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## VICTORIA'S "BIG FOUR" AGAIN THE CHOICE OF ENTHUSIASTIC CONSERVATIVES

### BURSTS OF COURT WITH STRANGE TALE

Steinhell Case Interrupted By Young Man Who Declares He Was Mysterious Accomplice in Crime

PARIS, Nov. 4.—Mme. Margarete Steinhell, whose examination on the charge of having murdered her husband and stepmother, was concluded in the assize court today, made a wonderful single-handed fight for her life, displaying as much skill in confronting the judge as she had in baffling the police. In the dock she presented a dramatic figure. Her black mourning gown accentuated the palor of her face. When caught in the meshes on the cross-examination, in tears with uplifted eyes she extended, she made fervent appeal to the jury.

The procedure of the criminal courts of France which makes the judges prosecuting attorney naturally swallows sympathy for the prisoner. Paradoxical as it seems, public conviction is strong already, that Mmes. Steinhell may be guilty but she will not be convicted. The intense interest in the case is shown by the fact that the newspapers print extracts containing the testimony every half hour.

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### CITY CONSERVATIVES PICK WINNERS AS NOMINEES

Premier McBride and His Three Colleagues Are Again Victoria's Choice—A Rousing Convention

**THE TIMELY TEXT**

Don't stop working to talk about the certainties of victory. Over-confidence has killed an election with quite as often as care kills cats.

Appreciation of loyal and efficient service to their constituency and the country, and confidence in the government and its policy of stability, developed in the progress were expressed by Victoria City Conservatives last evening when, at one of the most stirring and enthusiastic conventions of which this city has been the scene, Victoria members in the last parliament were duly renominated as follows:

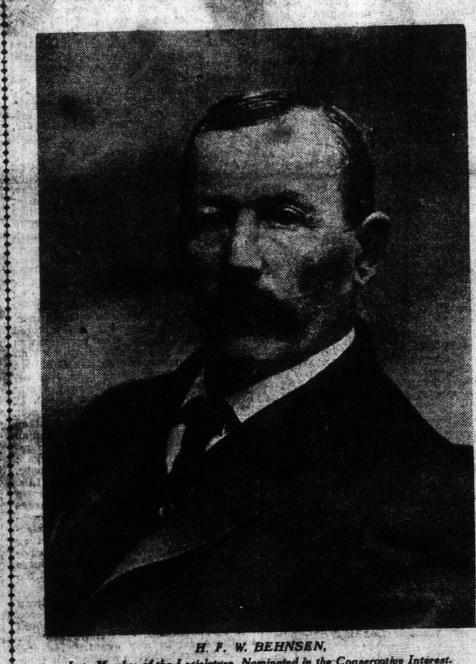
**HON. RICHARD McBRIDE**  
**H. B. THOMSON**  
**H. F. W. BEHNSEN**  
**FRED. DAVEY**

Only one other candidate was placed in nomination, Mr. George Jay, and the proceedings were characterized by unparalleled enthusiasm and confidence. Over 800 electors were present, overflowing Institute hall.

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### HUNGARIAN TELLS OF HIS AWFUL CRIME

Young Farm Laborer Confesses to Triple Murder at Quill Lake With Details of Most Revolting Nature

QUILL LAKE, Sask., Nov. 4.—John Mesci accused of the murder of George Thoburn, his wife and Mrs. McNiven, Mr. Thoburn's mother, on Monday on the Thoburn farm north of Quill Lake, was captured in the district south of here yesterday by S. T. Rasmussen and E. P. Gardiner of Quill Lake. Rasmussen and Gardiner found Mesci watering his team about forty miles southeast of here. They got quite near before being noticed and covering Mesci with their rifles demanded that he throw up his hands. He gave up quickly and allowed the handcuffs to be put on without a struggle.

After being arrested Mesci made a statement of the tragedy in his capture. Mesci said that he wished to go to town on Monday morning to enter for a homestead but Thoburn objected. This made him angry and he went and got a gun and shot Thoburn twice. Then he ran inside the house and the women came out and started to beat the house of J. Mertry, a neighbor. Mesci gave chase and catching Mrs. McNiven, first hit her with the gun knocking her down. He then cut and thrust. Mesci then proceeded to hunt for Mrs. Thoburn who had run into a small bluff to hide. After a short search he found her. He knocked her down and cut her throat and remained sitting on the body until life was extinct. He then returned to the house and dragged Mr. Thoburn's body into the house and threw it into the cellar and left it in the position in which it was found. He also covered Mrs. McNiven's body with some hay. Coming back to the house, Mesci says he stayed around the place all day feeding the children and preparing for a long trip. In the evening he made supper for the children and put them to bed, but says the boy would not remain in bed. He then hitched Thoburn's horses to a democrat and loaded it with a large assortment of provisions used as village dogs and a lot of ammunition. When captured Mesci did not appear to realize the enormity of the crime in which he had committed. He was thinking very much about his position before he had been captured long. Mesci will be brought back here today when an inquest will take place.

The lynching of Mesci was threatened by a number of persons who believed that the prisoner will be well looked after until he comes up for hearing. A number of persons viewed the bodies of George Thoburn, his wife and her mother as they lay side by side in the little square building used as village fire hall. It was a ghastly sight.

### WAS MURDERED BY PARTIES UNKNOWN

Coroner's Jury Conclude That Salvatore Andrae Was Victim of Assassin—Little Evidence Available

"Murdered by party or parties unknown," was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury which inquired into the circumstances of the death of Salvatore Andrae, whose body was found on the 23rd ult. near Goldstream, this morning.

The proceedings were exceedingly brief, there being no evidence available giving an insight into the manner of Andrae's end. Coroner Hart told of the gun-shot wound which had caused death, describing what he had learned from the coroner's jury, and detailing what already has been published regarding this part of the mystery. An Italian was called to establish his identity.

This was as much information as could be laid before the jurors. They debated the matter for some time, and as a result, brought in the verdict quoted.

### LOCAL SEALERS ON FORBIDDEN GROUND

So Says the Officers of the U. S. Cutter Bear Which Has Returned From the North

SEATTLE, Nov. 4.—Officers of the United States revenue cutter Bear, which returned Monday from her summer's cruise in northern waters, tell why the guns and firearms on Canadian schooners hunting sea otters in Behring sea were sealed by them last summer. In explaining their action, the officials point to an international agreement between the United States and Canada by which, for three months of the year, or while the fur seal is breeding, there shall be no hunting in Behring sea north of the 35th parallel and east of the 15th meridian. The Bear, in her patrol of the seal islands, discovered the schooner Penchawa of Liverpool, Capt. Burton M. Baloom; the schooner Thomas S. Bayard of Victoria, Capt. Hans Blaksted, and the Jesse of Victoria, Capt. William Munro, within the prescribed territory with equipment for killing seals and sea otters. The gun lockers on all three vessels were sealed by the American officers, just as they would have been sealed had a Canadian cruiser detected the schooners within the lines.

The certificate accompanying the action says the seals on the gun lockers could be broken after August 1 or outside the limit stated.

### NEW YORK COURT BUILDING MAY COLLAPSE

Unusual Precautions Being Taken to Provide Against Disaster if Great Structure Falls—Ordered Vacated

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Fear as to the stability of the two-million-dollar criminal court building which the building department ordered vacated yesterday as unsafe were aggravated today by the discovery that preparations were being made for the construction of a heavy shield to be laid over the surface of Lafayette street, to protect the subway which passed under it at this point, from being struck should the building collapse. Street car service on Center street and on the streets upon which the building fronts was interrupted this morning, and the passengers made to alight two squares above or below the building.

Traffic in the subway was allowed to continue, but instructions were given to pass the threatened spot at reduced speed. The city police, familiarly known as the Tombs when they join the criminal courts building on the south, was visited by building inspectors today on the report that it was settling. Examination revealed a small fissure in the outer wall of the structure, but no preparations to abandon the prison were made.

### STANDARDIZATION PLAN FOR CANADA PROPOSED

Inter-Provincial Examinations and Registration of Medical Practitioners Considered—New Doctors

The semi-annual meeting of the British Columbia Medical Council was held at the department of public health this morning and last evening, members being in attendance from all the provinces and British Columbia, and the business to receive attention being largely of routine character. The one feature which it had been expected would give the meeting a special importance and interest to the general public stands, however, adjourned.

This was in relation to the proposed standardization of the examinations for registration in the four western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, in respect to which centralization proposals a conference was held at Banff in the September.

Reports had been prepared of this professional conference, the centralization scheme finding general favor. In view however, of the suggestion emanating from Dr. Thomas Roddick, dean of the faculty of medicine in Montreal, that a Dominion standard be adopted in the direction of elevating the professional standard throughout all Canadian provinces, and securing inter-provincial registration, it was decided to allow the western province proposals to remain in abeyance until it can be ascertained whether or not it may be possible to give the reform programme an even wider application, as Dr. Roddick suggests.

The examination of candidates for registration as practitioners in British Columbia, which has been in progress since Monday last week, came to an end yesterday, when after oral examinations, clerical work was taken up at St. Joseph's hospital. The successful candidates from among the thirty-eight writings are as named below.

(Mrs.) Grace Atkinson, Dr. J. D. Atkinson, Dr. E. H. Funk, Dr. G. W. Graham, Dr. G. A. Greaves, Dr. R. G. Gordon, W. T. Hamilton, Dr. R. E. (Continued on Page Two)

### NEAR GOLD MINES McBride's SUCCESS SEEMS SURE TO SOCIALIST

From Seven to Forty Cents Gold to Each Yard of Sombrio River Pay—A Busy Camp

Rich placer diggings not fifty miles from Victoria at the crown flies, diggings from which coarse gold in grains some times as large as wheat, with an occasional little nugget, is being taken, a camp where twenty busy men are industriously engaged in the most fascinating occupation known to the world, a new mining field that will be the Jordan and the Sao Juan, which shipping its clean-up to the Victoria banks in the course of the next six months.

Surely there are conditions of which but few Victorians have the slightest knowledge. And yet those who have been on the ground and seen things for themselves affirm that it is gospel truth in every particular. The scene of activity is at Sombrio river, a myriads of stream about midway between the Jordan and the Sao Juan, which carries an immense volume of water at certain periods, and debouches into a vast canyon of seemingly titanic magnitude. The gold is found in association with the magnetic iron black sand, as in numerous beaches on the west coast (notably at Wreck Bay and at Cape Scott), and also on the east coast of Graham Island, in the Queen Charlotte group. There is this difference, however, and an important one. On the west coast beaches the gold is impregnated in the sand in minute flakes or flour-like, while on the Sombrio it is in nugget form, and every prospector or mining man will recognize the immense distinction.

"Unless the whole place has been sited, and that in a highly scientific way, which seems to be beyond reason or probability, they have got a camp there that is a big thing, and an important thing for Victoria," said Mr. M. B. Carlin this morning. Mr. Carlin is one who has seen the gold, and the camp, and approximated the prospects as a practical man. He is a thuiasiast.

"Mr. Hanbury, the Victoria bakeries man, is at the head of the operating company," said Mr. Carlin, "and but for a little delay they would have had their machinery working before this. It will be now within a fortnight, I expect.

"The discoverer and practical man of the party," Mr. Carlin continued, "chatting casually," is a Mr. Gallop, who spent eighteen months in preliminary prospecting. They have tested the ground in forty or fifty places on the beach, half way up the cliffs away back, and it's uniformly good. The minimum return was seven cents in gold to the yard of dirt, and from that the value runs up to forty cents. Nor is there any difficulty in saving the gold."

At the very lowest value, with an abundance of ground to work upon, the Sombrio river diggings should be a big profit-payer from the first. It is an hydraulic proposition of course.

Prince Rupert is to get a dry dock. Now how do they propose to keep dock dry at Prince Rupert, anyway?

### MR. HAWTHORNTWAIN CANDIDLY CAN SEE NO OTHER OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION BUT LIBERAL LOSSES

That the McBride government will be returned to power on the 25th of the current month, beyond the shadow of a doubt, is the opinion of a no less astute reader of the signs of the times than Mr. James H. Hawthornthwaite, candidate for re-election on the Socialist ticket in Nanaimo City, and leader of the Socialist wing in the Provincial legislature ever since 1906. However, one may differ from Mr. Hawthornthwaite's theories and policies, he must be freely conceded one of the most shrewd politicians in western Canada.

"Yes, that's about it," said Mr. Hawthornthwaite, chatting with a member of the Post staff on the causeway today. "It looks as though the Socialists had a chance of carrying about five seats this election. That's about the way I size it up."

"The Liberals? Well, giving them every possibility, counting every seat for them that there's any chance at all of their getting, I make it ten seats for them at the outside. For the life of me I can't see where there's a possibility of their getting more than one seat in the opinion of the foremost champion of Socialism in the province of British Columbia, the verdict of this election on the 25th of this month is to be the triumphant return of Premier McBride and emphatic endorsement of his policy, with a material shrinkage of Liberal representation in the local House.

Speaking of the situation in his own constituency, Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that his own opponent would in every probability be Nanaimo's mayor, Mr. A. E. Planta, carrying the Conservative colors, but whom a large percentage of the Liberals would by arrangement support. In Newcastle the McBride candidate would, it was expected, be Mr. Stuart, while in the event of Mr. Robert Grant persisting in his determination not to accept re-nomination in Comox, the Conservative choice would fall upon Mr. Eric Duncan, a well-to-do and popular rancher. Mr. Duncan, who is noted as a literature and poet of more than provincial celebrity.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite will, of course, be the Socialist in the Nanaimo field, and Mr. Parker Williams, his colleague in Newcastle. No Socialist will this election opt for the Albert district, but instead a candidate of the party (Continued on Page Two)

### REVOLUTIONISTS GAIN STRENGTH DAILY

Zone They Control is Peaceful and Orderly—Despatch Describes Government Advance

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 4.—The latest official reports received at the state department tend to show that the Nicaraguan revolutionaries are daily gaining strength, men, arms and ammunition, and that they have practically controlled that part of Nicaragua lying east of the 85th parallel of west longitude. Peaceful and orderly conditions are said to prevail in this zone and there is no evidence, it is stated, that President Zelaya is making any move to regain the territory now in the hands of Gen. Estrada.

Government Forces Advance.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 4.—Cable messages received this afternoon by Consul-General Alcha of Nicaragua, signed by President Zelaya, state that the government forces have fought their way through Paso De La Jara, near El Chile, and are now advancing toward Rama, one of the principal bases of the revolutionists.

### TWO CELESTIALS IN COURT

Ah Gung, the Chinese boy who appeared in the police court yesterday to answer to a charge of stealing \$50 from Mrs. George Fraser, was up again today. It was reported that the information which the magistrate wants regarding the antecedents of the youth hadn't yet been secured. For that reason it was decided to remand the case.

Another Celestial was arraigned in the person of Ah Tim, the youth who made free with the garments of certain waiters employed at the Empress hotel. It was reported that he had been subjected to a medical examination, found mentally deranged, and sent to the New Westminster asylum.

### TO SUE HAMILTON TIMES

HAMILTON, Ont., Nov. 4.—Members of the building committee of the board of education have instructed counsel to issue a writ for libel against the Times Publishing Company for a paragraph which appeared in that paper last night reflecting upon the committee in connection with the granting of a contract for a new school.

Hundreds of Volunteers.

The Conservative committee rooms were this morning besieged with enthusiasts, all of whom desired to be active in the advancement of the party's success on the 25th instant. More than a hundred good men and women in addition to the other hundreds already at work, presented themselves today. The air is full of an overwhelming triumph in store for Conservative candidates and party is each day more plainly attested.

### RIPE RASPBERRIES IN NOVEMBER

Decorating the desk of the Post editor today at three branches from a lusty raspberry bush, each branch being decorated with a small basket of ripe and luscious berries, a full-sized, full-flavored, matured in every respect. These berries are from the gardens of Mr. L. Fordham Kelly, at "Lakeriew Farm," Westholme, and picked during the present month. Could any more emphatic and eloquent testimony be desired as to the equability of Vancouver Island's climate?

### VICTORIA CITY CONVENTIONS

Both the Conservatives and the Liberals of Victoria City last night held their candidates for the Provincial House, between whom the people will choose on the 25th inst. Upwards of 250 enthusiastic members of the Conservative party were in attendance at the hall. The Liberal convention was held at Broad Street Hall, where the Liberal party, which 708 voting members of the party succeeded in squeezing, although 400 is the normal seating capacity of the hall. The Liberal convention was held at Broad Street Hall. Here are the figures posted by the candidates honored with nomination:

CONSERVATIVE.		LIBERAL.	
Hon. Richard McBride.....	708	Mr. John Oliver.....	383
Mr. H. B. Thomson.....	843	Mr. R. L. Drury.....	271
Mr. H. F. W. Behnson.....	843	Mr. H. A. Munn.....	298
Mr. Fred Davey.....	610	Mr. W. K. Houston.....	260

### LORD PENTLAND MAY SUCCEED EARL GREY

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 4.—It is persistently reported that Lord Pentland will succeed Earl Grey as Governor-General of Canada, and that Mr. Gladstone will go to South Africa and Lord Crewe to India.

### POST-MARKS

Now that B. C. is to ship salmon direct to Billingsgate, the alba can work an exchange and get some fresh Billingsgate for the campaign!

Surfragette hires special train on Cog railway and picks Peak. Sol Scho went "in cog!"

A Mrs. Baker is on her way to plant a "votes for women" flag on Pike's Peak. What's the use; it won't grow!

The first department is all heated up over the ignorance of some women who can't tell the difference between a fire alarm box and a mail box.

That water-wagon driver who brought his cart out in the midst of the down-pour just because he was ordered to reminds us of the ancient Roman guard; he seen his duty and he done it!

Despite the fact that three separate parties were "sure" they would elect their man mayor of New York only one man won!

Women are changeable but no human being has the key that works the change!

Two tacks were found in the lungs of a New York woman. Perhaps she used them to hold her breath.

No Korean will admit that he is so unpolished as to need jappanning!

A substitute for radium has been discovered. Therefore great care should be exercised in buying it in large quantities.

The Dry Farmers Congress was a success but some of the members still are strong for personal irrigation!

More Truth Than Poetry.

Pools of water, oozing, squashing, As we walk the street upon. Oft remind us that we haven't Got our blooming rubbers on!

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OUTHS' STORM RUBBERS.....80¢

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