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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

THE CITY.

A MEETING of the executive of the Women's Council was held yesterday afternoon...

THE Yacht Club's smoking concert, which was to have been held yesterday evening...

Knox church, Spring Ridge, will hold its annual Christmas treat on Friday evening...

INFORMATION charging two local boatmen with the theft of a Naval Yard bucket...

On Thursday Mr. A. Forbes, conductor of the Victoria & Sidney railway...

At a recent meeting of the Board of Horticulture, the report and presence of the San Jose scale in British Columbia...

CHRISTMAS services began in several churches on Sunday, special sermons being preached in Emmanuel Baptist church...

A MASQUERADE ball was given last evening in Bertram hall, Spring Ridge...

THE hackmen of the city are to enjoy Christmas eve dinner together at the Cliff house...

A FAREWELL dance to the Admiral and officers of H.M.S. Royal Arthur is to be given by Mrs. Dewdney at Government House...

A MEMORIAL service for the late John Finlayson was preached by Rev. W. Leslie Clay at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church...

GEORGE COLE, for 25 years past a resident of Methosin district, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital...

ARGUMENT was heard yesterday by the full court in the appeal by defendants in Nelson & Fort Sheppard v. Jerry and others...

LAST evening at their future residence, 31 Rae street, the marriage ceremony of Miss Marie and Mr. Arthur Lee...

REV. SOLOMON CLEAVER gave the second of his series of sermons on "Elijah, the Prophet of Fire," in the Metropolitan Methodist church...

Those who contemplate enjoying the Christmas holidays to the full will find it hard to beat the following programme...

People with hair that is continually falling out, or those that are bald, can stop the falling, and get a good growth of hair by using Hair Reserver.

more nights. Mose Pigeon gets the next two nights at his place...

WORD has been received from San Francisco that Mr. George Garesche was married there on Wednesday last to Miss Hannah F. Moore...

THE following scratch Rugby team will meet the Navy this afternoon at 3 sharp, on the Canteen field...

CLASSES in manual training will be started in the Y.M.C.A. shortly, provided a fund of \$200 can be raised...

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To Junior Fifth Reader—Leonard Harris, Louisa Carto. To Senior Fourth Reader—Mabel Bechtel, Ernest Harris, Bernice Peters, Annie Johnson, Elizabeth Russell, Rachel Ferguson, Nina Crowell...

To Junior Fourth Reader—Nellie Robertson, Fred Liddell, Blanche Bechtel, Herbert Castleton, William H. Graham, Henry Driver, John L. Johnson, William Gillespie, Margaret Ernest, Bertie Graham, Nina Crowell. To Senior Third Reader—Edgar Abbott, Norman Owens, Robert Ferguson, Mary Turner, Annie McDonald, Margaret Driver, Jennie G. Littlewood, Ernest Sewell, William Hill, John Gillespie...

To Junior Third Reader—Jennie Colbourne, Charles Graham, Eva Ferguson, George Moody. To First Primer—Christopher Moody, Maud Owens, Caroline Liddell.

Senior Fifth—Edith Turner proficiency, Dorothy Mason writing.

Junior Fifth—Alice Turner, Joseph Hancock, proficiency; Amelia Bechtel, map drawing; John McDonald, department.

Senior Fourth—Leonard Harris, Ada Driver, examination; William Corbett, writing; Louisa Carto, Mabel Liddell, department.

Junior Fourth—Mabel Bechtel, Ernest Harris, examination; Annie Johnson, writing; Beattie Russell, department; Rachel Ferguson, map drawing; Bernice Peters, arithmetic; Nellie Robertson, department.

Senior Third—Miss G. A. Godson, teacher—Blanche Bechtel, Henry Driver, examination; Beattie Castleton, Bertie Graham, writing; Maggie Russell, reading; John Johnson, knitting.

Junior Third—Norman Owens, Edgar Abbott, examination; Mary Turner, department; Annie McDonald, Robert Ferguson.

Second Reader—Maggie Driver, Jennie G. Littlewood, examination; Ernest Sewell, Gordon Crowell, department.

First Primer—Teacher, Miss Miller—Isabelle McDonald (little rocking chair presented by Weiler Bros.), Rose Hancock, Alice Rivers.

After the proceedings the children gave hearty cheers for the following, who kindly gave prizes: Chief Justice Davie, Hon. D. M. Eberts, J. W. Tolmie J.P., Mr. T. Speed, Trustee J. W. Speed, Mr. John Speed, Mr. Davidson, Miss Tolmie, Mr. N. Hibben, Mr. J. Hughes, Mr. Crompton, and Master John McDonald, one of the head pupils of the school.

GOOD-BYE TO THE "SEHOMIE." If matched in no other respect than size the Rosalie will find herself on very equal terms with the Selhomie's successor, the Edith, which replaces that at the Seattle-Victoria run tomorrow...

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ON PORTLOCK POINT.

The C.P.N. Co.'s Steamer "Islander" Meets With A Serious Misadventure.

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Very Considerate. A true husband thinks first of his wife's comfort, says a French journal. Friend Perichon, accompanied by his wife, took a trip to the outskirts of Paris. Very tired and hungry they entered an eating house. The proprietor declared that he had nothing but a chop to offer them. "Only one?" exclaimed Perichon. "Then what is my wife to have?"

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TEMPLEMAN'S OPINION.

The Liberal Candidate Thinks of the Average Victoria Voter.

A Herd Driven Roughshod Over Reason and Common Sense.

The Times of March 6, 1891, contains Mr. Templeman's estimate of the average Victoria voter. Just now, when compliments are the order of the day, it will do the average elector no harm to let him know what the managing editor of the Times, when he is not seeking votes, thinks of him. The picture that he draws of him is not by any means pretty and, as we said at the time, not true to life. After the general election of 1891 Mr. Templeman felt and expressed the utmost contempt for the average voter. This is how he described him:

The average voter is the reverse of puerous as touching his skull. He must be approached from other directions. The methods of the "bunco steerer" must be practised on him. He must be cajoled into giving his political support. The Times flatters itself that it expounded the policy of the Liberal party in a manner at once candid and convincing. The advantages that would accrue to the Dominion from unrestricted reciprocity were clearly presented, and the objections thereto were squarely met and abolished. Nevertheless, candor compels the admission, that the most elaborately written editorial has less influence on the mind of the average voter than a song from Col. Prior.

The average voter is a queer animal, and let him remember that unless he succeeds shortly in getting rid of some of his superfluous obtuseness he will have none to blame but himself for the abuses which are chronic. Those who will read these lines are the men who will organize the average voter into a compact political mass and herd him to the polls. The class who will read these lines may be described the "vaqueros" of politics, and during crises such as we have just passed through, hold a "rodero." The average voter is "rounded up," and with the exception of a box here and there, the herd, if the interests of the "vaqueros" seem to require it, is driven rough shod over reason and common sense. Since, therefore, the homiletics of the editorial column do not reach the man who would profit by their perusal, why should the philanthropists play their role of political missionaries play day by day are operating to put him in the position of a panderer to tyranny. But to whom are we talking? Will the average voter address himself to the effort of reading these lines, or has he rather listened to one of Col. Prior's solos.

The Times distinctly announces right here that not until Col. Prior's voice gives out will it undertake to make a point by appealing to the reason of the mob. It may be no harm to state just here that Col. Prior's voice has not given out. This is perhaps why the Times does not appeal to the reason of the electors.

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Advertisement for Myrtle Navy Tobacco. Each plug of which is stamped with T & B In Bronze. Our Cheering Tobacco is stamped with T & B In Bronze.

Advertisement for T & B In Bronze. NOTICE: The annual meeting of the British Columbia Fire Insurance Co. will be held at the office of Dalby & Co., 415 Yates street, at 2:30 p.m. on January 22nd, 1896. W.M. DALBY, Secretary. December 26th, 1895.

Vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'BOX', 'TUAL VER', 'RAYMOND', 'SILVER \$19', 'GOLD', 'JEWELRY', 'WATCHES', 'CLOCK', 'STREET', 'PROVISIONS', 'MASON', 'BLIN', 'KY', 'LONDON', 'AND', 'CO.', 'GOVERNMENT STREET'.

A SETTLER.

The following telegram from Sir Mackenzie Bowell was received yesterday by the Secretary of the Liberal-Conservative Association in answer to enquiries made for the purpose of exposing the misstatements made by the Opposition relative to Col. Prior's appointment to a seat in the Cabinet:

Ottawa, Dec. 23.

A. Stewart Potts, Secretary Liberal-Conservative Association, Victoria: Yes, vote and voice in Cabinet and Council equal with mine. See telegram from Prior. Surprised doubt exists after many affirmative answers given these questions.

MACKENZIE BOWELL.

COLLAPSED.

The Times has at last found that the average Victoria elector, little as Mr. Templeman thinks of him, will not swallow too strong a dose of falsehood. It has, we see, at last taken from the head of its telegraph column the brazen lie "No Cabinet Minister." There was never the shadow of an excuse for the impudent falsehood. The editor of the Times knew that Col. Prior had been offered a seat in the Cabinet by the Premier of the Dominion, and that he had accepted the position. Both the offer and the acceptance were published verbatim a few hours after they were written. Any man of common sense would have seen that Col. Prior would not make such an announcement as he did unless he had the best possible grounds for so doing. It did not require more than average intelligence and power of reasoning in the managing-editor of the Times to come to the conclusion that Sir Mackenzie Bowell would not offer Col. Prior a seat in the Cabinet unless he had the power to do so; and common courtesy as well as common prudence would dictate to him to give the Premier credit for acting in good faith and with a knowledge of the constitution of the Dominion.

But the managing editor of the Times acted as if he possessed neither intelligent reasoning power, common sense, courtesy nor prudence. He at once decided that Col. Prior was a Cabinet Minister and repeated the statement day after day with all the emphasis that big capital letters and notes of admiration could give it. By doing this he placed the Dominion Premier on a lower level than is occupied by the man who pays a debt with a cheque on a bank in which he has no funds. He also deceived and misled those citizens of Victoria who depend on the Times for their political information. The deception was practised either through ignorance or design on the part of the managing editor of the Times. In either case he has shown that he is unfit to represent a constituency composed of intelligent and honest men. The course pursued by the managing editor of the Times with respect to Mr. Prior's appointment to a seat in the cabinet is wholly without excuse.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

The Times of Saturday in one of its leading articles said: "Our dispatches from Ottawa to-day ought to put an end to the false pretence in regard to Col. Prior's position. The authority of Dr. Bourinot will hardly be questioned even by the Colonist, and his opinion evidently coincides with the opinions of members of the Government." When it is seen that the principal statement in the above quotation is a deliberate lie, invented for the occasion either in Ottawa or here in Victoria, the electors of the district will know what credit to attach to the telegrams and the editorial utterances of the organ of the Opposition. The paper containing the glaring untruth about the decision of Dr. Bourinot had hardly been issued when a telegram direct from Dr. Bourinot, was received, dated December 21st (Saturday) stating in the plainest terms possible that no expression of opinion whatever had emanated from him concerning the constitutional or any other aspect of proposed Cabinet arrangements. That gentleman's contradiction of the statement made by the Ottawa correspondent of the Times and the editor of the Times, is most positive. The learned Doctor had, up to the time he telegraphed to Col. Prior, not said one single word relative to the constitutionality of that gentleman's appointment to a seat in the Cabinet. The fair presumption is that the statement made in the same telegram relative to the "opinions" of members of the Government is equally false.

There can be no possible excuse for publishing such gross falsehoods as these. And it must be remembered that Mr. Templeman is directly responsible for the attempt to deceive the electors made by the Times. He is the manager of that paper as well as a candidate for the representation of Victoria. He cannot say, as a candidate who is not editor or manager of his party's paper might with some reason say, that it was not fair to call him to account for the lies and bogus news published in his interest, for Mr. Templeman is supposed to see and permit the publication of every word, both of news and editorial, that appears in his paper relative to

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the contest in which he is one of the principals. He cannot throw the blame of the false statements that appear in his paper on over-zealous and unprincipled supporters who stupidly believe that his election for Victoria can be secured by unprincipled misrepresentation and downright lying. He must be held personally and directly responsible for every untruth relative to the election to which his paper gives circulation.

A CONFERENCE.

The Montreal Gazette of the 16th contains the following very significant paragraph: Mr. Laurier, a Quebec Liberal leader, Mr. Sifton, a Manitoba Liberal leader, and Mr. James Sutherland, M.P., an Ontario Liberal leader, were all at the Windsor, yesterday. They were thus represented under one roof the three divisions of the Liberal party, that which favors separate Catholic schools in Manitoba, that which abolished them and that which don't care whether they are maintained or abolished if votes can be secured in the common cause.

GRIT TACTICS.

The Liberal politicians have been busy doing their utmost to divide the Conservative party. For a considerable time they depended principally upon the trade question to accomplish this purpose. They did their best to array class against class. They tried hard to lead the farmers to believe that the manufacturers were their worst enemies, that every protectionist, whatever his occupation might be, was endeavoring with might and main to rob the farmer. They found, however, that the farmers of Canada are too intelligent to be deceived by their sophistry and their one-sided statements, so they have shovelled free trade into the background and are trying their hand at splitting the Conservatives with the religious wedge.

Although their leaders are most careful not to commit themselves on the Manitoba school question and although they mould their speeches so that they will be made to suit the opinions of the particular localities in which they are delivered they have given their followers a free hand to use the Manitoba school question in the way in which it will best advance the interests of the party and gain the most Conservative votes in the districts in which they severally work. Consequently we see Liberals professing to hold all sorts of opinions on that question, from the rabid roge howler in Quebec "for justice" to the Manitoba minority, to the uncompromising denouncer of coercion say in Victoria, B. C. But, differ as they may in their professions and speeches on the school question, they are all followers of Laurier and all fighting for office and its emoluments. But as to what their leader's views and intentions are with respect to the question there is a great diversity of opinion, varying according to the part of the country in which the opinion is expressed. The Toronto Mail and Empire of the 16th gives the following description of the tortuous and deceptive course of the Liberals on this question:

The three assaults having failed, the absolute division of the people on religious lines was determined upon. What better means of effecting such a division could be devised than that which the Manitoba school law afforded? There was a statute passed by themselves inflicting upon the Roman Catholics what they regarded as an injustice. Naturally the Roman Catholics, smarting under a condition described by Mr. Joseph Martin as "tyranny," would look to the Liberals for relief. If the Government should refuse to propose relief, then the Liberals, who are responsible for the Act, were to arouse Quebec against the Administration and gain power through splitting off the Conservative Catholics. If, on the other hand, the Government should hold that relief ought to be given, then the same Liberals were to lead the Protestants of the English-speaking provinces in antagonism to the proposal. For four years the ingenuity of Mr. Laurier and his friends has been exercised to hold the question in the field. When the Manitoba minority petitioned for relief the leader himself said that if a wrong had been done he would go to Mr. Greenway and ask him to right it. He went to Winnipeg and was informed of the facts by the complainants. At that moment there

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THIS PROPERTY is within easy distance of many of the most important Gold Silver and Coal Mines in West Kootenay. The soil is the best bottom land, and the locality is one of the few places in the Province where so large a piece of good farm land can be found in one block. A river runs through the property, and rainbow trout are plentiful and afford capitalsport. Deer abound in considerable numbers. Bear, Wolf, Coyote and other large game are to be found in the hills. There are two creeks recorded and belonging to the estate; one flows all the year round. Limestone and brick clay are to be had in the valley.

THE CATTLE are well bred. A much larger herd could be farmed with the place. The bunch grass on the hills in the vicinity covers many thousands of acres, and is available to the few land owners in the valleys. THE CLIMATE is not severe. The station was for many years the winter quarters of the H. B. Co.'s pack trains. THE SOUTH-WEST KOOTENAY AND OSOYOOS Divisions of Yale District, British Columbia, judging from the actual ore products of the mines to date, are destined in the next year or two to be the richest and most important mineral centres in the world.

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These localities are rapidly settling up, and as farm land is limited, great inducement is offered to any person or corporation having capital and knowledge necessary to work these Estates. A store, hotel and blacksmith shop could be run in connection with the farm.

was in the hands of Mr. Greenway, with whom he is working and associating, a memorial from Ottawa, asking the Manitoba Government to correct what there, and although he would intercede with Mr. Greenway, declined to take action, and told his petitioners to look to Ottawa. "I think," he said, "that your policy should be to acquaint the Government at Ottawa with the facts." Having directed his petitioners from the Provincial to the Federal Government, and there was immediately set in motion a Liberal agitation for Federal interference in Quebec, and a Liberal agitation against Federal interference in Ontario and the other provinces. On the arrival of the Privy Council's decision the hon. gentlemen, through his Quebec mouthpiece, demanded a remedial order, and through his Ontario mouthpiece asserted that no order should be given. The order was issued. Mr. Laurier then presented in Verchères a Liberal candidate, Mr. Geoffron, who said that, in the opinion of the Liberals that order was right. Mr. Greenway, however, came down to Ottawa on receipt of the order and saw Mr. Laurier about it. The answer he gave after seeing Mr. Laurier was that the relief for which the minority asked would not be given. Mr. Laurier made a speech in Parliament with reference to this order. His Western organ, the Winnipeg Tribune, declared that this speech was a clear intimation that he was opposed to relief. His Eastern organ, L'Electeur, asserted that it was a promise to the relief. The hon. gentleman declared in Gaspé that he would re-establish separate schools in Manitoba; but in Ontario, that he does not know the facts, and wants a Royal Commission to inform him. Meanwhile, the Ottawa Generalist has once more invited Mr. Greenway to remove the question from Federal politics. The reply has not yet come. The Liberal leader is no doubt considering what his next strategical move shall be.

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NOTED SHIPBUILDER DEAD.

BELFAST, Dec. 24.—Sir Edward Harland, head of the famous shipbuilding firm of Harland & Wolff, died to-day. He was member of parliament for North Belfast in the Conservative interest; he was 64 years old and was twice Mayor of Belfast. His partner, G. W. Wolff, is member of parliament for East Belfast in the Conservative interest, and he and Mr. Wolff being of German extraction were known in the House of Commons as "Majestic" and "Germanic." Sir Edward was for many years chairman of the harbor commissioners of Belfast, and was a bulwark of Conservatism in Ulster. He was one of the foremost organizers of the Ulster convention. His baronetcy was the gift of Lord Salisbury and dates from 1885.

AN EVIL FOLLOWER.

Consumption follows neglected colds. Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs, asthma, sore throat, bronchitis and lung troubles. Price 25c and 50c.

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Corner Wharf and Johnson Streets, Victoria. THIS popular and well known Hotel was re-opened on November 15, under the management of Wm. Jensen, its founder, with everything new and bright. It will be conducted as of former years, aiming to make it homelike for guests.