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## VINDICATES HIS RULE IN THE YUKON

### W. W. B. McInnes Proved That the Charge Made Against Him Was False—Reviewed the Facts.

(From Monday's Daily.)

An attempt of the Conservatives to deal what appeared to them to be a political death blow to W. W. B. McInnes in this present campaign has been completely met by the ex-governor of the Yukon and his friends who were not left entirely without warning that such was to take place. The plot against Mr. McInnes is an old one. Due notice that one was being hatched was given in the columns of the Times over two weeks ago in the strength of a Conservative who is contesting the election. Holding back until practically one week before election the Colonist sprung the alleged scandal only to have it met with the most frank explanation and the complete contradiction being given to the whole story.

Speaking at Vancouver on Saturday night, Mr. McInnes dealt with this question. The Times special correspondent reports his remarks on the question in the following account of the reception given the ex-governor: Amid a chorus of succeeding cheers which marked the high water mark of the present political campaign in this city, W. W. B. McInnes to-night at the Liberal rally completely refuted the charges brought against him in Saturday's issue of the Colonist.

He stated that while at Nanaimo recently he had received an anonymous letter stating that unless he desisted from his efforts to discredit the present provincial government there would be dealt him a blow which would sweep him from all hope of consideration at the hands of the electorate. "Whether this came from some male or female blackmailer or not I do not know," he said, "but I suppose the publication of the Colonist of the story that I had so conducted myself in the Yukon that a Liberal association had sent a petition to Ottawa asking for my removal, the favorable hearing of this plea by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, my resignation simply handed in to forestall a forced

never could have been sent by them. I do not stand here to-night to make this statement on my own account and without backing. In this hall is a gentleman associated with the organizations I shall name who can certify that the statements I am making represent the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

Then Mr. McInnes read a resolution of the Territorial Liberal Association adopted last November, reciting that it had come to his knowledge that a petition asking for the removal of Commissioner McInnes had been sent under its name to Ottawa. It recited that such document had never been authorized by the body, and regretted sincerely that its good name had been used in such an unwarranted manner. It utterly repudiated the communication, and expressed the utmost confidence in Mr. McInnes and his rule in the Yukon.

Following this was read the resolutions of the Yukon Liberal Association adopted at a meeting held November 10th, 1906. This stated that at the close of his second year of government the association desired to express the opinion that Mr. McInnes had conducted his rule in a conscientious and business-like manner, so that the confidence of the people of the Territory had been won completely. Copies of this resolution were ordered sent to Ottawa.

As further unsolicited approval of his rule, Mr. McInnes read a lengthy editorial in the Daily Alaskan of Skagway of January 6th, in which his regime was applauded without stint as promoting the best interests of his district. Finally, amid deafening cheers, Mr. McInnes read an autograph letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent at the time his resignation was before the government. This was in part as follows: "I desire to convey to you the sincere appreciation which the government feels at the manner in which you have discharged your duties in the important position which had been entrusted to you."

"If these are not enough to certify



NOT LOST, BUT GONE BEFORE.

The Premier—Alas, poor Bob! He was my soul's Jonathan, Captain. The Captain—Be resigned, Dick. He cannot come to us, but we will follow him—on the 2nd.

## J. A. MACDONALD AT GREENWOOD LIBERAL LEADER AND THE SOCIALISTS

### G. N. Naden is Making a Good Race for Election—Very Popular in His Home Town.

Nelson, Jan. 28.—The Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, completed a triumphant tour of the Boundary country with a meeting at Greenwood on Saturday night, at which he made one of the most notable and most effective speeches of his campaign. A gang of noisy Socialists made an effort to capture the meeting, and made matters somewhat uncomfortable for all the speakers except Mr. Macdonald, who effectively tamed them in a few sentences.

G. N. Naden, the Liberal candidate, is very popular and his splendid record as mayor of Greenwood for three years practically assures his election. He made many votes by his uncompromising speech on Saturday, and Mr. Macdonald's magnificent effort also met with instant recognition. Greenwood is the safest Liberal seat in the Boundary, and will elect Mr. Naden with plenty to spare.

Mr. Gregory, in Grand Forks, is gaining strength every day, and although he has a big Socialist vote at Phoenix to overcome, is absolutely confident of success.

Mr. Macdonald speaks at Kaslo to-night, New Denver on Tuesday night, and then he goes home to Rossland.

**LORD STRATHCONA**  
Did Not Discuss Question of Retiring During His Visit to the Capital.  
Montreal, Jan. 28.—Lord Strathcona left last night for New York, whence he sails to-day for Liverpool. His Lordship seemed in good health and spirits as he said farewell to a group of friends.

It is now known that the question of Lord Strathcona's retiring was not discussed by him with the Premier, as it is generally conceded that the day of his withdrawing from public life will be retarded as long as possible.

It is understood that His Lordship will pay a return visit to Canada in the spring.

a political contest under the Liberal colors for any constituency in the Dominion.

## PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Mill Destroyed by Fire—Nine Persons Roasted to Death.  
Hanover, N. H., Jan. 28.—Work in the ruins reveals the fact that at least nine mill workers were roasted to death, a dozen more were maimed for life and scores of others were imperilled in the \$200,000 fire which destroyed mill No. 1 of the Cocheo Manufacturing Company to-day.

Exactly how many lost their lives in the flames and amid the frightful panic which seized the 500 men, women and children, as the mill quickly burned, will possibly never be known.

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## YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB SMOKER ON FRIDAY IN WATSON'S THEATRE

### An Enjoyable Time is Anticipated—Local Candidates and W. W. B. McInnes to Speak.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
The Young Liberal Club has arranged for a grand smoker to be held on Friday evening, the night before election. The Watson theatre, formerly the Philharmonic hall, has been taken for the occasion, and with good speeches, good songs and good cigars, an enjoyable evening will be spent. The Young Liberals have earned an enviable reputation in the matter of smokers, and on this occasion the eyes of another victory the entertainment will be quite up to what the club has promoted in other years.

W. W. B. McInnes will be in attendance and will deliver a stirring address. The Liberal candidates for the city and others will also give short addresses.

This evening the Liberal candidates will address the electors of the North Ward at a meeting to be held in the school house. In addition to the candidates it is expected that some other speakers will also deliver addresses.

The local Liberal Association will meet this evening in the committee rooms.

**LIBERAL PROSPECTS GOOD IN GOLDEN**  
A private letter received in Victoria from Golden says that not only will W. C. Wells be elected for Columbia, but that his Conservative opponent G. H. Parson will have difficulty in saving his deposit. Mr. Wells is very popular in the constituency and the Conservatives nominated a candidate only for the effect it would have in the province.

**MAY BE DISQUALIFIED.**  
Dr. E. Hall on Voters' Lists in Vancouver and Victoria.  
Vancouver, Jan. 28.—Dr. Ernest Hall, one of the Labor candidates in Victoria, is on the voters' list here, as well as at the Capital. This disqualifies him as an elector, and in the opinion of legal authorities here also disqualifies him as a candidate.

## THE REASON WHY GREEN RESIGNED

### Premier McBride Gives a Frank Explanation of the Affair—Secret Out at Last.

Greenwood, Jan. 24.—At last the silence has been broken. At last a waiting province has received direct from the premier himself a full and complete explanation of the reasons for the resignation of Robert F. Green from the cabinet at Victoria—a resignation fraught with such portentous results to the government to which he was an ornament if not an honor. Not for Victoria was this honor, the honor of receiving the confidence of Premier McBride, not for Vancouver, nor yet for Nelson nor Rossland nor any other of the leading cities of the province. And this despite the fact that a dozen times he had been challenged at his meetings to give the explanation which he reserved for the electors of Similkameen, and for the great metropolis, Rock Creek.

Now that the premier has delivered himself of the dire and dark secret there can hardly be any further quarrel with him on this score. His statement is so clear, so limpid, so lucid, the language he used conveys so thoroughly the idea he wishes to express, the reason he gives is so entirely understandable and so thoroughly satisfactory that it should be accepted without reserve as the last word on the question. Although the premier undoubtedly realizes the truth of the old saying, "better never than late," his tardy statement should be accepted in all kindness and fairness. It is to be presumed that not until he had arrived at Rock Creek had he received from the redoubtable Robert permission to at last reveal the frightful secret.

It was at a meeting held in the interests of Shatford, Conservative candidate in Similkameen, Mr. G. R. Naden, Liberal candidate in Greenwood, attended the meeting, and at the close of his speech challenged and dared McBride to give the real reason for Green's resignation. Amid the wild

cheers of Conservatives who did not hesitate to point the finger at Naden, the doughty Dick, of Dewdney, divested himself of the following:

"Mr. Chairman, I will now answer Mr. Naden's question as to why Hon. Robert F. Green resigned from the chief commission of lands and works. Ladies and gentlemen, I have just returned from a tour of the Kootenays and from Mr. Green's former constituency. I find that all the old prospectors in the country think that Bob Green is the best friend they have ever had. I find that all the merchants and business people generally find in him a friend and respect him accordingly. I declare to you that Bob Green was the best chief commissioner of lands and works that British Columbia has ever seen, and the best answer to the question as to why he resigned is that if he should run again in his old constituency he would be returned by an overwhelming majority."

What does it matter that Mr. Naden still wants to know why Bob Green resigned?

**NOT ANXIOUS TO MAKE EXPLANATIONS**

Nelson, Jan. 28.—The Nelson News to-morrow will say: "R. F. Green and Neil MacKay came here last night. Mr. Green was charged by the News with accepting \$37,000 in shares in the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate by its head, Sir Adolphe Caron, and explaining that shares were accepted by Mr. MacKay."

"Mr. Green refused to avail himself of our offer of our columns for his justification. Mr. MacKay also refused a similar offer to explain why he took the shares, and whether he still had them."

"This means Green's finish is a public man, and the defeat in Kaslo of Mr. MacKay."



DR. KING, Liberal Candidate in Cranbrook.

removal from office, is the bomb. If it is I am not in the least afraid of such an agency, for the story from beginning to end is nothing but a fabrication which can be easily disposed of.

"When I went to the Yukon I found some parties enjoying privileges there which seemed to me to be beyond their right and just position. I took such action as I deemed wise, and thus took them by the neck. The result was that they became sore and sought to work harm to my name. Two of these men I might mention particularly, and the name of one would be well known to a large number of this audience. As a result of their disgruntled feelings they formulated a petition asking the Ottawa government for my removal. This was sent not in the individual name, but with the alleged endorse-

ment and approval of the Liberal Association.

"Immediately upon the receipt of the petition it was returned to me by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Thunderstruck at the stand it represented I sought the Liberal leaders and asked what it all meant. Imagine my feelings when I was informed that the petition had never been adopted or endorsed by the association. And I have here the documents to show that such a document to the justice of and satisfaction with my rule in the Yukon," continued Mr. McInnes, "I call upon my memory to make me live over again the memorable banquet tendered me before I left the district, an occasion I can never forget and which was a source of honest pride to me. In the face of these facts I have no hesitancy in entering

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C. W. MUNRO, Liberal Candidate in Chilliwack.

## SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS. Unless Ministry Can Be Reformed Conservatives Will Be Called Into Power.

Madrid, Jan. 28.—King Alfonso is understood to have decided that unless the Marquis de Armiño is able to reform the cabinet, which resigned yesterday, he will call the Conservatives to power.

**Satisfaction at Vatican.**  
Rome, Jan. 28.—The fall of the Spanish cabinet caused satisfaction at the Vatican, where it is considered that the return to power of the Conservatives will mean the abandonment of the anti-clerical government in Spain.

## GUNBOAT WRECKED.

Tangier, Jan. 28.—It was announced to-day that the Moroccan gunboat Sidi El Turki, which ran ashore during a recent storm near here, will probably prove a total loss. The crew were saved.

## SWEETENHAM THANKS CANADA FOR AID

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The Dominion government has received a cablegram from the governor of Jamaica thanking Canada for its contribution and stating that no aid is required except for rebuilding. The Dominion is replying that the balance of the money voted will be sent for building material instead.

## CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 28.—Two children, John Machak, three years old, and Mary Machak, five years old, were suffocated during a fire last night as they lay in bed while their mother was shopping.

IMMENSE WASTE IN TIMBER LANDS

R. L. Drury Scored Government's Criminal Negligence--Joint Meeting at Oak Bay Schoolhouse.

(From Friday's Daily.) The combination meeting of the electors of Saanich and the city, held at Oak Bay schoolhouse last evening, was a good one.

Shortly after eight the meeting was called to order, and J. Macdonald nominated chairman. He first called on R. L. Drury.

R. L. DRURY. Mr. Drury, in beginning his address, stated that he would avoid the beaten ground and would refer to a subject which, while it had not been given much attention during the present campaign, was, in his opinion, one of the most important issues, and fraught with the most momentous gravity to the province of the subject connected with provincial affairs.

He referred to that question to which J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader, has devoted the third plank in his brief platform, telegraphed to the Times. This was the question of adequate protection of forests.

Not a Party Question. The question should never have been a party question. Fought as it was with more real concern to the present and future welfare of the province than perhaps any other issue, Liberals and Conservatives should have united upon it.

Some Illustrations. Mr. Drury referred to the records of the lands and works department. It was only when the McBride government had positively refused to take any action in the matter, that Mr. Macdonald had made it a plank in his platform.

Premier McBride could have done no greater service to the country than in inaugurating an efficient system of inspection for this, the greatest tangible asset of the province. The speaker had given the subject special attention, and had collected much reliable data upon the subject which he had privately given the minister of lands and works. He had not made capital of the matter on the floor of the House, but had privately drawn the attention of the minister to it.

At the recent forestry convention he had heard it stated without contradiction that there was more timber destroyed by fire in British Columbia than cut by mills. The data furnished the minister referred only to Vancouver Island, and had been given in tabulated form. It dealt with the location of the areas, their extent and the value of the timber annually destroyed by fire. The latter amounted to over \$500,000 a year. The province has lost as much revenue alone from the prospective royalties on this destroyed timber more than enough to pay for the protection of the timber.

As he had stated, the minister refused to act. He stated that the province had already a statute forbidding setting fire to timber. When later the speaker had brought up the question on the floor of the House and had said "I have the minister include a substantial sum in his estimates for providing fire rangers, the minister had stated that the province could not do it.

In Ontario they have an adequate system of forest rangers. In our own 40-mile timber belt, the Dominion government has rangers throughout the summer. There is scarcely any loss there during that time.

"I pointed this out to the government, yet was constantly refused," said Mr. Drury. "The government showed the most callous indifference on this question. They cannot say they were not warned. They were. Usually prolific



HE HATH NOT "PROVED" IT. McBride: "As a forger of weapons, Tatty, you are 'the worst ever.' That weapon of Macdonald's will hack this to pieces."

spite the fact that the ballot was a poor one and was responsible in his make up for many being spoiled. The famous Fernie election case hinged upon this, and the speaker sketched the history of that cause celebre.

Mr. McEwen, Liberal member for Victoria, introduced a new form of ballot. The attorney-general had better terms not printed. Mr. McEwen had a plate made and proved conclusively that it was possible. Sample copies of the ballot were distributed, and the result was the new device for which the country could thank Mr. McEwen, was adopted.

In concluding Mr. Drury referred to John Piercy, the Liberal candidate in Saanich, and congratulated the Liberals of Saanich upon their future representative.

JOHN PIERCY. The next speaker was John Piercy, the candidate for Saanich. He assured his hearers that if elected he would give them no reason to be ashamed of him. He had large interests in Saanich, and his interest in the province elected he would do his best to further the interests of the constituency and the province at large. He had no axe to grind. His business was successful, and if elected he would go to the House unhampered by any interests other than those of the community at large. Mr. Eberts is making a mistake, but promises to the people at large. He himself was not making promises. He said "If you elect me I will go into the matter carefully, and I consider the most advisable in the interests of the community at large. I will support it."

"In another portion of my constituency in Saanich the people are unanimous in saying they do not want a lawyer, but one of themselves to represent them," he said. He was convinced the feeling here was the same. His action would be more to the effect than his words were, when he was elected, as he was confident he would be.

RICHARD HALL. The next speaker was Mr. Hall. In opening, he paid a tribute to Mr. Piercy, who was the representative of the people of Saanich required. He was one of themselves and he knew what they required. The country had not been deceived by the Conservatives' statement that they had brought prosperity to the country. The Liberal government of Ottawa was responsible for this prosperity, and the people were well aware of this. He was sure that they had returned recently several Liberal members to Ottawa.

There was about to be a landslide on the mainland. The Liberals would win in Saanich, Similkameen, Ymir, New Westminster, and in many other places. People ask, what was the cause of this change, in view of the fact that the country is prosperous. He denied the Conservative statement that the McBride government had contributed to this. The government had borrowed \$1,000,000, yet they had not even kept the province's public works in repair. They were saving the money in order to show a big surplus.

They, on coming into power, had said the province was bankrupt. They got settled, gave way to the bankers, and paid 5 per cent. for money when Victoria and other municipalities were getting it for 4 per cent. or 4 per cent. The present government was like a man starting out to trade with a herd of cattle and come back with a bag of potatoes.

Better Terms. Take the question of "one fight for better terms." Whom were they fighting? Not Sir Wilfrid Laurier assuredly, for he conceded the province's right to better terms. Mr. Hall reviewed the series of events which had taken place at Ottawa. He deduced from the Premier's attitude that he had gone to Ottawa not to seek better terms, but an election cry. It had been stated that the province paid \$20,000,000 into the Dominion treasury and received in return not a tithe of that. They forgot the fact that to-day there are larger sums devoted to public works in British Columbia by the Dominion government than ever before. In connection with the building of the Grand Trunk Pacific there will be more than \$20,000,000 spent in this province. The Premier had stood against at the additional expenditure the coming of the railway and the opening up of new lands would entail upon the province. He himself thought it meant a possible gain in revenue. Take the increase in the sale of lands, the taxation immediately accruing on the lands alienated and the revenue from the mining and timber lands opened up. He concluded by expressing his confidence that the Liberal party would be returned.

J. D. McNIVEN. Mr. McEwen was the next speaker. He was sure Mr. Piercy was the right man to represent the constituency. He referred to Mr. Eberts' connection with the Columbia & Western Land scandal. He was sure the election would not be Mr. Eberts so deep he would not recover for some time. Mr. McBride's record would not stand much looking into. Mr. McBride would promise anything. Parliament was a different thing. With him he had associated men who had done wrong. He referred to the administration of the department of lands and works and to Mr. Green's resignation, and asked if it did not appear as if there was something

ANOTHER TYPICAL TORY ROORBACK

The Colonist this morning charges that resolutions had been passed in Dawson by the Yukon Territorial Liberal Association and the Young Men's Liberal Club demanding that Sir Wilfrid Laurier recall Mr. McInnes, that Sir Wilfrid had promised an investigation and that the return of Mr. McInnes to Ottawa was the result.

Mr. McInnes wires the Times from Vancouver to-day: Have not seen Colonist story. It probably refers to a document sent to Ottawa by two disgruntled reprobates whom my business administration did not please. The Liberal Associations of Dawson as soon as made aware of the personal attack repudiated the same and expressed the highest confidence in me and took steps to expel the authors. I will deal with the matter at the public meeting here to-night.

W. W. B. McINNES. A special dispatch to the Times from Ottawa to-day says: Last July two men forwarded to the premier, in the name of the Yukon Liberal Association, complaints against the administration of Commissioner McInnes. This was promptly repudiated by the association, who sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier a resolution to that effect, unanimously passed by them. The resolution was that "McInnes has during his tenure of office endeavored to conscientiously and to the best of his ability conduct the affairs of the territory in an honest and business-like manner, and that it is the opinion of this association that Mr. McInnes has created new confidence of the people in the administration of affairs, and he has in this regard taken the people of the territory into his confidence in a manner quite new to the administration of affairs in this territory."

Commissioner McInnes' administration of the Yukon has won for him golden opinions at Ottawa. FRUIT GROWERS. Annual Meeting of Association at Nelson--Election of Officers. At the annual general meeting of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association at Nelson there was a large attendance of delegates from the Coast and outside points. The reports presented show the association to be in excellent shape, financially and otherwise, and much good work will be accomplished this season. In addition to the reading of several important papers on fruit growing subjects, much routine business was transacted. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, James Johnston; vice-presidents, J. Ritchie, J. C. McCaliffe and T. A. Brydon; secretary, R. W. Brandt; executive, R. M. Palmer, J. Johnstone, S. Bartholomew, H. Kipp, W. J. Brandt.

It was resolved that the April quarterly meeting at Kaslo, and the October meeting at New Westminster. Their attempts are too dishonest on the face of them to do much harm except to themselves. As a sample of the stories being industriously circulated by Price Eilison and Premier McBride by back door methods is one that the Liberals are pledged to create separate schools.

Premier McBride has been called back to Okanagan in a vain endeavor to save the day and offset the grand work of J. A. Macdonald, the Liberal leader. Duncan Ross met the premier and was very tame seemingly realizing that the defeat of his government was certain. However, he made a dogged fight like a man determined to die. He completely changed his ground on several matters given at his last meeting here. He did not deny that the C. P. R. owes several hundred thousand dollars in taxes, but said he had not had time to look fully into the question, but would do so. This caused a very loud smile. He dared not deny the charge that he had endeavored to give the C. P. R. sixteen hundred thousand dollars for the Nicola road, and he did not this time have a word of praise for poor Green. His bitter terms as a case against the Ottawa government was a complete failure.

The Liberal candidate in spite of the fact that a most corrupt and unscrupulous fight is being put up against him will capture Okanagan with a handsome majority. Mr. McBride speaks in Vernon to-night. Canadian-Australian liner Moana has left Vancouver for Union to take on bunker coal. She is not expected back until the beginning of next week, when she will discharge 60 tons of raw sugar which she brought from Fiji on her last voyage.

LABOR CONFERENCE OPPOSES SOCIALISM. Belfast, Jan. 25.—The labor conference has overwhelmingly rejected the proposal to transform the party into an avowed Socialistic organization. The opponents' proposition declared that it would create irreparable demoralization, as the trade unionists were opposed to pledging themselves to Socialism. CONCERT AT DUNCANS. Choir of St. Andrew's Spent Enjoyable Evening and Were Entertained at Supper. The concert given at Duncans last Wednesday by the choir of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was an unqualified success. The opera house was well filled and every number was received in a manner most gratifying to the artists taking part.

Among the numbers receiving the most enthusiastic applause were Mrs. Stanciland's solo, a vocal duet by Mrs. Stanciland and Miss Bishop, a violin solo by Miss Brooker, a violin duet by Miss Brooker and Miss Greenhalgh, a vocal solo by Mr. Richardson, and Mr. Taylor's imitable Scotch songs. After the concert the choir and orchestra enjoyed a supper at the hotel during which Mr. Stanciland, on behalf of the choir, extended to Mr. Longfield their hearty appreciation of the work he has done in arranging and directing the series of concerts given by the choir during the winter. Mr. Longfield replied in a few well chosen words, thereby ending a most enjoyable evening.

A special meeting of the Liberal district committees will be held at the central committee rooms this evening. Stockholm, Christiania, Berlin and London are the most healthy of European capitals.

THE MURDER OF MERCHANT. Mah Who Shot W. J. Whitley Identified as Horace George Rayner. London, Jan. 25.—The police have identified the murderer of William Whitley, the aged merchant, who was shot yesterday, as Horace George Rayner. He is supposed to have been a schoolmaster, but recently was unemployed and lived in a cheap hotel at Bloomsbury. He told the proprietor of the place that he was the son of a wealthy London business man hailing from Yorkshire, from which part of the country the late Mr. Whitley came. The doctor believes he will recover. The motive for the crime is still a mystery.

THE IRON BOUNTIES. Question Was Discussed at Government Caucus To-day. Ottawa, Jan. 25.—There was a government caucus to-day when the bounties on iron were discussed. The position taken by some of the members from Ontario, who brought the matter up, was that no effort was being made to develop Canada's iron. Just what was best to be done under the circumstances was a question for the government to work out. There should, in their opinion, be more encouragement for Canadian ore. At present there was no development. The present bounties and the tariff did not seem to meet the difficulty. Some representatives of agricultural constituencies call out against the bounties. There is not likely to be any change from that already presented to parliament.

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Canada's Trade STILL GROWING RETURNS FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS Increase of Over Forty-Three Million Dollars Compared with Same Time in 1905.

Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Canada's aggregate trade for the six months ending with December was \$43,051,716 greater than for the same time in 1905. There was an increase in imports of over thirty millions, and in exports of over twelve millions. There was an increase of over seven millions in forest wealth and a decline in fisheries of over two millions. There was a decline in agriculture and an increase in animals and their produce. Manufactures increased about \$400,000.

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Table with columns: Constituency, Liberal, Conservative, Independent. Lists candidates for various constituencies including Alberni, Atlin, Cariboo, Columbia, Cowichan, Comox, Cranbrook, Delta, Esquimalt, Fernie, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Kamloops, Lillooet, Nanaimo, Newcastle, New Westminster, Okanagan, Revelstoke, Richmond, Saanich, Similkameen, Skeena, Vancouver, Victoria, and Yale.

# ELECTORS, READ WHAT GREEN AND HIS COLLEAGUES SAY ABOUT THE CARON-GREEN GRAB.

## Which of Them is Telling the Truth?—All of Them Can't Be—To Get at the Facts Turn Them All Out on February 2nd.

### THE TIMES' STORY OF THE SCANDAL.

#### THE TIMES' STATEMENT, JAN. 22.

After many days the members of the government are at last being forced to make statements respecting the Caron-Green coal lands scandal.

On Tuesday the charge was made in the Times of gross irregularities by which R. F. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works in the McBride government, had accepted stock as a gift from Sir Adolphe Caron representing the Trans-Continental Exploration Syndicate, which sought and obtained coal land leases along the line of the prospective route of the G. T. P. from the department. The leases were at first refused, the negotiations dating back to 1905.

Sir Adolphe then wrote to Mr. Green making an offer of free stock in the syndicate and suggesting that a friend's name be submitted to whom this stock could be issued.

Mr. Green had promptly forwarded his thanks to Sir Adolphe and named as the one in whose name the stock should issue, Neil Mackay, then Premier McBride's private secretary, later deputy chief commissioner of lands and works and now Conservative candidate nominated by Mr. Green for Kaslo. The stock was valued at \$21,000.

A difference later arose, and Sir Adolphe had to employ two lawyers in Vancouver to press his claims. In doing so the correspondence connected with this scandalous proceeding was brought before the McBride government at which all the members were present except Hon. F. J. Fulton. Mr. Green when confronted with photographs of the correspondence between himself and Sir Adolphe was dumfounded.

He, however, must have settled matters with him colleagues for he sat from May to December with them, and only two days before the election was announced, did the retirement of Mr. Green take place on the ultimatum of the Vancouver Conservatives, who knew the details of the scandal.

G. Crippage of the lands and works department, whose name has also been brought into the transaction although he denies that he had any connection with the syndicate, said that leases were issued to individuals for the Transportation Exploration Syndicate and that the company not being duly registered in this province was refused one lease. In view of the facts it is interesting to compare the statements of the various ministers. The denial of the premier at first and his subsequent contradictory admission is in keeping with the reference to him by Premier Whitney, who said he was neither "candid nor sincere."

### GREEN SAYS HE GAVE IT TO M'KAY.

#### MR. GREEN'S STATEMENT.

In a dispatch from Arrowhead, dated January 25th, Mr. Green says: "I arrived to-day from Trout Lake and for the first time saw copies of the Vancouver World containing charges, which I do not now hold, nor have I ever held, any stock in the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate, either by myself or through any other person; and MacKay does not hold, nor has he ever held, any stock in trust for me, or upon any understanding, direct or indirect, whereby I was to derive any benefit therefrom."

"I was never, charged by any solicitor before the executive with having been bribed by Sir A. P. Caron, or anyone else, to issue any coal licenses to the said syndicate, or to said Caron or his associates, as the records of the lands and works department will show."

"No license or leases covering lands in the Pine River district have ever been granted to the syndicate, or to Caron or anyone else. Caron and his associates applied for such licenses, but their application was refused, on the ground that the government would not deal with lands in that district until the Dominion government has completed its selection of 2,000,000 acres granted to it by the Settlement Act. No promise, direct or indirect, that such licenses would be granted was ever made to them, and no licenses have ever been granted, though they were repeatedly applied for. Their applications were dealt with in exactly the same manner as were all applications made by others for licenses over lands in that district. All were refused."

"Prior to making the above applications, Caron and his associates applied for, as far as I can remember, about half a dozen licenses over lands in Pelous valley. These lands were open to location, the requirements of the act were complied with, and licenses were granted to them as well as to other parties over lands in that valley. These licenses were issued in strict accordance with the act."

"I state most emphatically that no favors or concessions of any kind were ever granted by the government or myself, or the lands and works department, to Caron or his associates or the syndicate. They only received what they were entitled to receive, and all licenses to which they were not entitled were refused in the same way as to others."

"I received the letter, I showed it to him, saying I did not want the stock, and that if he cared to take it he could have it, remarking that while I did not consider it of much value, it possibly might be worth something to him some day. He signified his willingness to take the stock, and I notified Caron to issue it to him."

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### PREMIER ADMITS THAT GREEN TOOK STOCK.

#### M'BRIDE AT VERNON, JAN. 25.

Premier McBride admits that Mr. Green took stock from Sir Adolphe Caron, but says he did it as a personal friend. In reply to an urgent telegram sent him by the Vancouver Province, which was signed at the enormity of the charges against the government which it now supports, Mr. McBride wired from Vernon to-night: "Any property acquired by Sir Adolphe Caron or associates has been disposed of strictly in accordance with laws, though correspondence showed that McKay, as a personal friend, accepted stock from Caron when the company was being formed."

"After the licences in the Telqua valley were granted, and before the applications for licences in the Pine River district were before the department, Caron, whom I know very well, wrote me, saying he desired to take a few shares of stock in a company to be organized. I did not wish any of the stock. Mr. McKay, then secretary to the premier, was in my office when I received the letter. I showed it to him, saying I did not want the stock, and that if he cared to take it he could have it, remarking that while I did not consider it of much value, it possibly might be worth something to him some day. He signified his willingness to take the stock, and I notified Caron to issue it to him."

### M'BRIDE SAYS "NOT A WORD OF TRUTH IN IT."

#### M'BRIDE AT VERNON, JAN. 24.

Premier McBride at a public meeting at Vernon again denied there had been any coal licenses issued as charged in the World. Dr. McDonald, the Liberal candidate, had been speaking about half an hour when someone laughingly called out: "Why don't you talk of the World's coal licenses?" The doctor replied that perhaps he would. He then said that last night at Armstrong the premier had given his word of honor that the story was false; that not one license had been issued to any one as charged by the World.

He thought the premier's word might be accepted on that point, yet he had received a dispatch from the coast saying that it was acknowledged by the lands and works department that the licenses to Caron et al had been issued.

"This created a sensation. When the premier rose to make his address he said no licenses had been issued. There then was not a word of truth in the World story. It was a campaign lie. He courted the fullest inquiry into the matter. Hon. Mr. Green, while chief commis-

sioner, had done nothing that was not honorable and in the interest of the province. Strange to say the premier's very strong denial did not carry much conviction.

### COTTON SAYS: "WELL, GREEN HAS LEFT."

#### CARTER COTTON AT VERNON, JANUARY 25.

Mr. F. Carter Cotton when approached by a News representative with regard to the admission of Premier McBride that Mr. Green had accepted from Caron shares in the Exploration Syndicate, but that it was a purely personal transaction, retired behind the massive bulwark of his oath of office and again refused to discuss affairs in detail.

"I have not yet read the dispatch in which Premier McBride is said to have admitted that Green received those shares. You must, however, remember that Green is no longer a member of the government, and this matter should not be taken as reflecting on the present government. Rather should it reflect credit on us that he is no longer with us."

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### TATLOW SAYS: "PERHAPS GREEN DID WRONG."

#### TATLOW AT VICTORIA, JAN. 25.

"A nasty charge has been made against my late colleague, Mr. Green, and I am going to tell all I know about that affair."

"A company applied for a number of coal mining licenses for lands which anyone could have got. Having obtained the licenses, the chairman of that company wrote out to Mr. Green and offered to place a few shares in his name. Mr. Green volunteered to take the shares, and did so. Mr. Green is not now a member of the government. Perhaps Mr. Green did wrong."

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## GREAT TRIBUTE TO MACDONALD

### Liberal Leader's Tour on the Mainland Has Proved Most Successful—His Success Never Questioned.

The outstanding feature of the whole campaign in the Boundary and Upper Country is the great reception given Liberal leader Macdonald wherever he appears. Even Conservatives admit that his meetings have invariably been better attended than those of Premier McBride and Mr. Bowser, and in all there has been a most notable marked personal feeling toward the future premier. All his meetings, Rossland, Phoenix, Grand Forks, have taxed the large halls to the utmost, and in all the leader has created a most marked impression.

He carries everywhere the reputation of absolute integrity, and no statement he has made on the platform in the whole campaign has ever yet been questioned. He has been fiercely attacked by the Socialists, but has invariably triumphed through his straightforward statement of his actions in the House and his intentions when in power.

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### BRINGING COAL FROM JAPAN.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 25.—Several cargoes of coal shipped from Japan will be received within the next week to help relieve the fuel famine.

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The north bound passenger train at noon Wednesday had an accident just below the South Nanaimo station that might have proved much more serious than it did, says the Nanaimo Free Press.

While steaming up the grade at between 25 and 30 miles an hour, the left driving shaft snapped, and with the speed of the engine, leaped about in a dangerous manner, breaking in the flooring of the cab. A bolt in the right shaft broke also, and how the engine kept on the rails as the result of the damages that resulted, is surprising.

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(TITLE PAGE—BY HIMSELF.)

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## TORY TREATMENT OF LABOR PARTY

### Solid Four Reviewed Dealings of McBride Government as They Affected the Workingman.

The Liberal meeting at Cramer's hall on Friday proved an important one from a labor standpoint. Mr. Greenwood's questions put to J. D. McNiven afforded the latter an opportunity to give a very interesting piece of information relative to the measure for fortnightly payments to workmen.

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"The history of politics had been the borrowing of money from time to time. The Liberal party believed that the natural resources of the province should be utilized to relieve the taxation."

J. D. M'NIVEN.

J. D. McNiven had no doubt that the good sense of the electors of Victoria would result in the election of the Liberal candidates in the city.

Mr. Bolden, according to the Colonist, had given some attention to the speaker, and he proposed to deal with what Mr. Bolden said. The records of the House showed that more Liberals had supported the labor measures introduced than had the Conservatives. Mr. McNiven said that he defied any fair-minded man to say that he had not done more than any other man on any of the tickets running in the city. He had the confidence of the labor men in the city. He defied Mr. Bolden or any one else to point to a single word he had said in the House or any vote he had cast which was detrimental to the cause of labor. His colleagues also had backed him in all he did.

Mr. McNiven said that he could not go to the extremes that the Socialists did. He had endeavored to aid in shaping legislation brought in even by them into workable shape. Mr. Bolden, he felt, must have known that he was incorrect in the statements he made.

The record of the Liberal party, both in the Dominion and in the provincial, had always shown their readiness to aid the workingmen. The greatest part of legislation favorable to labor had emanated from the Liberal party. J. A. Macdonald, with the endorsement of the labor vote of Rossland, had promised the establishment of a bureau of labor and immigration. This would be a wise thing to do, and it would be a wise thing to have the means at hand to settle these.

There had been a great deal of talk about the labor legislation in the province. The McBride government had done little along this line. Bills which were not approved of were sidetracked until the end of the session, and thus killed. Premier McBride had had his attention called to the need of a factory restriction law, and yet had not introduced any bill to cover it, although it is needed.

Mr. Johnson was a labor man who had worked faithfully for labor, but Mr. McNiven said that he was working for the government.

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VENALITY ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF.

The defence of Chief Commissioner Green for accepting \$37,000 worth of shares of the stock of a land speculating syndicate which was seeking favors from the government has now been fully disclosed. It is a rather rambling and very contradictory defence, but it must be accepted, we suppose, as the best the defenders of the minister have to offer. The first inclination of the ministerial partners of Mr. Green and of the organs was to deny that there was any truth whatever in the allegations that the late Chief Commissioner had been offered or had accepted any consideration whatever. But now that Mr. Green, doubtless impelled by the knowledge that there is in existence and available correspondence of a most compromising character, has admitted over his own signature that the shares were received and accepted by him, there was of course nothing left for them to do but to admit that the shares had passed and to place the matter in the most favorable light possible before a shocked community. Consequently it is asserted that while Mr. Green may have been indiscreet, his character is so firmly established by his record as an administrator that the idea of his being influenced by such a paltry bribe is so ridiculous as to be unworthy of a moment's consideration.

If Mr. Green had been a man of reasonable, not to say high, conception of his duties to the public and to himself, what should have been his first action as soon as he received that gift, not matter what its current or its prospective value as an "investment"? He says himself that he turned it over to the Premier's private secretary, who "just happened" to be holding "official" converse with him at the time he was going through his correspondence. The natural and the right thing for any minister in any government to have done under such circumstances would have been to have returned the shares with a fitting rebuke to the gentleman who had offered them. What Mr. Green did, he says, was to throw the gift across the table to Mr. MacKay, the Premier's private secretary, with an intimation that he might make whatever use of it he pleased. It appears Mr. MacKay had received his political education in the peculiar school in which Premier McBride and his friend Mr. Green are masters; because we suppose it will not be denied that he retained the shares Sir Adolph Caron sent merely as a testimonial of the high esteem in which he held his friend the late Chief Commissioner.

These are the salient facts in connection with this admittedly somewhat shady transaction. There are other facts which may be considered as worthy of serious consideration—facts of peculiar significance. The internal administration of the Lands and Works Department was not satisfactory to the late Chief Commissioner. Some changes were necessary. The deputy minister of Lands and Works was superseded on a handsome pension and Mr. MacKay, the custodian of the \$37,000 worth of shares, was appointed in his place. The chief clerk was set aside without any consideration being bestowed upon him at all. The Lands and Works Department machinery was placed in a condition in which it could be depended upon to work smoothly—without making any noise that would be likely to attract inconvenient attention. The doleful Mr. MacKay, however, it was evidently supposed, could be of more service to his deposed chief outside than inside of the Lands and Works Department, consequently he was taken up to the riding of Kaslo and set up by Mr. Green as a fit and proper person to represent that constituency in the Legislature. The discriminating elector will discern the fact that there is an intimate connection between all the peculiar political events to which we have called his attention. Whatever use Mr. MacKay may be put to by his intimate friend, Mr. Green, in the riding of Kaslo, it is not likely the future will ever reveal; because a victory for Mr. MacKay, even with all the resources his unscrupulous and discredited chief is bringing to bear on his behalf, is inconceivable. We refuse to believe that the public of British Columbia, even after three years and a half of McBrideism, has been debauched to such an extent as such a result would indicate.

WHEN THE COLONIST SPOKE THE TRUTH.

The Colonist was not always so enthusiastic in its support of the Socialist-McBride government as it is today. Naturally the question will be asked, what has the McBride government done since it came into power to win the unqualified admiration of our contemporary? Has the administration of the Lands and Works Department been such as to win the emphatic endorsement of a newspaper which professes to speak unreservedly in the interests of the community it feigns to serve? We ask this question because at the time the McBride government was formed our contemporary expressed its conviction that the Premier was likely to precipitate the Conservative party into a gulf from which it would find considerable difficulty in extricating itself. Here are its words: "It is quite evident that the condition of the Conservative party calls for

very careful handling, and for loyalty to the party. The man from whom loyalty to the party is most required is the Hon. Richard McBride. If he is under the impression that what is required is for the Conservative party to show loyalty to him, he is putting the cart before the horse. So far, he has made claims upon the party. They have been met out of considerations of party loyalty, not out of consideration for him. The party has some, it has many, claims upon him. Are these going to be met? Does he propose to put himself in the hands of the Conservative party, or does he propose that the Conservative party shall put itself in his hands? Between those two propositions there is a great gulf fixed, and the question is just this, whether Mr. McBride is going to precipitate the Conservative party into that gulf, or himself to bridge it over? We regret exceedingly that it is in his power to choose between those two alternatives. Because he lacks the essential qualities of determination and decisiveness which a leader in critical times requires. We have only to hope that what we could not owe to his astuteness and political sagacity, we may receive from the deep sense of party loyalty which pervades his person. Now having said that we expect party loyalty from Mr. McBride, it is certainly a fair question to ask in what manner we think he should exhibit it. In the first place, there is no possible combination of circumstances which could have caused more deep-seated bitterness in loyal and disloyal Conservative circles than the coup d'état which involves his holding power through the votes of his late opponents. It is a fact that every action of Mr. McBride may be explained by the motive that he desired to put himself in office, and not the Conservative party. Such a motive could explain, and to many does explain, his whole action from beginning to end. It is certainly the duty of Mr. Charles Wilson to realize, with great searchings of heart, the extent to which that portion of the Conservative party represented at the Revelstoke convention is recognized and embraced in the government, which proposes to appeal to the country. If he is prepared without a due understanding to throw his lot in with the present government, he should remember that Mr. John Houston of Nelson, and Colonel E. G. Prior of Victoria, were at least as zealous at Revelstoke in the cause of party lines to which he owes his political importance, as Mr. R. F. Green, of Kaslo, Mr. McBride, of Dewdney, or Mr. A. E. McPhillips, of Victoria. It must further be remembered that the position of Mr. McBride in reference to a very large section of the Conservative party is complicated by the series of political events leading up to Bill No. 16 (which proposed to convey to the C. P. 2, the valuable coal areas of South-east Kootenay). There are a number of Conservatives who will ask what difference in reality exists between Mr. D. M. Eberts and Mr. R. McBride that the one should be brought low and the other elevated as the result of matters to which it is needless to refer. Some of these queries will be put from a point of view sympathetic to Mr. Eberts, and some from a hostile point of view. But from whichever point of view they are asked, the different positions now occupied by the two gentlemen will cause comment in the Conservative party, and if it causes one portion of the party to distrust Mr. McBride, it will certainly cause another to resent him. Here is another direction in which party loyalty calls loudly to Mr. McBride. Mr. John Oliver, of Delta, is furnishing up his weapons on this question, and is about to stalk his old leader. So far as it is a personal matter, we believe Mr. McBride is amply able to care for himself, as is Mr. Eberts. But we have a strong objection, an objection we know to be shared by a very large and influential section of the Conservative party, to have Mr. Oliver, or anyone else, go gunning after the leader of the party upon any such issue.

Two years later, when the McBride government had created a portion of the record which reeks so high to-day, the Colonist thus further expressed its opinion: "The session (1905) ends with the government of Hon. R. McBride still in the saddle, but its results have weakened instead of strengthening the ministry in the eyes of the people. The electorate will recognize and accentuate the undeniable fact that it is highly dangerous for any government to seek to carry on with so variable and insufficient a majority as to make recourse to the support of a party, divergent from its own, a first necessity of existence in power. Hon. Mr. McBride and his ministry, it appears to many, would have better proven their recognition of their duties to British Columbia had they set their political course and held to it even in the face of defeat through devotion to a decisive and consistent Conservative policy recognizing and based upon the necessities of the province as it is to-day." That was the opinion of the Colonist less than two years ago. We ask the public if such a mentor can be considered a safe guide in the crisis which faces the province of British Columbia to-day with a ministry upon trial for offences unparalleled for their disregard of public opinion, of the rights of the public in the public domain, and of common honesty?

What has that worthy native son, Mr. Harry Helmcken, to say about the treatment of Victoria by McBride in regard to the university question?

THE GLOBE'S VIEWS.

Friends of the McBride government profess to attach a great deal of importance to the opinions of the "Globe" to Globe. They are unquestionably justified in such expressions. The "Globe" is now, as it has been since the day of its first issue, the most influential and the most patriotic Canadian newspaper published in the Dominion. It has always maintained that our public men should be of unquestioned repute and of high ideals. Here is the "Globe's" opinion of the Kalen Island deal and of the manner in which the government which made the deal has maintained and must continue to maintain itself in power if it remains in existence for another legislative term: "The province has special problems to solve. The work of rendering its valleys easily accessible is no light one. The passage of transcontinental railways to tidewater will incidentally contribute to internal development and to the solution of some of the transportation problems, which the 'sea of mountains' renders decidedly difficult. To a province in that stage of its evolution more than straight government is more than commonly essential. When men whose views do not and cannot be made to harmonize are found working together the outlook for the interests committed to them is ominous. There is no tie of principle between Mr. McBride and the Socialist members upon whose votes he counts as surely as upon those of his Conservative followers. That sort of alliance always ends in just such a manner as the grant of Kalen Island to the Grand Trunk Pacific for a song. A victory for the opposition so decisive as to put the affairs of the province in the hands of a strong and homogeneous party is an event that would inure to the general advantage of the province."

MCINNES'S YUKON RECORD.

Mr. McInnes made a reputation in the Yukon by turning down with unflinching regularity the association of grafters known in the North as the "Tubs."

It is true that the "Tubs" assumed the name "Liberal," although most of them were well known to be Conservatives a few years ago, and some of them were officials in the Conservative organization in this province about the year 1898.

The first encounter of that disreputable organization with Commissioner McInnes was a few months after his arrival in Dawson, when the great cordwood scandal was discovered; and as a result of several high officials being implicated in defrauding the government everyone in any way connected with the frauds was given his discharge.

It is a matter of history that the "Tub" committee sought hard to save their friends because they were "good Liberals," but the decision of the Commissioner was inexorable. He was backed up by Ottawa and the whole "bunch" had to walk the plank.

The offence was one of those clumsy frauds which would only be attempted by a class of men who believed everyone to be as dishonest as themselves. The only fuel used in Dawson at the time was cordwood, and in such a severe climate enormous quantities were consumed. For the several buildings a different official measured the wood at each, although one man could as easily have done the job for all.

Suspicion was aroused, a re-measurement was ordered, and it was found that the contractor who supplied all the buildings, was obtaining receipts for 25 per cent more than he supplied, and, strange to say, the error was for the same quantity in every case.

CONVICTED ON HIS OWN EVIDENCE.

The public has been favored with explanations from all the ministers of the McBride government who are considered of political importance in regard to the Telqua coal lands scandal. If the public is satisfied that the excuses are sufficient to exculpate the government then the public must be considered a very simple-minded body. All the statements made, as the public can satisfy itself by a simple process of comparison, will be found absolutely contradictory of each other. Statements made Friday by one minister confute the statements made the previous day by the same minister. First the Premier, with characteristic recklessness, declared from his stump-ground in the interior, that no licenses for coal lands had been issued by him

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WHITE SERGE COATS, in 7-8 lengths, suitable for street or evening wear. Regular Values: 4 at \$20.00 4 at \$27.50 Special To-Morrow, ea. \$9.75

Ladies' White Serge Coat, 7-8 length, Empire style with double box pleat from yoke in back, collar and cuffs of green pannel velvet, covered with rich white applique, yoke piped with green and stitched same style with red velvet and pipings to match; regular \$27.50, Tuesday's Special \$9.75

Ladies' 7-8 length white Serge Coat, plain box collar, full sleeves, with stitched straps, outside pockets, yoke and sleeves lined with white satin; regular values \$20.00, Tuesday's Special \$9.75

Ladies' cream Serge Coat, 7-8 length, double box pleated, back trimmed with stitched straps, blue velvet collar, full sleeves with deep cuff, lined throughout with white taffeta; regular value, \$20.00, Tuesday's Special \$9.75

Department E, Second Floor

A limited number of Children's Dresses on special sale to-morrow; regular value \$2.50 to \$5.00, to-morrow \$1.25 to \$2.50. Children's Pina-fores regular \$1.35 down to 40c., on special sale to-morrow 25c.

Boy's Buster Brown Suits On Sale To-morrow at One Half in the Boy's Clothing Department

A limited number only of these popular suits whose regular values are \$3.50 to \$5.00, \$2.50 on special sale at each.

Gent's Furnishing Department

Men's Shirts at Less than One Half A few dozen Men's Shirts will be placed on sale to-morrow morning; regular values \$1.25 and \$1.50, to-morrow each shirt 65c.

Another Great Rush into the Boot and Shoe Department

Womens' Misses' and Children's Felt Slippers, regular values pair, 75c, to-morrow's price 25c

In this unprecedented offer be sure you satisfy yourself at the time of purchasing. Special sales absolutely prohibit a re-opening of the purchase. No exchanges, no returns, no money refunded, no appros or goods charged.

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Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. Later he qualified the statement, possibly after learning that certain Conservatives in Vancouver had disclosed the fact of the incriminating correspondence between Mr. Green and Sir Adolph Caron. Finance Minister Tatlow declared that if any coal licenses had been issued they had been issued in the usual regular course and that there was nothing in the transaction at all discreditable to the late Chief Commissioner. President of the Council Cotton has given his views: they are in substance that if there has been anything between Mr. Green and Sir Adolph Caron the members of the present government cannot be held responsible as Mr. Green is no longer of the government; that, on the contrary, the government ought to be commended, inasmuch as it has deposed the offender from office and cleared the way for an honest administration of the affairs of the Lands and Works Department. Finally, after a delay of some days, doubtless devoted to a careful consideration of the matter, Mr. Green himself comes forward with a statement, first denying all the charges, and, second, winding up by the following, which ought to be convincing to the public that the whole case against the government has been proved "up to the hilt," to use a favorite Conservative phrase: "After the licenses in the Telqua valley were granted, and before the applications for licenses in the Pine river district were before the department, Caron, whom I know very well, wrote me, saying he desired to allot me a few shares of stock in a company to be organized. I did not wish any of the stock. Mr. MacKay, then secretary to the Premier, was in my office when I received the letter. I showed it to him, saying I did not want the stock, and that if he cared to take it he could have it, remarking that while I did not consider it of much value, it possibly might be worth something to him

A PARTIZAN RETURNING OFFICER.

Mr. Inverarity, the gentleman who has been appointed to discharge the duties of returning officer in Esquimaux constituency, seems to have very peculiar views in respect to his official position. Possibly he has not taken the oath prescribed by law, or it may be that Mr. Inverarity as a partizan regards with disdain the limitations of the law's provisions. We presume the Esquimaux returning officer has sworn that he will impartially and without fear, favor or affection discharge the duties of his office. At the Socialist-Conservative meeting held at Metcosen Thursday Mr. Inverarity occupied the extraordinary position of being one of the speakers on behalf of Mr. Pooley, declaring his affection for him, urging the small company assembled to vote for him, and plainly intimating that he would do all in his power to secure his return. It is not at all probable that Mr. Inverarity's advice will be followed or that Mr. Pooley as the candidate of what he described as "the best government the province ever had" will be elected, but in such an improbable event is the returning officer aware that his partizan conduct might be considered sufficient to impair the position of his favorite—to cause the loss of his seat.

Mr. Inverarity should be compelled to take the oath again, with special emphasis upon his obligations.

The government candidates in this city take the discreet course of ignoring entirely the unsavory record of the government. They repeat the formula that we have enjoyed good times for the past three years and therefore it would be very unwise to "swap horses." If they stick to that method of conducting a campaign they will not be likely to make a lasting impression upon the minds of the electors. They will pass into oblivion immediately the votes are

WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS

Fierce darting pains—palpitations in the thigh; driven to the middle of the yard—None but the victim can realize. But the sufferer need be discouraged for there is a cure in Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make new blood, the feeds and strengthens the system, drives the pain out, and banishes to stay banished—complete. Mr. Charles B. O'Neil, a prosperous farmer near O'Neil, has been cured of a severe rheumatism and wishes other to hear of his cure that they may by his experience. He says: "I was a sufferer from sciatica and was getting up I would agonizing pains in my hips. These pains extended down sometimes down the other leg. Both the pain was terrible the agony caused by a cold being driven through the leg was just my feeling when it was at its worst. Often I was water to the horses that came so acute I had to drive to the middle of the yard. Doctor's treatment, but with relief. I then tried rheumatism and liniments, but these did me at all. Then I decided Williams' Pink Pills a trial they did not seem to help. I had been so high in the sciatica I had noticed a change in my strength and my appetite. I think I used the pills about five months before I was cured, but though that was ago I have not since had a return of sciatica. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a medicine, and so does my system. I have not equal and use of praising them to her friend Good blood is the secret of health. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. That is why heart palpitation, indigestion, nervousness, and other ailments common to women are cured. Send for medicine by mail at 50 cents a box for \$2.50, from the Dr. Williams' Co., Brockville, Ont.

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—The postal office owing to transportation difficulties at outside of some suburban section promptly, and residents are requested to be cordoning.

—A meeting of the Dolin Club was held at the residence of Mrs. L. prior street, the of the disbanding of the club. The resignations of were duly tendered the honorary president. In future the meeting presided over solely.

—Under the title of the Company, when incorporated, have purchased property on the and Superior streets for a business block. The building is the biggest in West purpose of the Plan to keep in the English and French place in service an ally-to capable of.

—Miss Olga North a wire from Dr. Prather, that she would be too limited delivering a lecture under the auspices of the Society. She will leave immediately, and on Monday evening, where she will deliver a lecture "Plague," telling her England.

—The annual business, Fifth Reg., in the Dallas hotel, report had been disingenuous reports were given by the King and the "Family," "The Pres States," to which responded. "The Mayor of the City of Victoria Major Currie," "Our of Mr. Williams' Pink Pills," "The Ladies," were given by Hon. Richardson Sergeant, Peter Sergt. Harry Prior, and humorous Angus.

—A Chinaman was going to the Mill, emigration of although sane to a possession, a hallucination that a Canbrook, wished to see the latter place. He collected the notion that who was quite unaware had gone to China, and Canton to find her, search after spending time and money. The young woman, an Canadian, in the countrymen of Canada to be a hope peculiarly insane. Every other respect, the steamer sailed and.

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A SEVERE CASE CURE

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Local News.

Lucia Francis, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frather, of Seattle, died in St. Joseph's hospital Thursday night.

A false alarm sent in by some mischievous person from box 8, at the corner of Montreal and Simcoe streets, James Bay, Thursday, caused a disturbance.

Rev. Dr. Chown, travelling secretary for the moral reform branch of the Methodist church, will deliver a lecture in Victoria, B. C., on the subject of "Good Citizenship and Clean Politics."

The postal officials announce that, owing to transportation difficulties, collections at outside mail boxes in the various suburban sections cannot be made promptly, and residents of these localities are requested to govern themselves accordingly.

A meeting of the Margherita Mandolin Club was held Thursday at the residence of Mrs. M. D. Harris, 42 Superior street, the object thereof being the disbarring of this musical society.

Under the title of the Pillimy Automobile Company, some local business men, incorporated with a capital of \$100,000, have purchased the old McDonnell property on the corner of Government and Superior streets.

Miss Olga Netherole, in answer to a wire from Dr. Fagan, sent a reply regretting that her time in Victoria would be too limited to allow of her delivering a lecture on tuberculosis under the auspices of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society.

The annual banquet of the yeomanry mess, F. H. B., was held Friday night in the Dallas hall. After a sumptuous repast had been disposed of, the following toasts were proposed and drunk.

A Chinaman was reported on the last outgoing steamer for the Orient by Dr. McNeil, who stated that he had been invited to attend an extraordinary reception at the residence of Mr. J. H. Crankbrook, wished to marry him.

The regular monthly concert and dance of the St. Andrew's Society will be held in Victoria hall, Flanchard street, on Wednesday evening, January 30th, commencing at 8 o'clock.

The death of Mary Anne Anita O'Rourke, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Rourke, occurred yesterday, aged 21 years.

A very large number attended the funeral of Mrs. George Pears, which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Metcalen. Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted the services.

A social and entertainment organized by the Yorkshire Society of British Columbia will be held in the Victoria hall, Blanchard street, on Tuesday, 29th January.

Victoria West lodge, I. O. G. T., held its usual weekly meeting last Wednesday evening. When the usual routine business was got through the rest of the evening was beguiled with a concert programme in which the following took part: Bro. King, songs; Bro. T. King, recitation; Bro. Campbell, song; Sister Reid, song; Bro. Temple, recitation; Bro. Cooper, songs; Sister Reid, Bro. Campbell and Bro. Temple each to respond to an encore.

Some members of the ship's company of the cable repair steamer Restorer entertained at dinner last evening a goodly number of disciples of Saint Walton, who worship there regularly throughout the season.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, F. O. O. F., will hold a social dance in the hall, Douglas street, on Wednesday evening, February 6th.

The Victoria College girls defeated the girls from Vancouver College at Oak Bay on Saturday. The final score was 3 goals to 2 in favor of the local aggregation.

The funeral of James Evans, aged 78, brother of the Liberal candidate for the Cowichan district, took place on Friday at Dunsmuir. Mr. Evans' death, which occurred last Wednesday, was due to severe pneumonia contracted after an attack of influenza.

The following are the best ten scores made by the Victoria College cadets at the drill on Saturday: Cadet Dunn, 22; Sergt. Hartman, 20; Cadet McCallum, 20; Corp. Paul, 18; Cadet Willis, 18; Cadet Edwards, 15; Cadet Gray, 15; Cadet Hartman, 17; Cadet Travis, 15; Cadet Beall, 15.

In the city police court on Saturday a Chinaman was charged with being drunk and disorderly. The police found him in a drunken condition on the street.

The Penrose whist tournament, which was held Friday night, proved a most enjoyable entertainment, and those who tendered and accepted by the Thursday evening next a five hundred tournament will be held to which all friends of the association are invited.

The water problem is nearly solved, for the present. Water Commissioner Raymer reports that the persistent efforts of the extra staff of workmen which he engaged and the use of the electric thawing apparatus have almost restored the system to its normal condition.

It has been decided not to hold the January "Guest Day" at the Alexandra Club, owing to sickness and other interruptions. There will be two more guest days during the season, held respectively on Tuesday, February 12th, and on Easter Tuesday.

(From Monday's Daily.) Mrs. E. A. Agar died this morning at the residence of her son, Joseph street, near Ross Bay. Deceased was 69 years of age and a native of York, England. Her remains were removed to the parlors of W. J. Hanna for shipment to her home in Langdon, North Dakota.

The total bank clearings for the week ending January 25th, as reported by the Victoria clearing house, were \$70,570.

The committee of management of the Orphans' Home will meet in the city hall at 4 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of electing the ladies' committee for the ensuing year. A full attendance is looked for.

To preserve the memory of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, a concert will be held in the public hall, Gordon street, to-night. Many local artists will take part in a splendid programme which has been arranged.

John Hilly holds meetings at Cedar Hill and Boleskine road to-morrow night, Tuesday, 29th, at Royal Oak school house, on Wednesday evening, the 30th. Mr. Hilly has been invited to attend these meetings, and it is hoped that he will be present.

On Saturday morning at the family residence, 222 Yates street, Robert James Oates, aged seven years, passed away. He was the eldest son of Albert and Margaret Oates. The funeral took place this afternoon, when the Rev. W. L. Clay conducted the service.

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The death of Mary Anne Anita O'Rourke, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. O'Rourke, occurred yesterday, aged 21 years. The young lady was a native of Kilmaine, County Mayo, Ireland, and had many friends in this city. The funeral takes place on Wednesday morning from the family residence, Parkington street.

A very large number attended the funeral of Mrs. George Pears, which took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, Metcalen. Rev. W. Baugh Allen conducted the services. Many beautiful floral tributes were presented, and the following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. W. Fisher, W. Arden, H. Cogan, H. Heigensen, S. A. Peat and G. Smith.

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FRUIT GROWERS' ASSOCIATION

THE JURY NOT YET COMPLETED. THE TALESMEN ARE BECOMING MORE WARY.

Report of the President Reflects the Progress of the Industry--Work of Society.

The Victoria Fruit Growers' Association met Friday and elected officers for the ensuing year. A. E. Gale was selected as president; George Stewart, 1st vice-president; F. W. Somers, 2nd vice-president.

Several questions affecting the industry were discussed. The annual report of the president, F. W. Somers, was one of special interest, reviewing as it did the work of the year.

The increases in boxes sold, set forth in the report, does not represent exactly the increases in production in the various lines, as boxes were in many instances procured elsewhere than through F. R. Stewart & Co.

The report of President Borden was as follows: Gentlemen—In reviewing the year's work of this association, I find that we have followed our year very closely in our general work.

Mr. A. McNeill, chief of the fruit division, having notified the associations that the standard berry box must be adopted this season, a good deal of discussion and much advice was given.

The disposal of the season's crop was put in the hands of a committee, appointed F. R. Stewart & Co. as agents. A number of Saanich members decided to ship through Oscar Brown & Co.

The amount of fruit of various kinds produced by our association for the past season shows a marked increase all around, except in pears, as shown by the number of fruit packages sold in gallons by F. R. Stewart & Co. in 1906 and 1907.

This, I think, gentlemen, shows that our orchards, small gardens and backyards, when you consider the large amount added to the area in small fruit, the past year and the short time before many of the young orchards will be producing, will, I think, agree with me that the time is very near when we will have to discuss the handling of our crops on broader lines and more thorough business principles.

Prices for small fruit the past season have been very satisfactory. Prices for large fruit, especially that portion shipped abroad, were not so satisfactory, owing chiefly to the way our agents handled the same.

Our association work has been carried on mainly through general meetings, the labor question coming in for a good share of discussion. The following are the names of other subjects of interest to fruit growers: 1. The year 1906. 2. A. Grant was appointed delegate to represent the association at the second conference of the fruit growers of the Dominion held at Ottawa.

At another meeting, also at Gordon Head, a very instructive address was given by Mr. Metcalen, which was a source of pleasure and profit to all who were present.

A general meeting held Oct. 21st, a communication was received from the secretary, B. C. Fruit Growers' Association, re sending delegates to be elected to be held in Vancouver on November 2nd, 1907. This again brought up the berry box question, and it was decided to send the fruit box now in use subject to standard size. On motion, Mr. H. E. Tanner and Mr. H. Puckle were appointed delegates to the conference, which they attended, and of which they gave a report at our next meeting.

Mr. Lee, manager Western division, Dominion Express Company, notified Mr. Bryden that he would be in Victoria on Jan. 11th to discuss express rates for the shipment of fruit. Messrs. Bryden, Puckle and myself met Mr. Lee and held a discussion, of which Mr. Bryden will give you a report.

While trying to work my way into San Quentin bay, on the Lower California coast, the sealing schooner Casco, Captain Murray, went ashore. This was the news received by the Victoria Sealing Company yesterday in a telegram from the captain of the schooner.

Yesterday many transactions were recorded in the market, and amongst others are the following: Eight lots on Shakespear street for \$1,500; eleven lots on Powell street for \$2,200; two lots on Powell street, James Bay, for \$1,200; three lots on McClure street and Churchway, for \$1,100; and nine acres on Poul Bay road for \$500.

I proposed to open at Nottingham a school to train lace makers and designers.

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THE TALESMEN ARE BECOMING MORE WARY

They Object to Being Locked Up Until the Thaw Trial is Over.

New York, Jan. 28.—Three days of the trial of Harry K. Thaw has passed and the net work of all this time has been the selection of seven jurors.

The chief reason for the general desire not to serve is probably found in the order of Justice Fitzgerald practically locking up the jurors from the time they are drawn until the trial is over.

George Williams, the half-breed who shot and killed Alfred Douglas at Salt Spring Island on Thursday evening, was brought before Magistrate Hall in the provincial police court this morning and charged with murder.

Frederick, Jan. 28.—Hon. A. G. Blair died suddenly at the residence of his sister-in-law, Miss Thomson, last evening of heart failure.

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It has been learned to-day that there are only twenty-three available for hauling coke over the C. P. R. owing to the great number of cars used in shipping coal to the Northwest Territories. It usually takes over one hundred cars to supply the full blast of eight furnaces with coke.

The organization of a company to be known as "The Bakeries, Ltd.," is now well under way in Victoria. Brief reference was made recently in the Victoria and Columbia Gazette to the incorporation of the company under the laws of British Columbia.

The initiation of the scheme is due to George Okell, of the Capital City Bakery, who has made ready to invest \$25,000 in the new undertaking in so far as the bread business is concerned. The confectionery and candy factory of M. R. Smith & Co. will be continued as at present.

The most modern machinery to be procured and a three story building will be erected on the third story, which will be manufactured with practically no handling except by machinery. The flour, taken in on the third story, will be sifted and pass through the mixing process with water heated to an exact temperature. Moulding and scaling will be done as the bread proceeds to the ovens, and there a continuous stream will be produced, the finished product passing out ready for the delivery wagons.

At first the capacity would be about 3,000 loaves a day. As the demand increases the plant will be enlarged. A moulder and scaler for 2,000 loaves an hour is being installed.

A specialty will be made of Vienna bread, Vienna rolls and milk bread. It is also the intention to make buns, puffs, etc. A plant capable of turning out from 800 to 1,200 pies an hour is contemplated. When completed the promoters state that the factory will be of the most up-to-date pattern and the only one of its kind west of Toronto.

The plant and outfit of M. R. Smith & Co. of Victoria, who are the owners of the Capital City Bakery are being taken over by the new company, the former at \$2,000 and the latter at \$1,500.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the secretary of the Literary Society of the Victoria and Columbia Gazette, the meeting of the members, who are asked to accept this explanation, the next meeting will come in the regular course as advertised in the season's programme on Tuesday evening, February 13th.

REWARD—If alive or if dead, for recovery of two horses, white and black, away in vicinity of Salt Lake Mountain, viz. black mare, white spot on forehead, bay horse, white spot on forehead, branded J. on hip. Andrew Michel, Cowichan, B. C.

Headaches Mean Your Blood Is Poisoned

If your bowels, kidneys or skin are not ridding the system of waste-matter, the blood is laden with impurities, which inflame the nerves. It is these irritated nerves that make the head ache.

Powders and pills won't cure, they merely drug the nerves into unconsciousness and relieve for a short time.

"Fruit-a-lives" cure Headaches, Neuralgia and Nerve Pains because they purify the blood. They act directly on the three great eliminating organs—Bowels, Kidneys and Skin—and restore them to healthy action, thus ridding the system of all poisons.

"Fruit-a-lives" are fruit juices—chemically changed, by the process of combining them, into a far more potent, being more powerful than the natural juices, cost a box \$2.50. At all dealers or from Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

Fruit a-lives

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JOHN PIERCY The Liberal Candidate for Saanich WILL HOLD MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

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W. W. B. MINNES will speak at Cedar Hill and Boleskine road. R. L. DRURY, A. W. MURPHY, PIERCY, GORDON GRANT and other speakers will address the meetings.

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HUNDREDS OF MINERS PROBABLY KILLED. One Hundred and Sixty-Four Bodies Recovered--Three Hundred Men Still Missing.

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Sudden Death of Hon. A. G. Blair

Former Minister Died at Fredericton.

Fredericton, Jan. 28.—Hon. A. G. Blair died suddenly at the residence of his sister-in-law, Miss Thomson, last evening of heart failure.

Mr. Blair arrived from Ottawa on Thursday to transact some business in connection with the merger of the Central Telephone Company, with the New Brunswick Telephone Company, of which he was president.

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Owing to the unavoidable absence of the secretary of the Literary Society of the Victoria and Columbia Gazette, the meeting of the members, who are asked to accept this explanation, the next meeting will come in the regular course as advertised in the season's programme on Tuesday evening, February 13th.

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TORY TREATMENT OF LABOR PARTY

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In the interests of labor long before Mr. Johnson took a part in it. Dr. Hall, although he respected him, was not a labor man.

Premier McBride had not shown any favor to Victoria. He had discriminated against the city because it did not return supporters of his government. This was too petty for a premier of British Columbia. The province should have larger men than that. The lands and works department had been conducted in anything but a satisfactory way. Within two days of the announcement of the election Mr. Green had to pack up his bag and get out. Charles Wilson, the attorney-general, had last session resigned, and yet this was kept a secret until the House rose. The reasons for this were kept from the legislature. Charles Wilson had not been able to face his old constituency of Vancouver, but had gone to the hills of Cariboo, where he would be snowed under.

There had been enough evidence of irregularities against the lands and works department to defeat the government.

On the question of better terms, Mr. McNeven referred to the fact that the premier went to Ottawa to get an election cry to becloud the electors concerning the record of the government. The premier was using his best endeavor now to hold the seats formerly represented by Conservatives in the House, but he would fall.

On the conclusion of the speech by Mr. McNeven, Mr. Greenwood asked some questions respecting the subject of legislation dealing with fortnightly payments. With respect to the School Act and the remarks of Mr. Jay that salaries had been increased, Mr. Drury said that in Cowichan some of the teachers were getting only \$40, the sum allowed by the government. Such salaries were never known of before in Cowichan.

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these poor farmers was blood money. The Liberals would not retain power at the dictation of foreign elements. Before the Liberals would submit to that they would come back again to the people.

He knew of no measures really in the interests of workingmen which he and his colleagues had not voted for. The workingmen had nothing to fear from the Liberal party. The Liberals in the Dominion government had when asked to do so excluded the Chinese. These people were not needed here. He preferred to have white men and women coming in.

The Dominion government had assisted in making the conditions of working men more comfortable. The Labor department at Ottawa had sent Mr. Mackenzie King to use his influence in bringing the strike at Fernie to a close.

Mr. Hall saw no objection to the principle of fortnightly payments. He never had trouble with his employees.

R. L. DRURY.

R. L. Drury spoke very briefly as it was necessary for the candidates to get back to the city to attend a committee meeting. He said the four Liberal representatives had worked conscientiously in the interests of the city since they had taken the office. His interest in all things pertaining to the city, which came up before the Dominion government. They had constantly sought the Yukon since Mr. McInnes became governor than ever before.

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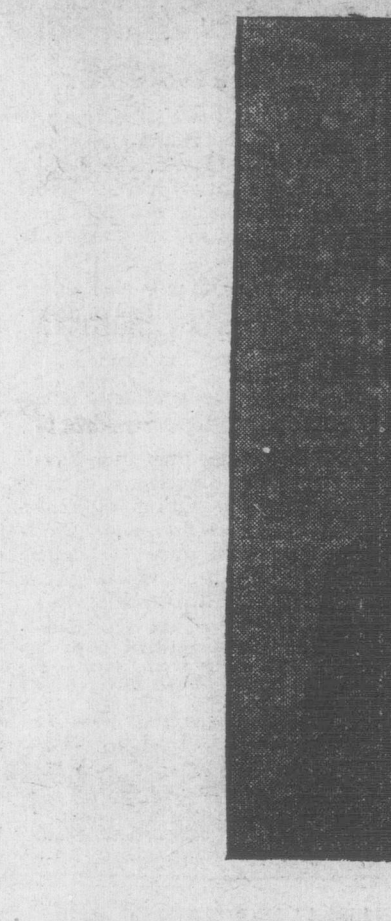
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INDIANS BURNED TO DEATH. Five Prisoners Perished in Agency Jail on the Umatilla Reservation.

Five started in the jail at the agency on the Umatilla reservation, Oregon, the other morning, but was not discovered until the building was a mass of flames and before assistance could be given five Indians were burned to death. When the alarm was given there was confusion among the employees and the Indians, all forgetting at the time that there were men in the jail. Attempts were made to chop the door down to liberate the unfortunate Indians, but were unsuccessful. The bodies of four were found huddled together in one corner, burned to a crisp. The body of the fifth Indian was found in another corner and identified by his wife by the ring he wore. When it became known that the Indians had been burned to death, there was wild excitement among the women and children and employees had great difficulty in establishing quiet at the agency. Indian police and white assistants in restoring order.

The five men were arrested and locked up by the Indian police on charges of drunkenness. Before leaving the police searched the prisoners and say they found no matches on their persons. As no fire has burned in the stove since Christmas the origin of the fire is a mystery. The only plausible solution offered is that one of the Indians lighted a cigarette and carelessly threw it into the stove. The sleeping prisoners setting fire to his clothing.

DYING OF STARVATION. Many Deaths Reported From China—Suffering Has Only Begun.

New York, Jan. 24.—The American Bible Society has received the following telegram from its agent in China: "Notify all boards that the Shanghai Missionary Association, 274 members, urges an appeal for famine relief through all churches. Millions and a quarter starving. Many deaths already. Though five months have passed, relief committee, representing all interests in this part, unite in placing the work of relief entirely in the responsible hands of missionaries. This is the opportunity of the century to impress China."

Representatives of missionary bodies met in New York yesterday in response to this telegram, and it was by them unanimously decided that churches, societies and individuals be urged to contribute liberally and promptly.

UNITED STATES NAVY. Appropriation of About Fifty Million Dollars Agreed Upon by House Committee.

Washington, Jan. 24.—An appropriation of about \$50,000,000 is provided for in the naval appropriation bill agreed upon today by the house committee on naval affairs.

The bill provides for an additional battleship of the type agreed upon in the bill of last year. It also provides for two torpedo boat destroyers and appropriations of \$2,000,000 for submarines in addition to the \$1,000,000 for submarines provided in the bill of last year, which has not yet been expended. Provision is made for about 3,000 additional sailors and 900 additional marines.

The rank of the commandant of major is raised from brigadier to major-general.

MOVING AGAINST RAISULL. War Minister Making Supreme Effort to Capture Bandit.

Tangier, Morocco, Jan. 24.—War Minister Raissuli has announced that he intends to make a supreme effort to capture Raissuli before the end of the year. The French and Spanish squadrons from Moroccan waters. The troops at Arzila and the Ben Suf forces have joined the Sultan's troops and the movement against the bandit, with whom Raissuli sought refuge, is reported to have already begun under the personal command of the war minister.

SHAUGHNESSY'S DENIAL. Montreal, Jan. 22.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to-day denied that the C. P. R. had any intention whatever of paralleling the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific through the Yellowhead Pass.



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CHOOSING JURY FOR THAW CASE. COUNSEL PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE. Hearing May Begin on Tuesday—Prisoner Takes Great Interest in Proceedings.

New York, Jan. 25.—District Attorney Jerome and counsel for the defence in the trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with the murder of S. White, express themselves as gratified at the progress made in the selection of the jury. Five men were in the box when the court adjourned yesterday, and as the examination of jurors so far developed is not nearly so severe as was expected, the prospects are good that additional jurors will be obtained to-day. Some of these connected with the case predicted that the jury will be completed by Monday night, and that the trial will begin on Tuesday.

Thaw himself took more interest in the proceedings yesterday, and two additional jurors would have been secured had it not been for his interference. A spokesman had proved acceptable to the district attorney and to Clifford Partridge, leading counsel for Thaw. Then there was a sudden gathering of heads over the table, at the end of which was Harry Thaw. The juror was about to be sworn when this occurred and Mr. Partridge stopped proceedings to hear what Thaw had to say. Then the conference ended, and the prospective jurymen were challenged for cause.

Thaw seemed pleased with the day's work. As he entered the Tombs he said to the keeper: "We got three in the last half hour, and they are good men I think."

The district attorney kept hammering on the "unwritten law" and a possible deviation from the written law governing the criminally insane. Yesterday afternoon he added another feature to his plan of examination asking the talesmen if they were capable of withholding assents to their own emotions and feelings, and if they thought they could pass on the prisoner's case coldly and calmly.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH. Quarterly Business Meeting Was Held Last Night—Satisfactory State of Finances.

The quarterly business meeting of the Calvary Baptist church took place on Friday. The pastor, Rev. Fred T. Tapscott, occupied the chair, and gratifying reports were submitted from the various departments of the church.

The total net receipts from all sources amounted to \$31.45, being an increase of \$5.53 over the preceding quarter. Of this amount the sum of \$31.45 was received through the weekly offerings at the Sunday services. The sum of \$46.78 was received for the mission funds. The total balance on hand in the various departments of the church on December 31st was \$166.83. During the quarter there have been five names added to the membership roll. On a recommendation from the executive, a committee was appointed to report on the advisability of the church maintaining its own missionaries in the home and foreign fields, thus bringing the organization into closer and more sympathetic touch with that work. Before adjournment it was decided to hold a social gathering of the members and friends of the congregation on the evening of Wednesday, February 13th next.

SENATOR'S SUDDEN DEATH. Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—United States Senator Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, died suddenly at his home in this city at 8:45 this morning.

At half-past eight the senator had a pleasant chat with Mrs. Alger in her room and then went down stairs. A few minutes later the senator suffered a recurrence of an old heart trouble and death came quickly.

The senator had not been feeling well for several days. His physician had advised him against going out at night. Mr. Alger had suffered for many years from disease of the heart.

SELECTING JURORS. Five Chosen in Two Days in Case of Harry K. Thaw.

New York, Jan. 24.—After more than four hours of to-day's morning and afternoon sessions of the court had been spent in vain efforts to obtain a single juror for the trial of Harry K. Thaw for having killed Stanford White, and when counsel and spectators and the defendant himself were drowsy from the tedium of the proceedings, there was a sudden change in them. Within the last three-quarters of an hour three new jurors were accepted and sworn in. Thus when the court adjourned for the day five jurors had been accepted.

Twenty-three talesmen had been examined without success when the unexpected happened and two talesmen in succession proved acceptable to both District Attorney Jerome, representing the people, and the defendant's attorney. Then the names of five more talesmen were drawn, but they were all quickly excused for one reason or another. Henry C. Harney, a piano dealer, about 55 years of age, was the thirty-first talesman to be called and he was quickly accepted.

The other jurors chosen to-day were: George Pfeif, probably 39 years of age, a dealer in machinists' supplies, and Arthur S. Campbell, 52 years of age, a superintendent of telegraph and telephone construction. The two jurors selected on the first day of the trial were Deming R. Smith, a retired manufacturer, who will serve as foreman, and Charles H. Erick, a shipping agent. Each of the jurors is married and has a family.

The tedium with which the selection of jurors proceeded to-day makes it difficult to predict when the trial panel of twelve will be chosen. The order of the court that the jury must be kept together under the care of bailiffs has had the effect apparently of making many of the talesmen reluctant to serve.

Mrs. Wm. Thaw, mother of the defendant, was not in court to-day. She was greatly fatigued by the long sessions of yesterday. She remained in her apartments to-day where she was attended by her daughter, the Countess of Yarmouth. The other members of her family, including their accustomed seats in court behind the defendant, Howard Nesbitt, a brother of Mrs. Thaw, was also in court, sitting well in the rear with the man who was Stanford White's secretary. Neither he nor his sister glanced at each other.

GAZETTE NOTICES. Official Announcements Contained in the Current Issue of Government Organ.

(From Friday's Daily.)

This week's Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: Wm. J. Goepp, deputy commissioner of lands and works, to be a gold commissioner in and for the province of British Columbia. The following license commissioners have been appointed for Comox license district: Charles Henry Tarbell, of Cumberland; James A. Carter, of Comox; chief license inspector, Constable J. Thomson, of Cumberland. The following companies have been incorporated: Sash Lumber Company, capitalized at \$75,000; S. C. Smith Lumber Company, with a capitalization of \$100,000; Summerland Trust Company, with a capital stock of \$50,000; Vancouver-Prince Rupert Meat Company, capitalized at \$100,000; Vancouver Island Power Company, with a capitalization of \$75,000; Westholm Lumber Company, with a capital stock of \$25,000.

The Accident & Guarantee Company of Canada has been granted a license as an extra provincial company, with C. O. Julian, of Victoria, as attorney for the province.

The city of Vancouver has already taken the precaution to give notice of amendments which will be introduced at the coming session to their act of incorporation. It will be remembered that at the last session of the House the amendments offered were thrown out as the rule had not been complied with.

COMBINED MANOEUVRES. British Navy to Co-operate With 50,000 Troops in Autumn.

The army council has already in preparation a great scheme for army manoeuvres in the autumn of this year, which promise to surpass in interest and extent anything of the kind attempted since the Salisbury Plain manoeuvres of 1888.

The scheme is one which will exercise about 50,000 troops, and will require the co-operation of the navy. Briefly put, the official idea is to embark a large force at Southampton, convey them to Plymouth, where, after a naval attack on the defenses there, they will be landed as a hostile army.

The defenses of the south coast will devolve upon a large army, which will be in position some distance inland. The home army will probably consist of the Aldershot army corps and be commanded by Sir John French.

COL BLAKE ENDS LIFE. He Organized an Irish Brigade For Volunteer Service in Boer Army.

New York, Jan. 24.—Col. Blake, who organized an Irish brigade for volunteer service in the Boer army in the war against Great Britain, committed suicide to-day in a Harlem boarding house, by inhaling illuminating gas.

Col. Blake had been lecturing in several night schools recently, but he had not been prosperous, and yesterday he told the landlady of the boarding house where he had lived for several months, that he was very much discouraged for the future. Prior to the Boer war Col. Blake was a mining engineer in South Africa. He was about fifty years old. Col. Blake is survived by a widow, who lives at Fall River, Mass., and two sons.

New York, Jan. 24.—With the temperature at one degree above zero at 8 a. m., this was the coldest day of the winter and one of the coldest days in a number of years in this city. Reports from up state districts say that all cold weather records were broken by a drop as low as forty degrees below zero.

FRANK HIGGINS. The next speaker was Mr. Higgins. He regarded the forthcoming election as a question of politics.

It was the most duty of the speaker to turn out the grafters.

Mr. Higgins then proceeded to the Kalien Island scandal. He said acres of land on one of the townships in Canada, sold to road for \$1 an acre. Quartz townsite was reserved by law, not the more duty of the government, for the act under was done was passed in 1896.

Moreover this quarter which secured was the worst part of it.

What did the poor ignorant do for his land? He got \$7.50 an acre as all we get is \$1.50 an acre.

The way in which the deal through was the enormity. The agent after refusing to deal with P. gave the land to a band of inter-tribe and female. Why did it? The government must be receiving a rake-off.

Mr. Higgins referred to the speaker's treatment of the South soldiers. These men were entitled to acres of good land. When the for land in Kalien Island they was refused them because that agent wished to give it to its boss.

Mr. Higgins read from Kane which set forth that the land was reserved and then pointed to profit in the deal, \$30,000 and 100 acres of good coal lands.

The speaker in continuing to the finding of the Pender commission. "The latest scandal to be unfolded is in continuing the Green affair. This is a specimen west graft that any country subjected to. In Oregon they Mitchell, who trifled with lands, to jail.

Mr. Green's resignation is a sign of guilt. The government says to go to the country with hands and works department. The minister of that department will be made chief commissioner. Mr. Green is deputy both on the book and in the pocket. Mr. Gore was too honest.

LAST YEAR'S IMMIGRATION

OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND NEWCOMERS

Prince Edward Island Will Appeal to the Throne—Hockey Player Charged With Assault.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The total immigration into Canada during the year 1906 was 216,915 for the year; in 1905 it was 144,618, an increase of 71,297 or 49 per cent. The immigration was made up as follows: British, 88,277; Continental, 53,874; United States, 63,761. Immigration into Canada for the six months from July to December, inclusive, was 106,463, or 49 per cent. of the total for the same period of the last fiscal year, showing an increase of 26,830. Immigration coming via ocean ports was 67,463, and from the United States 24,961.

Rink Destroyed. Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Hildeau Rink on Laurier avenue, was burned to the ground this morning. The caretaker went back for something, and had to jump from the burning building into a fireman's net. The loss is \$13,000, with \$6,000 insurance.

Will Appeal. Charlottetown, Jan. 25.—During the coming session of the legislature an appeal will be made to the throne asking that the Dominion be asked to carry out the terms of confederation, or falling in this to separate.

Eye-Election. Montreal, Jan. 25.—Ernest Gault a Conservative candidate, was elected in St. Antoine division yesterday by a majority of 869 over Percy C. Ryan, filling the vacancy in the legislature caused by the death of C. B. Carter.

Warrants Issued. Montreal, Jan. 25.—Warrants have been issued for the arrest of three Ottawa players, Alfred and Harry Smith and Baldy Spittal, for brutally assaulting several Vancouver players in a recent hockey match. "I think," said High Constable Clin Mars, "that those who know that warrants are out for them, they will come down to Montreal to-morrow morning so that the warrants may be served upon them and they may be arraigned and held arranged for their appearance later on."

Short of Funds. Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Presbyterian funds for schools for the church fall \$394,000 short of the required amount. Divorces in France. Paris, Jan. 25.—The chamber of deputies to-day adopted the bill providing for the automatic granting of decrees of divorce if each party persists in a suit for three years. It was charged that the measure meant the disintegration of society as it would make the family tie practically dissolvable at will.

COL BLAKE ENDS LIFE. He Organized an Irish Brigade For Volunteer Service in Boer Army.

New York, Jan. 24.—Col. Blake, who organized an Irish brigade for volunteer service in the Boer army in the war against Great Britain, committed suicide to-day in a Harlem boarding house, by inhaling illuminating gas.

Col. Blake had been lecturing in several night schools recently, but he had not been prosperous, and yesterday he told the landlady of the boarding house where he had lived for several months, that he was very much discouraged for the future. Prior to the Boer war Col. Blake was a mining engineer in South Africa. He was about fifty years old. Col. Blake is survived by a widow, who lives at Fall River, Mass., and two sons.

New York, Jan. 24.—With the temperature at one degree above zero at 8 a. m., this was the coldest day of the winter and one of the coldest days in a number of years in this city. Reports from up state districts say that all cold weather records were broken by a drop as low as forty degrees below zero.

FRANK HIGGINS. The next speaker was Mr. Higgins. He regarded the forthcoming election as a question of politics.

It was the most duty of the speaker to turn out the grafters.

Mr. Higgins then proceeded to the Kalien Island scandal. He said acres of land on one of the townships in Canada, sold to road for \$1 an acre. Quartz townsite was reserved by law, not the more duty of the government, for the act under was done was passed in 1896.

Moreover this quarter which secured was the worst part of it.

What did the poor ignorant do for his land? He got \$7.50 an acre as all we get is \$1.50 an acre.

The way in which the deal through was the enormity. The agent after refusing to deal with P. gave the land to a band of inter-tribe and female. Why did it? The government must be receiving a rake-off.

Mr. Higgins referred to the speaker's treatment of the South soldiers. These men were entitled to acres of good land. When the for land in Kalien Island they was refused them because that agent wished to give it to its boss.

Mr. Higgins read from Kane which set forth that the land was reserved and then pointed to profit in the deal, \$30,000 and 100 acres of good coal lands.

The speaker in continuing to the finding of the Pender commission. "The latest scandal to be unfolded is in continuing the Green affair. This is a specimen west graft that any country subjected to. In Oregon they Mitchell, who trifled with lands, to jail.

Mr. Green's resignation is a sign of guilt. The government says to go to the country with hands and works department. The minister of that department will be made chief commissioner. Mr. Green is deputy both on the book and in the pocket. Mr. Gore was too honest.

ROUSING RALLY AT ESQUIMAU

GREEN-CARON MATTER WAS DISCUSSED

Maddon, of Vancouver, Place of McInnes—Delivered a Fine Address.

(From Monday's Daily.)

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The meeting was addressed by Jardine, assisted by Dr. F. H. Hill, D. C. Macdonnell, J. C. A. secretary of the Liberal Association.

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TRANSCONTINENTAL'S  
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Story of Negotiations for Additional  
Lands near Kaien Island Carried  
On by Railway

In the present political campaign the Conservatives are attempting to make a great deal of capital out of the statement that the McBride government had withstood the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Dominion government in refusing to relinquish their reversionary rights in the Indian lands negotiated for by the railway company.

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CAMBRIDGE - HARVARD.

New York, Jan. 25.—A dispatch from Boston says: "The Harvard-Varsity team, it is now confidently believed, will row a return match with the Cambridge crew of England in this country next summer. Work was completed in Boston this morning that the Cambridge crew is planning to come to America this year in the Canadian and National regattas and at the same time would open negotiations for a race with Harvard either before or after the regatta. The letter is from D. C. E. Stuart, stroke for the Cambridge crew that defeated Harvard in England last September. The Harvard man who first learned this morning of the contemplated trip of the English eight were unanimous in expressing their opinion that Harvard would gladly arrange a race at any time during the summer. It would mean that the Harvard Varsity team would be obliged to keep training during the summer, but the Cambridge men were willing to do this that Harvard might have the race and trip abroad."

PROMINENT CLERGYMAN DEAD.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—Rev. Dr. Gilchrist, secretary of the home mission board, died at his residence at 1015 West Huron, N. Y., in 1865.

REPORTED MURDER  
AT SALT SPRING

It is reported that George Williams, said to be a sealer, last night murdered a man named A. Douglas at Beaver Point, near Salt Spring Island, and Sergeant Murray, of the provincial police, left for Sydney this afternoon, and from there will go to Salt Spring Island, with a view to effecting the capture of the supposed murderer.

INQUEST AT SALT SPRING.

The inquest into the death of Alfred Douglas was held on Saturday by Coroner E. C. Hart. The inquest took place in the house of Williams, who is charged with the murder of the dead man. The inquest was held at the table in Williams' house where the men had been playing cards and drinking prior to the murder. The evidence of the three men who were with Williams and Douglas, William, and Emmet Sparrow, brothers-in-law of the murdered man, and William Norton, all half-breeds, was heard, their stories being similar in every particular. None of them said the actual killing. They were all five sittings at a table playing cards and drinking, and "having a good time" when Williams left the table at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and said he was going upstairs to bed. The others continued to play.

PIERCE FIGHTING.

Vannes, France, Jan. 25.—There was a fierce collision between five hundred troops and the populace, led by the Marquis d'Anglade, during the eviction of the seminarists of St. Anne Dauray. The crowd cried: "Long live the Prussians!" and during the fighting many persons were injured on both sides. The Marquis d'Anglade knocked out the eye of a commissioner of police with an umbrella. The Marquis d'Anglade was arrested.

CHILDHOOD AILMENTS.

As a remedy for all the ills of childhood arising from derangements of the stomach or bowels Baly's Own Tablets have no equal. You do not have to coax or threaten your little ones to take them—children like them. The ease with which they can be given as compared with liquid medicines will appeal to every mother. None is so light or wasted—you know just how big a dose has reached the little stomach. And above all mothers have an absolute guarantee that the Tablets contain no opiate or poisonous soothing stuff. They always do good, they cannot possibly do harm. Mrs. Edw. Donovan, St. Agatha, Que., says: "I am delighted with Baly's Own Tablets. I know of no medicine that can equal them in curing the ills of young children." You can get the Tablets from any druggist, or by mail at 25 cents a box by writing "The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

BRIDE TELEGRAMS.

A Berlin dispatch says: Chancellor Von Bülow will select this period of his career to voluntarily retire. His health appears to be excellent, but he works with such ardor that it is understood that his wife wishes him to give up his office and not invite another illness.

NOTE—Mr. McInnes, the other member from Victoria, was paired.

SQUALL SWEEPS  
OVER HONGKONG

OVER ONE HUNDRED  
NATIVES DROWNED

Harbor Littered With Wreckage of  
Boats--No Casualties Among  
White Population.

Hongkong, Jan. 25.—A terrific rain squall broke out over Hongkong this morning, and in the space of ten minutes sank over fifty Chinese crafts in the harbor, more than a hundred natives being drowned.

MEETING AT  
GRAND FORKS

A LIBERAL VICTORY  
IS NOW ASSURED

J. A. Macdonald Spoke at Length  
and Scored the McBride  
Government.

Grand Forks, Jan. 25.—A great Liberal victory was accomplished here last night at a mass meeting of citizens held in the opera house, there being 500 present, one-quarter of whom were ladies. P. P. McCallum, chairman, first introduced H. W. Gregory, Liberal candidate for this riding. His appearance on the platform was the occasion for an outburst of applause. He stated in a manly way the reason he wanted to be called a Liberal-Labor candidate, and upon which he had been nominated by both the Liberal party of this riding and the local labor union. He next dealt with the grievances of the Grand Forks coal locators, and the Columbia and Western matter and other issues of the day he concluded by stating that he would, if elected, always be found on the side of the workmen. He took his seat amid deafening applause.

SENATOR DOBSON DEAD.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Senator John Dobson died at Lindsay yesterday. Mr. Dobson, who was born in Co. Fermagh, Ireland, on Sept. 8th, 1824, was called to the Senate February, 1882.

Treasures Found in  
Our American Forests.

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers of this and other countries. Even the untamed Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information, imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until to-day we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

Dr. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., believes that our American forests abound in medicinal roots for the cure of most obstinate and fatal diseases, if we would properly investigate them, and in confirmation of this conviction, he points with pride to the most marvelous cures effected by his "Golden Medical Discovery," which has proven itself to be the most efficient stomach tonic, liver invigorator, heart tonic and regulator, and blood cleanser known in medical science—Dyspepsia or indigestion, torpid liver, functional and even valvular and other affections of the heart yield to its curative action.

The reason why "Golden Medical Discovery" cures these and many other affections, is clearly shown in a little book of extracts from the standard medical works which is mailed free to any address by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., to all sending request for the same.

To aid in healing old sores, or ulcers, apply Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve to them while taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" to purify the blood. Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve is cleansing and pain relieving. It destroys the bad odors arising from suppulating, or running sores, and puts them in the best possible condition for healing.

If your medicine dealer does not have the "All-Healing Salve" in stock mail 50 cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., and you will receive it by return post.

In treating all open sores, or ulcers, boils, carbuncles and other swellings, it is important that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery be taken persistently to purify the blood, and thereby remove the cause of the trouble. It is in the blood that the great battle of health has to be fought. The ulcer and the sore are simply the starkest flowers of disease with roots running down into the blood. These roots must be eradicated or the disease will break out afresh. "Golden Medical Discovery" cleanses the blood of all foul and poisonous accumulations, pushes out the dead and waste matter, and restores the entire life current. Disease in the flesh must die out when it is no longer fed by foul blood. "Golden Medical Discovery" effectively cures disease in the flesh by curing its cause in the blood.

THE LATE JAMES EVANS.

NO REPLY TO  
THE CHALLENGE

CONSERVATIVES LOTH  
TO ACCEPT IT

A. Henderson Will Speak Here To-  
Morrow Evening--McInnes  
Coming on Friday.

(From Monday's Daily.)  
The Liberal rally which is called for the A. O. U. W. hall to-morrow evening will be addressed by A. Henderson, one of the Liberal candidates in Vancouver. A message was received to-day by the Liberal Association assuring them of this fact, and also giving the assurance that W. W. B. McInnes would be in the city for Friday evening, and would be prepared to meet the premier if arrangements could be made.

VICTORIA STUDENTS  
Make a Good Showing at the College  
at Vancouver.

The pupils from the Victoria High school who are attending the first year course in science at the McGill University College at Vancouver, have maintained the reputation of the local institution of learning in the examinations. The results of which have just been made known. Only three representatives from this city have been taking this course, and all have acquitted themselves in a very creditable manner. So far only the results of the examinations in geometrical drawing, dynamics and physics have been made known.

Among the three students from this city, P. G. Gill stands at the head. In these subjects he passed first in geometrical drawing and physics, and second in dynamics.

H. E. White passed fourth in geometrical drawing, second in dynamics and third in physics. L. P. Macrae passed first in geometrical drawing and dynamics and third in physics.

No alliance with those revolutionaries who would destroy our system of government and haul down our flag; but on the contrary, co-operation with that great body of labor which would reform abuses in a constitutional way.—J. A. Macdonald.

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