

will question that the authorities are acting wisely in allowing a reasonably long period for arranging and erecting buildings that shall be in keeping with the place and promise of this Farthest West province of the British Empire; and all who are alive to the inestimable utility and influence of educational progress in life, will hope that out of the legion of cultured candidates who may be open for appointment to the staff, a strong and big-brained body of men will be gathered to make history on the Pacific coast.

Some time ago we had occasion to refer to an eminent K. C. engaged at the Scottish Supreme Court, whom we believed was now on the Bench. A notice in the Scottish press, as well as information from a legal source, verified the suggestion that the gentleman in question, though one of the most outstanding in his profession, and beyond doubt one of the ablest, is not yet a judge. A reason is not far to seek; he is connected with the political party in opposition.

Whatever may be thought, said, or ascertained of the appointments so far made in British Columbia, we venture to hope that no matter what political party may be in power, and no matter what the political affiliations of the authorities responsible for the appointments, the *best* men in brain, in training and organizing power, will be selected regardless of any mere political affinities or associations.

Party politics may be inseparable from our free government and public life; but when a community's educational status and progress are at stake, as well as when men of experience, power and integrity are needed for the interpretation of law and the dispensation of justice, we think that petty party prejudices, and all kindred jealousies, should be ruled out of court, and the men best qualified for the positions not only asked, but urged to accept them. In this case, as in others affecting public positions which may be given to political parasites or earned by independent men, there will no doubt be many ready to do "wire-pulling" and "heel"-following for the glory and the honor and the dollars inseparable from the onerous offices connected with national institutions; but we hope to find our Western Homeland placed above reproach, if not beyond critical comment, regarding the selections of educational leaders yet to be made.