

MR. TANNER WILL SWEEP SAANICH

SPLENDID MEETING HELD AT SAANICHTON

Good Attendance and Stirring Speeches—Late Attorney-General Was Severely Scored.

H. E. Tanner, the Liberal candidate for Saanich district, will most assuredly show his opponent, D. M. Eberts, under on Saturday. His meetings have been for more largely attended and enthusiastic, and indications pointing to an overwhelming victory are most pronounced.

Wednesday night's gathering at Saanich was an exception from the gratifying rule. Although the late arrival of the train conveying speakers from town delayed the meeting, the attendance was splendid, and showed conclusively that Mr. Tanner was solid in this part of the constituency. All the work that the fertile resource of the ex-attorney-general can provide will avail him nothing.

Mr. Chandler, the chairman, opened the meeting with a few remarks, and then introduced the next member for Saanich, H. E. Tanner, who was received with applause.

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RALPH SMITH GIVEN A GRAND RECEPTION

John Jardine in No Uncertain Way Attacked the Shortcomings of Mr. Pooley.

Mason's Hall, Esquimalt, Wednesday evening, held a splendid audience at the meeting called in the interests of John Jardine, the winning candidate in the district.

It was presided over by Arthur Mesher. There were only two speeches delivered, John Jardine and Ralph Smith, M.P., taking up the time in denouncing the misdeeds of the party which Mr. Pooley, the Conservative candidate, represented, and showing up the ignominious part which that candidate had played in the political history of the province.

Both of the addresses were stirring ones, and were received with the warmest applause. Esquimalt showed itself determined to get all kinds of concessions. Through the constituency the same feeling has been manifested, and there is now no doubt that Mr. Jardine will be returned on Saturday.

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Chief Watson has taken all the flags and bunting material in storage at the city hall and sent it to the agricultural buildings, and the work of decoration will be proceeded with at once.

John street will be illuminated during the fair week. Storekeepers of the street being combined on the matter have stented their intention of carrying out the work, and a pleasing effect is expected.

J. Clark has been awarded the contract for supplying the straw required for the show.

Exhibitors to the women's department of the agricultural fair will kindly remember to send their exhibits to the agricultural building on Saturday morning, Oct. 3rd, and not to Mrs. McGregor's home.

Following is a list of special prizes received at too late a date to include in the regular list:

For the best pony ridden or driven by boy or girl over 15, presented by Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.

For the best lady driver, harnessing of horse to vehicle by driver to count for half points; \$5, presented by G. Bradley-Dyne.

For the best collection of Wyandottes; \$10, presented by Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.

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For the best two loaves of bread by non-professional; field glasses and case, value \$5, presented by F. Landsberg.

eral party of British Columbia. If elected he would do his best to bring about the reforms necessary to advance the best interests of the province. He felt no fear as to the result of the election. He found a feeling against Mr. Pooley of having done all he could to enrich the few at the expense of the great bulk of the population.

Ralph Smith, M.P., said that he was so accustomed to having opposition that he felt out of place if there was not present someone to represent the other side of the question.

There were two sides to every question. There were different opinions and different policies, but he thought that Mr. Pooley's policy would come in for the greatest degree of condemnation when all was measured up.

Taking up the question of the Federal government turning over to a government of this province what might be considered to be due to it was open to two constructions. It might be said that the Federal government should turn over the rights. But there was another view of the matter. The Federal parliament had the right to exercise the greatest caution.

That parliament representing the people of the Dominion as a whole had a right to guard the country's interests. He took a position second to none upon the question of provincial rights, but he also stood for the full exercise of the rights vested in the Dominion parliament by the British North America Act.

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been so lavish in the giving away of public lands that he sometimes wondered if there was any land left.

The B. C. Southern land grant put the B. C. Southern government through by this same means. The Laurier government was so bad that the Federal government vetoed it and forced alterations to be made in the charter by which 50,000 acres was reserved for the people of the country. The Laurier government of Ottawa safeguarded the interests of the colony. Yet Mr. Pooley, as reported in the Colonist, stood for land subsidies and sought to give away the land.

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ANNUAL GATHERING OF KING'S DAUGHTERS

Convention of This Worthy Organization is Now in Progress—Business Transacted Yesterday.

The third annual convention of the King's Daughters of British Columbia opened in St. Andrew's Sunday school room Wednesday.

Mrs. George Shaw, provincial secretary, formally convened the convention yesterday morning. The session was opened with prayer and scripture reading by Rev. Mr. Macrae.

After the delegates were received the convention treasurer and secretary were appointed. Mrs. Hasell was the choice of the convention for treasurer and Mrs. Watt for secretary.

Mrs. Day then read an address of welcome to the delegates.

Mrs. Maitland-Douglas replied on behalf of the delegates, expressing her thanks in a few eloquent words, drawing attention to the fact that this is the first convention of the King's Daughters of British Columbia without there being some officer of the order from each province to help. She recalled former experiences of the kindness of Victoria people and paid a tribute to the city's beauty and its hearty hospitality.

The minutes of the last convention were read and adopted. It was then moved by Mrs. Hasell, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, that Mrs. Watt's minutes of the previous convention be printed, together with those by Mrs. Hamilton of the last convention. It was also decided to have printed the minutes of each convention held. The minutes of the interim meetings of the executive were read by Miss Leitch.

The appointment of district secretaries were made for the first time, secretaries being named for Cowichan, Metehosin, loss, Vancouver, Victoria, Chilliwack and Yale. The executive regretted the absence of Miss McNaughton during the past year's a faithful and efficient recording secretary.

The maintenance of a room at Angela college for the use of King's Daughters was noted with satisfaction. The report was read and adopted.

The report of the provincial secretary was listened to with careful attention. She referred feelingly to the absence of Mrs. Davis, of her wife and health. Her happy way of making our crooked paths straight.

The record of the present year is encouraging. New members were being added and the spiritual growth of the order has been true and healthy. There are now eleven circles, with 396 members and 163 individual members, making a total of 459.

The list of greeting from the Dominion secretary, Miss Brown, to the convention was read.

An adjournment was then taken until the afternoon.

In the afternoon Mrs. Watt read her report as district secretary for Metehosin, pressing for co-operation between members in different districts. Over \$100 was raised by the order in Metehosin during the year.

The report of the district secretary for Cowichan gave an interesting account of the work in that district. All of the members were in circles. Mrs. Maitland-Douglas described an encouraging visit to a circle near Vancouver. Mrs. Day gave a report on the varied work of the order in Victoria, referring to the progress made in the past year. The report of the committees was adopted.

A discussion followed on needs of the province. A plea was made for an interest in some of the larger issues that confront us in some of the great reform movements. Help was asked for the Chinese mission. Work among the newsboys was inquired into. Different outlets for the activity of the order were suggested and the work of other societies commended.

On invitation, Mrs. Spofford spoke on the needs of the province, in Victoria especially. She entered a plea for aid to the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, for night classes for boys, for the mission on Johnson street, pointing out the good results accruing from the work of the latter.

The convention will be in progress to-day and to-morrow.

All members of the King's Daughters are urged to attend the convention and to be present and sympathize the good work being done here. The afternoon reports of all the district secretaries will be read and a paper by Mrs. Watt on "The Order and Its Objects."