

**WILL BE GUIDED BY
PARTY'S DECISION**

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's
Reply—Reference to Bet-

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—In his reply to the deputation that asked him to become a candidate in Vancouver at the next elections to the Commons, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, among other things, referred to the treatment accorded this province by the government at Ottawa. Public funds were lavished to the right and left and to all quarters of the Dominion by the Laurier government. The Laurier government had the audacity when Mr. Borden came to the coast and repeated his pledge that he would, if elected, clothe with sufficient power, enquire into the claims of this province for better treatment, to say that he was attempting to bribe this province.

Mr. Tupper then mentioned that he was a candidate at the coming election in Nova Scotia. Mr. Fielding was there

the cabinet on account of this place," Mr. Holden.

Mr. Herbert, however, took the full responsibility of supporting Mr. Borden's policy with regard to the proposed treatment of British Columbia. He said he had no doubt that it would meet with the sympathy of his native province, which had been able to obtain for itself better terms without any special investigation such as that of the United States. He submitted to the council, and it was apparent that this delegation which had been good enough to wait upon him was not so good as to desire to see the unity brought about so that more had brought disgrace on Canada should be hurried from office. The government was now trembling on the brink and falling. He said that it was whispered that an election would occur, it was possible that the government would postpone the election the year when it must make the plunge.

As to the very flattering reference to himself contained in the address, all he could say was that having never been a member of the cabinet, he had considered that he was entitled

that seclusion which his profession granted. However, after a period of comparative rest, it had been found impossible for him to withstand the appeal made to him, particularly by his own constituents, and endorsed by his leader, and he had determined to respond to the call. It was a very important and onerous proposition, which was intimated in the program at

a candidate had contested two constituencies, one Conservative had before

general election. It would, however, be a very unique thing for any man to carry two, one being on the Pacific

But, after all, said the speaker, "I have placed myself in the hands of the party, and if it will be to the party's interest for me to serve in such a manner as has been suggested, then under the directions of our great leader, Mr. Borden, I am ready to obey the call of the party from whatever quarter it may come."

There has been much enthusiastic comment on the remarkably vigorous address delivered by the elder Sir Charles. Some discussion has also

by the action of the deputation. Thomas Duke, P. G. M., of the Orange order, said in an interview: "As an Orangeman and a Conservative, I am opposed to dragging the Orange order

and the deputation that waited on Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper did not represent the voice of the Orangemen of the city. No meetings had ever been held instructing any action of the kind. Consequently, I claim it was uncalled, for and will do neither the delegation nor the gentleman they waited on any good in the eyes of the Orange order." William Hunt next

great mistake to drag the Orange institution in. I have respect for Sir

to say he has been made a tool of, but it looks to me like that. I was requested to join the deputation and refused. I didn't think it in the best interests of the party or Sir Charles Hibbert himself."

Benjamin Burr, of New Westminster, and J. P. Allan, Pioneer of the Upper Country

sections, have passed into the Great Beyond. They are Benjamin Burr, for 25 years a resident of New Westminster, and J. P. Allan, one of the fathers of the Kootenay country, who died on Sunday at Spokane. Mr. Allan was well and affectionately known all through the upper country as "Dad" Allan. He was a pioneer not only of West Kootenay but of the Similkameen.

has been undergoing treatment in Spokane. His sons live in the upper country at the present time.

The Hon. Mr. Barr passed away at Westminster. For a quarter of a century he had been a resident of the Royal City. For a time he was an official of the penitentiary, but recently he was compelled, owing to ill-health, to resign. Besides his wife, he leaves six children who were well known in

William Johnson, also of New Westminster, is a sister of the deceased, and

are Joseph and Hugh Burr. The deceased was for many years treasurer of the Royal Comptrol and an active worker in lodge circles. He was 83 years of age.

Logs Scattered by Storm

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—Sunday night's gale did great damage to the boom yards at Jameson's camp, on the east side of Cortez island. Thirty swifters of logs were in the water, and it is estimated that the entire lot were scattered.

Japanese Arms

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—The city council last evening passed without comment a resolution to call on the chief of police, Spadden, suggesting that the police investigate the reports of the presence of firearms in Japanese town, and take any steps deemed necessary to disarmament. The police are governed by the commissioners, and as the chief has already advised against a search of the Japanese town, it is probable any action will be immediately taken.