-

ment that makes it, is it not time the public knew it? Has the premier told all the facts?

He says the government agrees to guarantee the INTEREST on the bonds of the Canadian Northern for 600 miles for 30 years at \$35,000 a mile-an annual obligation of \$840,000.

The Times has good reason for the statement that the guarantee is for PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST, which at four per cent, would involve a total obligation of TWENTY-ONE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

Mackenzie & Man's bonds thereby become practically British Columbia government four per cents, and the borrowing power of the province is depreciated by just that amount.

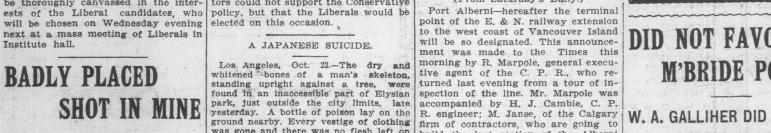
More, the proposed line runs for hundreds of miles through territory which so far as the production of revenues is concerned is a cypher. In this respect it is quite unlike the prairie sections, every mile of which produces revenues. The claim that the province will never be called upon to pay a dollar on these bonds therefore becomes a very empty and dangerous one.

Does the retiring finance minister hold that yiew? If he does why did he resign? If he does not, is it any wonder he did resign, and refuse to imperil the province and his own reputation by becoming sponsor for such a mad contract.

A scheme with elements so dangerous as to drive out the two ministers. who above all others enjoy public confidence, is certainly one upon which that public should demand the fullest information.

THAT CONTRACT MUST BE PRODUCED FORTHWITH

IF THE PREMIER CONTINUES HIS REFUSAL, HE MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS NOT BEYOND THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE, NOR CAN HE FLAUNT THEIR JUST DEMANDS.



IT IS NOW

opinion that the province should sub-sidize nothing but a road which would NEW NAME FOR THE WEST COAST TERMINAL connecting at Seymour Narrows with Vancouver Island would come down Interview With R. Marpole,

of opposing the McBride government

Who Has Just Returned From Trip. (From Saturday's Daily.)

**PORT ALBERNI** 

Port Alberni-hereafter the termina point of the E. & N. railway extension to the west coast of Vancouver Island will be so designated. This announce-

**DID NOT FAVOR** 

Working to Displace Islands nominating convention will be held at Ganges Harbor Saturday, November Borden. (From Saturday's Daily.) Why did the premier so suddenly disolve the House when he had run for only about two and a half years of his four-year term? With two sessions still to the good, **M'BRIDE POLICY** what was his object in again plunging his party and the country into the tur noil of an election campaign? A special eastern correspondent o the Times sends an interesting story which may contain the explanation. He says: It is understood at Ottawa that Pre

McBride and Foster Said to Be

OTTAWA RUMOR

PERSISTENT REPORT

MAY EXPLAIN

**RE TORY LEADERSHIP** 

HURRY WAS FATAL. CONSERVATILES School Teacher Killed in Sight of Her **OPPOSE TAYLOR** Pupils.

