

M'BRIDE TO COME HERE

Premier Starts on a Tour of Interior Next Week

Will Visit Nelson With W. J. Bowser—Helmcken Turned Down by Esquimalt Conservatives

LIBERAL MEETING.
A meeting of Nelson Liberals has been called for next Wednesday evening to finally decide upon a candidate to contest the Nelson riding in the provincial elections.
Local conservatives will hold a primary on Saturday evening to elect delegates to a nominating convention.

(Special to The Daily News)
Victoria, Dec. 27.—At a meeting of the executive of the liberal association held here today, the greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and plans were advanced for a spirited campaign. The conservatives are very dependent. The conviction is general that R. F. Green's election from the cabinet at the eleventh hour and the entry of W. W. B. McInnes into the provincial arena are in themselves incidents which speak against the McBrice administration.

Hon. C. E. Pooley, speaker, was nominated for Esquimalt riding at a convention of conservatives tonight. H. D. Helmcken, K.C., was also an aspirant, but was turned down, and as a result the conservatives in the district are at sixes and sevens. John Jardine, the liberal candidate, will likely have a walk over. It is not improbable that Mr. McInnes will head the liberal ticket in Victoria where he will be sure of election by a sweeping majority.

(Special to The Daily News)
Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Liberal organizer Garvey made the following statement today:

"We were never in better shape. At the last election we thought we had things down fine, but it was nothing to compare with the present. Now we have a perfect organization and can approach the coming contest with a feeling of the utmost satisfaction and confidence. The lines have been carefully laid and are receiving constant attention. We have arranged a meeting of the joint executives, senior and junior, on Friday to arrange for a nominating convention. A number of strong names will be placed before the convention and from them we have no doubt but that a ticket will be selected which will win hands down. No wonder conservatism is already ripe in the government camp."

The World tonight stated that Joseph Martin would not enter the contest. He would not be reached for an interview tonight, but his friends laugh incredulously at the statement.
One local element of danger has been removed by the announced determination of the straight labor men not to run in Vancouver. The party will place its energies for points in outside districts where better organization prevails.
A new factor has entered the contest in Richmond through the announcement of Robert McBride, of Eburne, to stand as a third candidate on an independent basis.

In Comox, Bennett has been chosen by the liberals. It is expected a Hawthornthwaite man will also run there.
Casualty conventions will be held the first of the year. Indian agent Morris has spoken of as a probable choice of the liberals, and W. R. Lord or J. M. MacKinnon, of the conservatives.

A review of the local conservative situation today showed:
Bowser and Telford are sure of again standing. Garden would rather retire, but his friends declare he will be in line. Wilson will be expected to obtain a Cariboo nomination, but if he is unsuccessful he may run again from this city. In case of a vacancy, Dr. G. A. McGuire or J. R. Seymour are prominently mentioned as the alternatives.

Premier McBride and W. J. Bowser are to start for a tour of the interior, including Nelson, next week. McBride will later leave for Nicola and Similkameen, and Bowser will return to the coast.

(Special to The Daily News)
Ymir, Dec. 27.—Harry Wright dropped into town last evening and had a consultation with his executive here. It will not be his fault if he does not control the conservative nominating convention.
Mr. Wright left for Trail this morning to attend a Masonic meeting, which is to be held there this evening. With him were the following Ymir Masons: William Clark, Wm. Kinrade and J. P. Cleazer.

PHOENIX WEDDING
Miss Labele and Victor Sherbino United in Marriage

(Special to The Daily News)
Phoenix, Dec. 27.—At 6:30 yesterday morning a pretty wedding was celebrated here when Miss Lena Labele and Victor M. Sherbino were united, the ceremony being performed according to the rites of the Catholic church by Rev. Father J. A. Beaud. Miss Labele had Miss Edith Jewell of Grand Forks as bridesmaid, while Jos. Labele, brother of the bride, supported the groom, the wedding taking place at the

residence of the bride's parents, at the Cottage hotel. The bride and bridesmaids were dressed in white and after a wedding breakfast the bride couple left on the Great Northern train for Spokane on a wedding trip, and will settle down to house keeping on their return next week. Mr. Sherbino is the local manager for P. Burns and company and is also secretary of the Phoenix general hospital, and has many friends here, while the bride is also favorably known here to a wide circle of acquaintances.

One of the most delightful events of the season thus far was the ball given last evening in the opera house by Phoenix lodge K. of P. The large ball room was beautifully decorated with evergreens and emblems of the order, and members and friends of the order were here from Greenwood, Midway, Ehoit and Grand Forks to enjoy the unbounded hospitality of Phoenix lodge. Several pieces provided the instrumental music, the dancing being kept up until a late hour the following morning. On all sides the committee in charge is being congratulated on the successful outcome of the function, it being the sixth annual event of this nature given by the Pythians of Phoenix, which has one of the most flourishing branches of this order in this section.

CONFERENCE RESULTS

SIR WILFRID'S ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PROVINCES

CHIEF FEATURES OF THEIR PROPOSALS ACCEPTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The proceedings of the provincial conference that met in Ottawa in October last show that on the last day of its session, Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that the dominion government had come to the conclusion to agree to the resolutions embodying the views of the inter-provincial conference submitted by the Hon. Mr. Gouin on October 10, with the exception of that portion of the first resolution proposing an increased subsidy towards the cost of administration of criminal justice, and also to the proposal that a bill should be introduced into the parliament of Canada providing for the payment of the increased subsidies and allowances pending the necessary amendment to the Criminal Justice Act, neither of which he was prepared to entertain. These resolutions, with the above recited exceptions, are substantially the same as those of the Quebec conference of 1887.

The prime minister added that his government desired to impress upon the conference the fact that these resolutions of 1887 have been drawn up, and are of opinion that the terms agreed to at that time ought not to be departed from. These resolutions provide as follows:

"That this conference is of opinion that a basis for a final and unalterable settlement of the amounts to be yearly paid by the dominion to the several provinces for their local purposes and the support of their governments and legislatures, may be found in the proposal following, that is to say:

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| (a) Where the population is under 150,000 | \$100,000 |
| (b) Where the population is 150,000 but does not exceed 200,000 | 150,000 |
| (c) Where the population is 200,000 but does not exceed 400,000 | 180,000 |
| (d) Where the population is 400,000 but does not exceed 800,000 | 190,000 |
| (e) Where the population is 800,000 but does not exceed 1,500,000 | 220,000 |
| (f) Where the population exceeds 1,500,000 | 240,000 |

Instead of an annual grant per head of population now allowed, the annual payment hereafter to be made at the rate of 50 cents per head, but on the population of each province, as ascertained from time to time by the last decennial census, the population exceeding 2,000,000, and at the rate of 60 cents per head for so much of said population as may exceed 2,000,000.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier further observed that his government had accepted this question up to this moment in the hope that the inter-provincial conference would be unanimous. He said that while there is unanimity with respect to the principle of increased subsidies and also in regard to that portion of the resolution of the inter-provincial conference submitted by Mr. Gouin on October 10, to which the government has agreed, there was a special claim from British Columbia touching which some difference as regards the amount exists. Sir Wilfrid Laurier added that he wished to report to his colleagues on that point before giving a final assent.

The question of the discrimination against dominion charters by provincial authorities was adverted to by Sir H. Hon. sir Wilfrid Laurier, who expressed the view that there should be no such discrimination.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier referred also to the previous discussion on the provincial tax on commercial travellers.
The chairman of the conference announced that this question had been considered by the inter-provincial conference and that the various premiers had come to the conclusion to propose to their legislatures the repeal of this tax.
There was also some discussion on the subject of the fisheries, in the course of which Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

"I have given careful consideration to the memorial of British Columbia's government and particularly to the request that a commission be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the financial relations between the dominion and the province. I have been un-

able to reach the conclusion that the appointment of such a commission would be the best way of dealing with a question of this kind. I fear that such a course would not lead to the harmonious settlement of the grants to provinces which all should desire to bring about. However, I regard the matter at present more as one for the opinion of the conference than for the judgment of the dominion government. You have assembled for the purpose of considering the sums which should properly be paid by the dominion government to the provinces the way of subsidy and allowance for the maintenance of government. The British Columbia proposal comes entirely within the chief purpose of this conference. If this conference, after hearing Mr. McBride's arguments in support of his contention, reach the conclusion that an arbitration should take place, through a commission, for the purpose of dealing with the claim of British Columbia, that would present the matter to the dominion government in a new light, and while I am not prepared to express any final opinion, I can say at once that such a recommendation from the conference would have great weight with us, and we should feel bound to give it further consideration. I give you this expression of my own views and of the views of my colleagues who are here with me, I shall, if you will permit me, offer a suggestion. I think there is a disposition on the part of the conference to recognize that the conditions in British Columbia, owing to the vastness of her territory, to her mountainous character, and the special difficulties which she has to create, are exceptional difficulties which should be taken into consideration in the adjustment of the distribution of the grants in aid of provincial governments. I propose, therefore, that such is the case. I would strongly advise that Mr. McBride avail himself of the good disposition which is manifested in the conference to the approval of the question of what allowance, in addition to that already contemplated, should be made to meet British Columbia's difficulties. It is a question which, I think, can be better settled here than anywhere else. I feel assured that the conference will be willing to deal with the matter in a spirit of fairness to British Columbia. I propose, therefore, that we shall leave you to discuss the question frankly with one another, and come to you again when probably you will have reached some satisfactory agreement."

The proceedings of the conference showed that in their opinion it was inadvisable that the claim of any province in regard to subsidy be referred to arbitration. Mr. McInnes, the British Columbia premier had withdrawn before this motion passed.

TO TRANSFER COMMAND

COL. HOLMES, D.O.C., TO MEET RANGERS TONIGHT.

DISCUSSES THE NEW SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.

Leut.-Col. Holmes, D.O.C., arrived in the city last night from Victoria and will today officially transfer the command of the British Columbia coast to his new officers, Captain Lorne Stewart, lieutenant A. Carrie and C. T. Partington.
The colonel is enthusiastic over the school system which, as announced in The Daily News of yesterday, are to be held in various parts of British Columbia, including Nelson, after the first of the year. He has been very keen to have established a system of this kind ever since he came to Victoria and is confident that the militia in British Columbia will now be placed well on their feet.
Heretofore the great trouble has been to get technically trained officers, as desirable men could not spare the time to complete a course of instruction in the militia. The new system works on the principle that if the men can not go to the school, the school will go to them. The colonel hopes that the itinerary will be repeated every two years.
Captain Stewart consulted the D. O. C. last night on the possibility of securing for the coast the use of the coast brigade. The colonel readily gave his consent. He believed it an admirable idea. The boys should be encouraged to make full use of the facilities offered by the drill hall. It would not only familiarize them with the use of the rifle, with which every Canadian should be proficient, but would interest them in the good of the militia.
Colonel Holmes leaves for Kaslo on Saturday where he will visit the local corps and discuss matters relative to the good of the militia.
On leaving the coast the colonel did not feel in the best of health but the Kootenay air has already an appreciable effect for good.

AMERICAN WOMEN

Sympathize Deeply With Their English Sisters and Express Indignation

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The National Woman Suffrage association, through its president Rev. Anna Howard Shaw, has sent a letter of protest to the officers of the national association to the officers of the women's political and social union of England, expressing "our cordial sympathy with your object; our sincere belief in your earnestness and sacrifice, and our indignation at the brutality with which you have been treated, and as well of the unworthy and cowardly manner in which you have been treated in parliament has been able to hinder the will of the majority from taking effect. Our hearts go out to you in your courageous and unselfish devotion to a great principle."

MONTREAL HOCKEY.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The Wanderers of Montreal defeated the New Glasgow, champions of the Stanley cup, at the Arena tonight by 11 goals to 2.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The Ontario legislature is called for January 24.

COAST VS. WINNIPEG

EXPERT OPINION ON FREIGHT RATE DISPUTE.

CONCLUSION FAVORS THE PACIFIC CITIES' CONTENTION.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—The secretary of the board of trade has received a lengthy opinion from J. Hardwell, traffic officer of the board of trade, and commissioner for Canada, on the subject of the Vancouver eastbound vs. the Winnipeg west bound freight rates. The whole subject is dealt with exhaustively. Perhaps the part most intelligible to the general public is that which contains a summary by Mr. Hardwell, which reads as follows:

I would advise: (a) That with regard to its freight rates the company's lines between Vancouver, B. C., and Calgary, Alberta, be placed on the relative position with respect to its line between Winnipeg and Calgary that existed immediately prior to the passage of the act most commonly known as the Crow's Nest Pass agreement.

(b) That the freight rates of the company's lines between Revelstoke, B. C., and Macleod, Alberta, bear the same relation to the rates of its line between Winnipeg and Calgary as do the rates of its line between Vancouver and Calgary aforesaid, having regard to the order of the board No. 1, dated Nov. 1906, in the matter of the application of the board of trade of Kaslo, B. C., that for this purpose the line between Yale, B. C., and Macleod, via Arrowhead, be treated as one section, and the maximum mileage via Calgary, wherever the distance via Calgary is less than the distance via Kootenay Landing.

(c) That commodity rates be established from Vancouver to Calgary and Macleod and intermediate points on the same articles as have been accorded commodity rates from Winnipeg, under the aforesaid Crow's Nest arrangement, and that such rates be calculated in accordance with clauses a and b.

(d) That to the points between Vancouver and Calgary and Macleod, on commodities, on rates be made lower than the rates from Winnipeg, and that the rates from Vancouver to the destination.

"I think this should cover the ground. Clause (d) ought to prevent such rates as have been cited to Nelson, for instance which are higher from Vancouver than from Winnipeg. For the Vancouver shipper will have the balance of the rates in his favor. For the Winnipeg shipper, who is not restricted to the very limited markets of British Columbia as geographically I look upon the very difficult task of the natural dividing line. The evidence submitted, however, is against it; yet if my views are approved the coast shippers will have much more favorable rates than heretofore."

"I am afraid I have not made all the points I have attempted as clear as should be the case. The matter is a very difficult subject to handle and has involved investigation and calculation to an unusual extent."

The Winnipeg board of trade has not had an opportunity to pass upon this report. The complaint of the boards of trade of the British Columbia coast cities was that the natural dividing line between the coast and the interior was the line between the Pacific coast cities and the interior, and that the preponderant mileage which this line would give the Winnipeg shipper would be an ample set-off for any fancied, or actual increase in the cost of operations of the mountain section over the prairie section; and it would seem that the report of the board of trade, though personally approved by Mr. Hardwell, had not been justified by the findings adduced and a middle course has been suggested.

THE POLITICAL POT

KAMLOOPS SENTINEL REVIEWS LOCAL SITUATION

JAMES MURPHY MAY NOT RUN IN CARIBOO

Commenting on the announcement of the dissolution of the legislature and the call for immediate elections, the Kamloops Sentinel says:

All over the province there are signs of increased activity in political circles, and by the end of 1906 there will be few constituencies that have not placed their candidates in the field. It is somewhat significant, indicative of a passing of the word among the faithful, that so many of the conservative nominating conventions are to be held on the 28th and 29th of this month.

In the Yale electoral district, ex-premier Semlin has made the nomination if he will take it but up to the present he has steadfastly refused to be again drawn into the field. And this is not to be wondered at. After having given thirty years of his life, the last five years in the service of the public and having enjoyed the highest honors offered by a political career, he is entitled to a period of rest in the decline of his life. But no rest in the decline of his life. To this end a move has been made to secure his appointment as president of the council, the portfolio of provincial secretary to be shifted to Premier McBride. Mr. McBride has been urged to make this change and now that the Old Man of the Mountain, the Hon. R. F. Green, the incubus of the McBride administration, has been kicked out of the cabinet, a redistribution of honors is rendered possible and a very necessary strengthening of the government made probable. Whether the move will be to induce Mr. Semlin to run has yet to be seen.

Falling him, in all probability the nomination will go to R. A. Fraser of Nicola. As the Yale convention is to be held at Ashcroft on Saturday next this matter will soon be definitely settled.

The liberals of the Yale district are not, however, losing any sleep over the doing

of the conservatives, and no matter who may be placed in the field against him, it is felt that Stuart Henderson, who will be the liberal candidate, will have no difficulty in winning out. This conclusion is arrived at after a very careful analysis of the voters' list and reports of active workers throughout the district.

In Lillooet district Mark Engstrom and Archie McDonald will probably contest the riding. Both men are well known and popular and in that district the personality of the candidate counts for more than political issues. Mr. Engstrom will have the support of the best men in the riding and will be a strong candidate. Dennis Murphy of Ashcroft would be the strongest liberal candidate that could be put in the field in either Lillooet or Cariboo; if he could be induced to re-enter politics, but this he absolutely declines to do. Harry Jones will once more be the liberal standard bearer in Cariboo, where he has gained in strength and his return is assured. His running mate is not yet announced but this will soon be done and an active campaign is looked for. It is stated that Chas. Wilson of Vancouver will be one of the conservative candidates in Cariboo. Jas. Murphy, one of the present sitting members for Cariboo, who ran in conjunction with Mr. Jones last election, has, it is understood, entered into professional arrangements that will prevent his running again for that constituency, though he may not desert him altogether from active politics elsewhere. His name is already mentioned as a probable candidate for Vancouver city, other names mentioned in the same connection being T. F. Neelands, Dr. McKechnie, Parrie, R. F. McInnes, Hugh Gilmour and W. B. McInnes. Price Edmondson will do a doughty attack on Dr. McDonald who is losing no time in the Okanagan district.

In our own district of Kamloops, the liberal candidate has been in the field for over a month and has not been idle. On Friday the local conservatives will meet in convention and place their man in the field. While in this district the fight will be a keen one, the record of the government will bring about the defeat of the conservative candidate. The political pot is now simmering, but after the holidays it will be boiling hot and the result of the culinary operations will be the cooking of the conservative goose.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR

JAMES BRYCE REFUSED PROFFERED FERRIERAGE

HE WILL GO TO WASHINGTON WITHOUT A TITLE

Aberdeen, Scotland, Dec. 27.—James Bryce who is to succeed Sir Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington, has refused a proffered title. In this communication Mr. Bryce says that the appointment will compel him to give up his seat for South Aberdeen. The treatment of Mr. Bryce causes genuine regret among his scholars. His scholarly qualities made him particularly qualified to represent the country which has the reputation of being the most intellectual in the United Kingdom.

Mr. Bryce is well known as the author of "The American Commonwealth," and is a believer in the efficacy of federalism as a means of holding together a number of loosely knit and almost sovereign states. His whole system of philosophy is based on the theory that local affairs can best be managed by local assemblies, keeping imperial affairs only for the central government.

Mr. Bryce, though 68, is physically fit for the task before him. His father was a famous Glasgow scholar and he himself grew to manhood there. He has always been a great traveller. At 21 he published a book on the "Fjords of Arnam," a very mountainous island in the Firth of Clyde. He has been an enthusiastic mountain climber all his life and for several years was president of the Alpine club.

Prof. Bryce is a man of varied talents. He is a noted author and a barrister of world-wide reputation. He held a chair at Oxford as regius professor of civil law from 1879 to 1888. He sat in the last Liberal cabinet as president of the board of trade. Mr. Bryce, it appears, has declined a peerage; at any rate, according to the Daily Telegraph, he will go to the United States as British ambassador without changing his name, and thus be the first untitled man to represent his country at Washington. "And," says the Chronicle, "Americans who know and honor him as James Bryce will esteem him all the more because he declined a title."

Most of the newspapers this morning print editorials on Mr. Bryce's departure from the cabinet and the necessary change in the ministry. The Standard urges that a much larger salary should be attached to the Washington embassy.

LEG WAS AMPUTATED

Strain was too Severe and Phoenix Miner Died

(Special to The Daily News)
Phoenix, Dec. 27.—Samuel Jones, a young miner, died on Christmas day at the hospital, not surviving an amputation of his right leg. About a week ago Jones was bruised by a car in the Granby mines, but it was not thought the injury was at all serious, though he was taken to the hospital and cared for. Gangrene setting in, it was found necessary to amputate his leg in an effort to save his life. This was done Monday, but he passed away a short time afterwards. Jones had been in camp about four or five months, having arrived here direct from Wales and having a number of friends here. Wm. Xolen Williams of Spokane being well acquainted with the man's family, when he learned on Dec. 18, he was very fearful of the result, though the physicians did not deem it very serious.

MINING RECORDS

(Special to The Daily News)
Pernie, Dec. 27.—Traffic on the C.P.R. here was delayed for a considerable time yesterday morning as the result of a broken axle on an east bound freight train near Coho. The local running between

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Crabbrook and Macleod was detained for nearly five hours.

G. G. S. Lindsey, K.C., left by the Great Northern express Tuesday night for Victoria, where his eldest son, who is attending school there, has been taken ill.

The large warehouse of the recently organized Western Canada Wholesale company is nearing completion and when finished will be the most up to date between Winnipeg and the coast. It is built of concrete blocks and is 50x200 feet and three stories high. This is the first wholesale house established in Fernie and is an indication of the growing importance of the town as a distributing center. The officers of the company are: President, R. W. Wood; vice-president, A. B. Tritter; manager and secretary, H. M. Fullerton.

SANDON HEADS BROKEN

SERIOUS ASSAULTS REPORTED, BUT NO ARRESTS.

INVESTIGATIONS SHOULD BE HELD, IF STORY IS TRUE

Strange tales are reaching the city from Sandon. If true, they indicate that the city officials are either careless of their duty or are not sufficiently secure in their positions to run up against certain persons who are accused of breaking the law and committing aggravated assault. It is categorically stated that on Sunday one man, a miner, had his head broken with a hammer, the hands of another man; and that the victim of the assault for several hours, if not days, hovered between life and death; yet no arrests were made nor was any movement set on foot to investigate the case and mete out justice where it belonged. No explanations of the cause of the assault are given; it may even be that the injured man was himself responsible; but whether he was or not, that is no reason why an investigation should have been taken place.

It is further averred that about a week ago another case of the same kind occurred—only the scene was not the same and the actors in the tragedy were different. It seems, too, that on this occasion, a chair, not a hammer, was used as the weapon. And yet, while the man whose head was broken was "lucked insensible, the police again took no action.

Sandon is a small place and its police force is necessarily limited in numbers and in power of enforcing its authority. If that police force is not able to cope with the situation, the provincial government should step in and the attorney general's department should see that law and order is maintained. That it has failed to do so is a reflection on its vigilance and an unfortunate thing for Sandon where, if such crimes are not quickly nipped in the bud, they may grow in violence until they develop into murder.

Of the merits of the case—the causes which provoked the crimes rected or their incidents—nothing is known here; it is merely stated that the crimes actually occurred and that they have not been followed by investigations. If this is so, some one is at fault.

FERNIE'S XMAS

(Special to The Daily News)

Fernie, Dec. 27.—Christmas day was fittingly observed here with all the customary honors. The Roman Catholic and Anglican churches held more than usually well attended services. The music at both churches was especially attractive and well rendered and the sacred offices were tastefully and artistically decorated for the occasion. The band of the Salvation army gave an open air concert and afterwards serenaded the residences of several prominent citizens, while glee clubs covered the homes of popular residents with Christmas carols. At many homes family unions were the order of the day and on every hand were evidences of merriment and good will.

AT THE THEATRE.

The Gipsy Girl was the attraction put on at the Theatre Royal last night, and was added to a very timely and pretty musical comedy by the introduction of a number of local hits which delighted the audience immensely. The staging and costumes were in full accord with the previous productions and the little tots appear to be growing in favor with local play goers from night to night.

For this evening "Dorothy" will be repeated and on Saturday "The Land of Boo Loo" will be presented.

At the mining recorder's office on Dec. 28, the following claims were recorded: J.D., located by Fred Drummond at Slocan Junction, adjoining the Copperwren; One Maximo, located by C. H. Laidlaw on the head of Forty-Nine creek.

MACDONALD'S STATEMENT

Liberal Leader Outlines His Campaign Plans

Policy Already Indicated by the Opposition Attitude in the House—Progress the Watchword

(Special to The Daily News)

Rossmore, Dec. 27.—In response to a request for an outline of the lines he would pursue in conducting his campaign against the McBride government, liberal leader J. A. Macdonald today made the following statement:

"Let me say in a few words now what I shall enlarge upon later. The government's policy is its record. That record spells high taxes; neglect of roads and trails; a monstrous school act; neglect to protect our forests; neglect to compile and furnish information about lands in aid of settlement; broken promises to deal with the railway situation after proclaiming necessity for action; back door methods of dealing with public assets; a barefaced attempt on the premier's part to make better terms a party issue and election cry in face of what took place in the house; subservience to a railway corporation evidenced by unsound attempts to give a million and a half in cash, and actual grant of 800,000 acres of public lands, and refusal to make it pay its taxes.

"Our policy is defined by our stand on the measures brought before the house, plus our aims regarding other measures which cannot be introduced by an opposition, but only by the government, which are: The creation of a department of labor and immigration, subjects too important to be left as at present without shape or provincial guidance, to be decided in the cabinet; the creation of a provincial secretary at the time, last provincial elections also came last night, and joining the local forces. With Mr. Goodere as K. Esling, editor in chief of the R. Rossmore publication, the which is now very naturally and stoutly opposing the government's policy. What transpired at last night's debate was not understood that the ex-minister's private affairs, which compel very sudden retirement from the McBride cabinet, will not be taken as an active part in the campaign—but not as a candidate.

In addition to the local Tories were in conference with Mr. Goodere, A. S. Goodere of Rossmore, who was defeated in the local election, and J. A. Macdonald, a provincial secretary at the time, last provincial elections also came last night, and joining the local forces. With Mr. Goodere as K. Esling, editor in chief of the R. Rossmore publication, the which is now very naturally and stoutly opposing the government's policy.

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CHILLIWACK CANDIDATE

CONSERVATIVES NOMINATE CAWLEY.

R. H. CAIRNS DID NOT CARRY CONVENTION.

At a conservative convention Oddfellows' hall at Chilliwack on Friday last, Mr. S. A. Cawley, a local man, was unanimously elected to lead the supporters of the government in the approaching elections.

When the convention came to twenty-one of the twenty-four from the three municipalities—riding, Chilliwack, Sumas and Fraser—were represented. When the delegates to the convention met an ante room to go forward to work of choosing a candidate for conservative interests. The two in the final ballot were those of A. Cawley, Chilliwack, and Mr. Atkinson, of Sumas, the latter being the incumbent. On the count moved, seconded by Mr. J. L. Atkinson, another gentleman whose name was prominently before the convention before the nomination was made. The motion was put and carried by a large majority. When the nomination was made the names had been nominated were those of Messrs Cairns and T. H. Jackson.

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