

A NEW ELEMENT.

The meeting held in Philharmonie Hall last Monday night was not very largely attended, but it was nevertheless one of the most important that has been held since the opening of the present political campaign.

The decision of the meeting has removed one of the objections which the Liberals who cannot see their way to support the government of Mr. Martin had to the opposition candidates, but still we do not see how they can consistently support all four of them.

There is another aspect of the matter which we know no Briton likes to dwell upon, but which must be considered. The time is approaching when in pursuance of the decrees of Providence the Queen must forever lay aside the crown which is the emblem of such national glory as has never before been seen on earth and the sceptre which she has wielded with such wisdom as has been given to no sovereign who ever sat on a throne in this world.

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As will be seen by the letter which we publish to-day from Mr. McPhillips, he has still got the party lines he is buzzing in his bonnet, and while he is no doubt sincere in his statement that he will "primarily" oppose the formation of a government on party lines, his convictions are so strong on the question and his belief so evidently sincere that that is the only cure for the evils from which we have been suffering lately, that we are inclined to believe he would welcome the announcement that it was impossible to form a government on other than party lines and that he would be pleased to see in power an administration which would have the confidence and support of at least one-half of the gentlemen who hope to represent Victoria.

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the events are over there will be disposition to accord the committees in charge every credit for doing their best to make the celebration a success from every point of view.

Never in the history of Queen's Birthday celebrations in Victoria, which are noted all along the Coast for the enthusiasm and heartiness with which they have hitherto been entered into, has the trend of events been so propitious for a spontaneous outburst of national rejoicing.

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THE SITUATION. We understand there is a good deal of dissatisfaction among Conservatives who advocated the conducting of the pending election on Dominion party lines at the action of the candidates who pledged themselves at the meeting on Monday night to oppose the formation of a Conservative government in the event of the defeat of the administration of Hon. Joseph Martin.

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They were not allowed to sell the timber of their homesteads, even that portion which was felled in complying with the statutory requirements necessary to their obtaining a patent.

They were obliged to pay at one time \$5 per acre for the land and later \$1 per acre; in default of payment interest accumulated at the rate of 6 per cent. Many of those settlers spent what money they had in clearing and encumbered their places when opportunity offered to enable them to buy the wherewithal to eke out a living.

And the last few days Mr. Morrison has been the furthest from getting the government to grant to the settlers on those homesteads their land free from any charge whatsoever.

Considering the long time the policy of making the settlers in the above manner has been in existence, the difficulty of working such a reform can readily be seen.

At the Government House at Ottawa, Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 1900. His Excellency in Council.

Whereas section 22 of the regulations for the survey, administration, disposal and management of Dominion lands with the forty mile belt in the province of British Columbia established by order in council of the 25th day of April, 1885, provides, among other things, for the collection of one dollar per acre for all lands entered for under the provisions of the homestead conditions of these regulations;

Whereas it is now deemed advisable and in the public interest that these homestead conditions be amended in various particulars so as to provide for the collection of one dollar per acre for all lands entered for under the provisions of the homestead conditions of these regulations;

And His Excellency is further pleased to order that sub-section (a) of section 22 of the said regulations, established by order-in-council of 20th April, 1885, and subsequent orders-in-council, and which reads as follows:

At the expiration of three years from the date of his perfecting his homestead entry, the settler or, in case of his death, his legal representatives, upon proving to the satisfaction of the local agent that he, or they, or some of them have resided upon and cultivated the land during the term of three years, shall be entitled to a patent for the land; provided such proof is accepted by the Commissioner of Dominion lands.

As will be seen by our dispatches to-day, Lord Roberts has complained of another white flag outrage. There have been many of these cases of deliberate murder now, and in the end the Boers will be the chief sufferers, as if no reliance is to be placed on signals of surrender additional terror will be added to the horrors of war.

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Good News For Settlers

The Abolition of the Charge for Homestead Land in Railway Belt.

Aulay Morrison, M.P., Succeeded in Obtaining Free Grants--The Order-in-Council.

(From the Times Correspondent.) Ottawa, May 10.—If there was one class of the community on the Mainland of British Columbia more than another who were handicapped it was the bona fide settler on Dominion lands.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTES. Programme of the Meetings Which Open at Metchoin on Friday.

H. L. Blanchard, of Hadlock, Washington, accompanied by Tom Wilson, has just concluded a series of addresses at the regular meetings of the institutes on the Lower Fraser, and will come over from Vancouver by to-day's boat en route for home.

On Friday next Dr. James Withycombe, vice-director of the Oregon Agricultural College, accompanied by J. R. Anderson, superintendent of institutes, will begin a series of lectures as follows:

Metchoin.—At the public hall on Friday, 18th inst. Subject, "Rotation of Crops and Advantages Thereof."

Duncan.—At the agricultural hall, on Saturday, 19th inst. Subject, "Swine Husbandry."

Nanaimo.—At the agricultural hall on Monday, 21st inst. "The Dairy Cow and Her Environments."

Vesuvius Bay.—At the agricultural hall on Tuesday, 22nd inst. Subject, "Sheep as a Factor in Farm Economy."

Nanaimo.—At the council chambers on Wednesday, 23rd inst. Subject, "Rotation of Crops and the Advantages Thereof."

On Saturday, 26th, D. A. Brodie, superintendent of the Puyallup Experiment Station, will take up the work in company with Mr. Anderson, when lectures will be given at the following places:

Chilliwack.—At Henderson's hall on Saturday, 20th inst.

Agassiz.—At I. O. G. T. hall on Monday, 28th inst.

Mission.—At Public hall on Tuesday, 29th inst.

Salmon Arm.—At McGuire's hall on Thursday, 31st inst.

Armstrong.—At Public hall on Friday, June 1st.

Kelowna.—At Public hall on Monday, June 4th.

Mr. Brodie will speak on the following subjects: "Rational Stock Feeding," "Forage Crops," "Silos and Ensilaging," "Diseases of Plants," "Principles of Spraying."

This will conclude the spring regular meetings. The fall meetings will probably take place in October. It should be borne in mind that these meetings are open to the public and everyone is made welcome.

CANADIAN BANKS. Montreal, May 15.—The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, issued to-day, shows net profits of \$1,524,888 for the year, a gain of \$173,006 for the year, the largest on record. The net earnings show a profit of 12.7 per cent. The balance carried forward to profit and loss is \$427,150, as against \$1,102,792 last year. This discrepancy is made up by a million dollars being added to the rest fund, which is now \$7,000,000, or seven-twelfths of the capital stock. Last year the rest fund was \$6,000,000. Toronto, May 15.—The Dominion Bank announces a successful year. The net profits were \$214,842; amount carried over this year to profit and loss \$62,056, as compared with \$42,714 last year. Four quarterly dividends were paid of four per cent. The bank has also cleared off \$15,000 on its premises here. The annual meeting takes place on May 30th.

The Earncliffe furniture was sold yesterday. Sir John Macdonald's desk, which he used for thirty years, was bought by a local man for \$101.

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