

CITIZENS WELCOME PREMIER McBRIDE

(Continued from page ten.) stand by me, and see that the stand I had taken would meet with the endorsement of the people of British Columbia.

Only One Course "I say to you again that there was absolutely no other course for me to pursue if I proposed acting in a consistent fashion and were I to go there with similar responsibilities tomorrow I would take precisely the same course.

British Columbia's Duty "Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not wish to detain you any longer in speaking to this question of Better Terms. No doubt as time goes on a great deal more prominence will be given to it than it has ever before had in the politics of this country.

Nothing to Compromise "There is nothing to compromise in this case. We are either right, or we are wrong. We say we have special claims, and now that they have been recognized by our sister provinces and by the federal authorities we are in a much better position to come before them.

A Strong Case "I say to you tonight, ladies and gentlemen, that with all the modern appliances you now enjoy in these days, with the Canadian Pacific railway, with the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern railway reaching your borders, with your splendid telegraphic equipment and excellent mail facilities, with all of these things, and with the tolerable acquaintance with your Eastern sisters, and that your Eastern brothers and sisters have of Western conditions—how much stronger should be your case when you go down to Westminster and lay these matters before the proper authorities. We must approach this question as loyal Britishers. (Hear, hear.)

W. Blakemore W. Blakemore was then called on. He did not intend to take up much time and would not try to explain the question of better terms. He congratulated Mr. McBride on his address and said that it had been clearly shown that big questions should be handled by big men. He took it on himself to say from the address made by the premier and the stand he had taken at Ottawa, he had shown he was big enough to take care of any question for British Columbia.

A Final Word "Now, one word more ladies and gentlemen, and I am done. But before closing I think perhaps a final word is due you with regard to the proceedings down at Ottawa. The press has been very anxious to make it appear to the people of British Columbia that all sorts of things had happened down at Ottawa, and in making my statement here, I thought I have endeavored to give you a true account of my actions while at the Canadian capital. I am your servant and it is only right I should account to you. While there I tried to remember the responsibility of my position and I tried to discharge for the people of this province that responsibility as best I could. (Loud applause.)

As you know ladies and gentlemen, our taxes are pretty heavy. Our cost of road building is a pretty heavy sum, and there can be no question but that when the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern Railway companies commence to open up that wonderful section of country that lies in the valleys of the Stikine and tributary rivers you will be called upon to face expenditures there which will run away up into the millions. You will have to build them their roads, you will have to give them their schools, and their constabulary. You will have to care for that country,

and it will be a long time before you can expect to receive anything from that country that will be at all adequate to meet the expenditure. "And anticipating these things, it is your duty now to see that your claims are met by special recognition and you spare no effort to make it good, and am quite satisfied you will make it good. (Loud applause.)

Hon. Mr. Tatlow Hon. R. G. Tatlow, minister of finance, was then called on. He said he did not intend to detain the meeting but desired to thank the citizens for the warm reception that has been given to his colleague and leader. He congratulated them as British Columbians for giving honor to one who had endeavored to uphold the honor of his native province. When Hon. Mr. McBride went away he had a hard job, but he (the speaker) knew full well that he would deal with the matter in the only way it could be dealt with. He pointed out that Mr. McBride had the mandate from the legislature to do as he has done, this being brought about by the motion of Premier McBride, seconded by J. A. McDonald, leader of the Opposition.

Dr. Elliott S. Rowe Dr. Rowe being loudly called for took the platform. He said he did not come to speak but to listen, but he was willing that his presence should be taken as an endorsement of the action of Premier McBride, whether the latter was right or wrong. He pointed out that the question of "better terms" was a question not of today but for the future, and one that should be thoroughly gone into, and his opinion Premier McBride had taken the only course open to him. He agreed with the statement of the premier that he did not go to Ottawa "with his hat in his hand" but that he was wanted with rights of the province. He denied the right of the Hon. Mr. Fielding to promise Mr. McBride a better arrangement if he returned to the conference, and he was pleased that Mr. McBride had properly turned down the offer, and refused the mean move made by Mr. Fielding. He could only sum it up as an attempt to try his apprentice hand on British Columbians without a knowledge of British Columbia born statesmen. His knowledge of the claim for better terms he said was somewhat limited, but since he had resided in British Columbia he had seen the efforts of successive premiers in their attempt to secure a measure of justice. It was absurd that the claim of British Columbia should be submitted to a conference of men who had never been to British Columbia and did not know what was required; and he was surprised that this attempt should have been made by the Federal representative. It is a person had to be a conservative to approve of the conduct of Premier McBride, he would have to bow to the yoke, for he certainly approved of the course taken by him at Ottawa. Until the visit of Mr. McBride the Easterners had never been shown the manner of men that are at the head of affairs in British Columbia; and it was former representatives' custom to speak of British Columbia in whispers, take what was offered and then take their bags and hurry back home, but now it was different. When it was clear that it was not the intention of the conference to grant any of the claims of Premier McBride, the latter adopted the only course open to him, and withdrew from the conference. As a British Columbian he was proud of the stand that had been taken by Premier McBride. The claims of British Columbia were pure, hard facts, and they would have to be thoroughly investigated, and if the Federal government did not do it there was still one course open—which was to take it to the highest tribunal in the land where they were sure of obtaining British fair play. (Applause.)

Report of Annual Production Shows a Steady Increase Each Year. A report issued by the geological survey at Ottawa states that the production of the Dominion in 1905 was valued at \$88,574,707, which compares well with the \$85,500,000 of 1904 and exceeds the previous highest total, that of 1901, by \$2,000,000.

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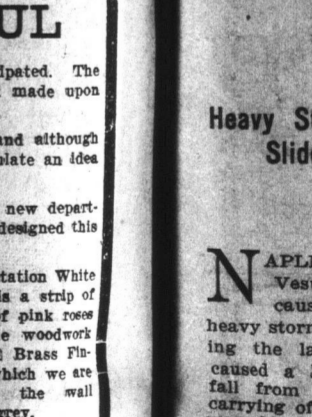
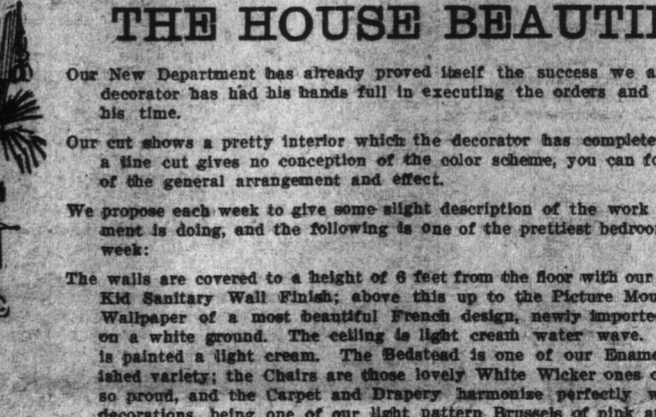
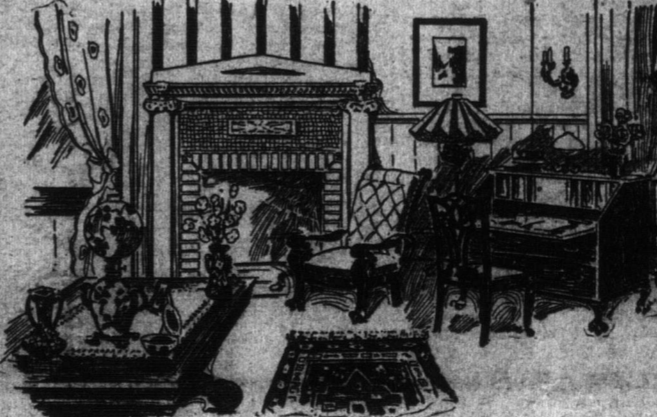
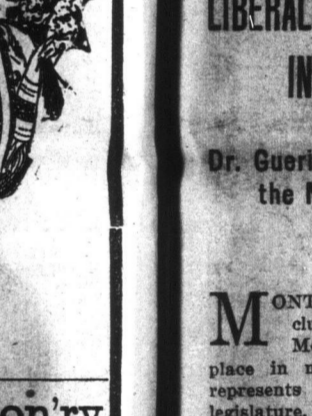
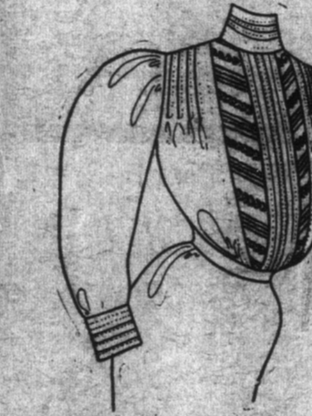
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LIBERALS ARE AT WAR IN ST. ANN'S DIVISION. Dr. Guerin Says He Will Oppose the Nominee of Gallery Wing

MONTREAL, Nov. 1.—The club of St. Ann's division Montreal tonight decided place in nomination. Ald. Walsh represents the division in the legislature. Walsh belongs to the known as the Gallery wing of the

AVALANCHE WRECKS VESUVIAN RAIL. Heavy Storm Causes Mud Slide From Sides of Volcano. NAPLES, Nov. 1.—The eruption of Vesuvius of April last is causing devastating effect heavy storm which prevailed here the last twenty-four hours caused a large avalanche of mud fall from the sides of the volcano carrying off part of the Vesuvian way, blockading trains along the coast and injuring a large section of the ground in the vicinity of the mountain.

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