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RECEPTION TO H. C. BREWSTER

WELLINGTON GREETED LIBERAL NOMINEE

C. P. R. Car Shops at That Point Closed to All But Conservative Politicians.

H. C. Brewster, the Liberal candidate in Alberni district, met with a flattering reception Wednesday night by a large number of the electors of Wellington, who met to hear Liberal principles expounded and the shortcomings of the McBride government laid bare. Mr. Aaron Barnes took the chair, and in opening the meeting took occasion to refer to several of the issues of the campaign. The domination of the C.P.R. over the McBride government was one of the several questions touched upon by Mr. Barnes, who spoke of the question in its relation to the electors of Alberni district. It was a well-known fact, said the chairman, that Mr. Manson was under the influence of the C.P.R. Mr. Brewster, in his canvass of the electors of Wellington, asked permission to go through the C.P.R. shops, and his request was refused, but Mr. Manson, who was the Liberal candidate, was permitted to go through the shops, as was also the "Wee Mannie," otherwise the sergeant-at-arms at Victoria while the House was in session.

The chairman also took occasion to comment on the eight-hour day in the Alberni district, of which Mr. Brewster had attributed to McBride and his followers, while on the other hand Mr. Macdonald voted for the measure. Look through all of Mr. Brewster's speeches, continued the speaker, and also through the Socialist press, and you will find Mr. Macdonald's name, Mr. McBride for his actions.

Auto-ratic Action.

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The Candidate.

Mr. Brewster was greeted with a round of applause when he rose to speak. Better terms was the first issue dealt with by Mr. Brewster, who criticized the action of the Premier, Mr. McBride, whom the speaker termed as "The Big Gun," but whom he called the "Big Jolly." The Premier, full of bluster, had gone to Ottawa to look after British Columbia's interests, but left the conference insulted by the offer of a million dollars. Full of bluster he was going to carry his case to the foot of the throne. For that little speech the Conservatives of Victoria engaged all the brass bands in the city to give the Premier a noisy welcome.

Mr. Brewster attributed the prosperity of the province to the fact that the neighboring states of the union and the Northwest Territories were going ahead, which in turn had its effect upon this province, and due to the variety of the acts of the McBride government.

The immigration policy of the Dominion government, its bounty on land as robbed him of all the valuable Abyssinian damsel selected with such care at well also put up with the fact that spy woman sent semi-independent position, the other hand, being also return her hating Yunes ever he did before. Thus, no possible combination against, their ruler, Allah's skill (to be continued.)

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Financial Policy.

The action of the government in borrowing a million dollars in the name of the bankers was severely criticized by Mr. Brewster, his remarks were received with approval by all those present. The government borrowed \$1,000,000 and paid 5 per cent, while the half of the amount was lying in the bank drawing only 3 per cent. Interest. Mr. Macdonald, the Liberal leader, had moved for a loan of half a million, which would have been quite sufficient, but Mr. Macdonald's proposition was turned down by the McBride government.

COLOSSAL SCANDAL AT LAST UNEARTHED

Reasons for Green's Retirement are Disclosed---Tremendous Jobbery in the Lands and Works Department.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 22.—The Vancouver World this afternoon says: "In 1905 a company called the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate applied to R. F. Green, then chief commissioner of Lands and Works, for leases of 32 sections of coal lands on Pine river which, when the early construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway through that portion of British Columbia is considered, are certain to become of great and immediate value.

Representing the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate was Sir Adolph Caron, formerly a Conservative minister of the Crown at Ottawa. The application was refused by Mr. Green, who alleged as a reason that the Dominion government had not then selected the 3,500,000 acres of land in the northwest corner of this province which were conveyed to it by the terms of the settlement act under which the Esquimalt and Nanaimo railway was built.

Later a private arrangement was struck up by R. F. Green, representing the British Columbia government, and Sir Adolph Caron, acting for the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate, and the leases were granted, Caron having previously written to Green to name a friend who could be trusted to hold shares in the syndicate in his interest.

Mr. Green replied, thanking Caron for his beneficence and naming Neil Mackay, then Premier McBride's private secretary, as a safe person in whom to vest the ownership of the shares.

Caron wrote Green stating that the value of the shares which were to be given to him as a free gift, and which were rated at one pound eighteen shillings, was \$37,000.

Mr. Green replied thanking Caron for his very great kindness. The leases were then issued by the chief commissioner to the Transportation Exploration Syndicate.

Caron also secured leases for coal lands on Telqua river in the same location of the country for which Green was given another share in the name of the G. T. P.

It was probably felt that the custodian of the shares should be changed. At any rate the name of Granville Cuppige, a junior clerk in the lands and works department at Victoria, appears in the Province of October 1904, as one of the directors of the company that is about to spend \$400,000 in developing the coal lands along the line of the G. T. P.

From whom Mr. Cuppige got his shares is not at present known, but there is reason to believe that the \$37,000 worth of stock which was originally conveyed to Neil Mackay is the shares which Mr. Granville Cuppige represents, and by virtue of which he is a director of the company.

BEAUTIFYING OF WINNIPEG PARTICULARS GIVEN VICTORIA COUNCIL

Dr. E. England, of the Western Metropolis, Met the City Fathers in a Body Last Evening.

Dr. E. England, before the city council last evening, gave several valuable hints on the subject of boulevarding and replied to a number of questions which he invited the aldermen to ask. At the conclusion of the regular business of the meeting he took the platform and related, briefly, the history of the honorary board of park and boulevard commissioners at Winnipeg, illustrating the good work which has been done by this body since it was first formed. He pointed out the difficulties which had been encountered and overcome, and stated that the work of the board was now being appreciated thoroughly by the people of the Manitoba metropolis.

Two parks were laid out in the city by the commissioners when they were first appointed and, although there was considerable opposition when the work was commenced the fact that property in the vicinity nearly doubled in value upon the completion of the parks opened the eyes of the residents to the benefits which would follow the beautifying crusade inaugurated by the board.

When the construction of boulevards was commenced, however, a still stronger opposition was met with. This work was carried on at the expense of the property owners, the cost of the sidewalks and curbing being raised on the one-hand local improvement plan. The actual cost of boulevarding was covered by a direct frontage tax. Referring to the system at present prevailing, Dr. England said that the boulevards are constructed, generally, at the request of the property owners themselves and that the latter have realized that such work greatly in-

ALTERNATIVE LINE OF C. P. R. TO COAST

Corporation Disclose Plan Which Indicates They Will Parallel Grand Trunk Through Yellowhead Pass.

Montreal, Jan. 22.—Vice-President Wm. Whyte, of the C. P. R., having concluded his conference with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, it is announced that six or seven millions will be spent next year, and that the independent line from Winnipeg to Edmonton, via Saskatchewan, will be pushed ahead with all possible speed.

After answering several questions put by the aldermen concerning local improvement work Dr. England concluded. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

RACING FIXTURES.

Dates Are Practically the Same as Last Year.

New York, Jan. 22.—The stewards of the Jockey Club yesterday assigned the racing dates for the year. They came to an understanding in the allotment of days to each track much earlier than last year. This would tend to show that the racing officials are acting in harmony. It was only necessary for the stewards to take a formal vote on the dates and pass them. They are practically the same as last year, with the exception that the Belmont Park will have two meetings in the spring of nine days each.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Fort William, Ont., Jan. 21.—Train No. 2, east-bound, is derailed at English, Ontario. Only the engine remained on the track. No details have been received.

No. 75, a freight train, left the track two miles west of Sunshine. The cars are piled up on a bridge, which is damaged. The latter has been repaired.

No. 97 is held here waiting No. 2.

PROVINCE GETS SMALL RETURNS

IN ADMINISTRATION OF TIMBER LANDS

Government's Policy is to Advantage of Speculators Who are Not Slow to Act.

In no more striking way has the incapacity of the present government of British Columbia been shown than in the management of the timber resources of the country. The demand for the timber lands of the province has become so great that it is fairly estimated that from the revenues to be derived from that source alone the debts of the province could be entirely paid off. This would of course be under proper administration and not according to the system which the present government pursues.

The timber of the province is rapidly passing into the hands of speculators, who in many instances are reaping a rich reward at once or in other cases are holding the lands at what is merely a nominal charge, assured that in the course of a few years they will make an immense profit out of the investment.

The government's policy is one which plays directly into the hands of speculators and is not calculated to insure the passing of the timber resources of the country to those who will make use of them by the erection of mills and the employment of labor in the manufacture of lumber. On the contrary the system by which the lands are acquired affords an excellent chance for those acquainted with the system of dealing in timber.

So disadvantageous are the interests of the provincial treasury does this system act that the holder of licenses which have been made transferable and for which only 22 cents an acre is paid, have been offered in many cases very large bonuses as an inducement for them to transfer. It is usual for a bonus of from \$5 to \$10 an acre to be offered over and above the government dues, but with the advantages which are sure to follow by the holding of these timber lands the licensees in many cases refuse to part with them at these prices.

The government thus hands out to the speculator a merely a nominal figure the timber lands of the province, while the latter in turn is put in a position to make a fortune by disposing of the timber to the actual millmen or loggers, who must buy at the speculator's own price.

The government crowds over the vast sums derived from the sale of the timber lands, but only a very small percentage of the money paid by the actual manufacturers of the timber goes into the treasury of the province. On the contrary the government by its policy assists the speculator to hold up the mill men.

The manufacturers would gladly deal directly with the government, and the result would be a much more satisfactory arrangement.

The policy in Ontario where the sale of timber berths has resulted in placing the finances of that province in a most satisfactory condition could, according to those best acquainted with the condition, be well followed in large part by British Columbia. When a timber area is applied for in Ontario a survey is made by the government, and after advertising the tract is offered at public auction, and the highest bonus offered takes the berth. The government dues are all payable in advance in British Columbia, in addition to the bonus paid. The result of this system is to increase the revenues of the province many times over what they are in British Columbia without working any hardship on any one.

TIME EXTENDED.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The time for receiving competitive designs for the new departmental block on Sussex street has been again extended from March 15th to July 12th. This extension was asked for at a meeting of Canadian architects in this city.

FOUR LIVES LOST.

MOTOR YACHT RACING.

The Dixie Selected to Represent United States in Contest For the Harnsworth Trophy.

New York, Jan. 22.—A challenge has been forwarded to the Motor Yacht Club of England by the Motor Boat Club of America, naming the Dixie, owned by Commodore Edward J. Schroeder, as the representative of America for the British International Cup known as the Harnsworth trophy which was last year won by the Yarrow, representing England.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—The Stanley cup goes west to the Kenora team defeating Wanderers by 8 to 6. With five minutes to play it was 5 in favor of Kenora; who had minutes to play it was 6 to 2 in favor of Montreal.

RESULTS FROM LIBERAL POLICY

PROVINCE DERIVES DIRECT BENEFITS

To Meet Competition C. P. R. Will Likely Build in Northern British Columbia.

An announcement contained in a dispatch from Montreal to-day indicates that the C. P. R. intends constructing their line through the Yellow Head Pass, thus paralleling the Grand Trunk Pacific route for at least a part of the way across the province. The announcement will be received with joy by the residents of British Columbia, who are anxious to see all the railway lines possible constructed in the province.

It is many months since the Times made the announcement that the C. P. R. was contemplating building to the Pacific by way of the Yellow Head Pass. It has long been felt that if the company was to compete in the carrying of freight with other transcontinental roads a different route from that now used by the company in its main line across British Columbia would have to be adopted. The dispatch from Montreal to-day indicates that this course will be decided upon.

The C. P. R. in adopting the line according to the original survey, namely, by the Yellow Head Pass, has not yet finally decided upon the terminal point on the Pacific. This is a matter which will occupy their attention later.

The invasion of the northern portion of British Columbia by the C. P. R. and the consequent opening up of that section of the province which must follow construction, is the direct result of the policy pursued by the Dominion government in providing for the building of the G. T. P. through new British Columbia without any aid from the province.

It has also been decided that another fifty miles shall be added to the line which is being built from Moose Jaw to the Saskatchewan river.

The management hope to get through the whole of the heavy rock work that has to be done in connection with the double tracking between Winnipeg and Fort William. The distance between the two points is 428 miles. It is expected that 300 miles of the double tracking will be ready for taking out of the 1907 crop.

several days at Quessel for repairs after the Liberal meeting. The champion entering coming down the road this week looks hope of finding a few Conservatives in the bush. He is causing much amusement with his lavish promises of what "McBride and me" will do. Messrs. Jones, Yorston and Wade are on their way to Quessel Forks to-day.

Rally at Nelson.

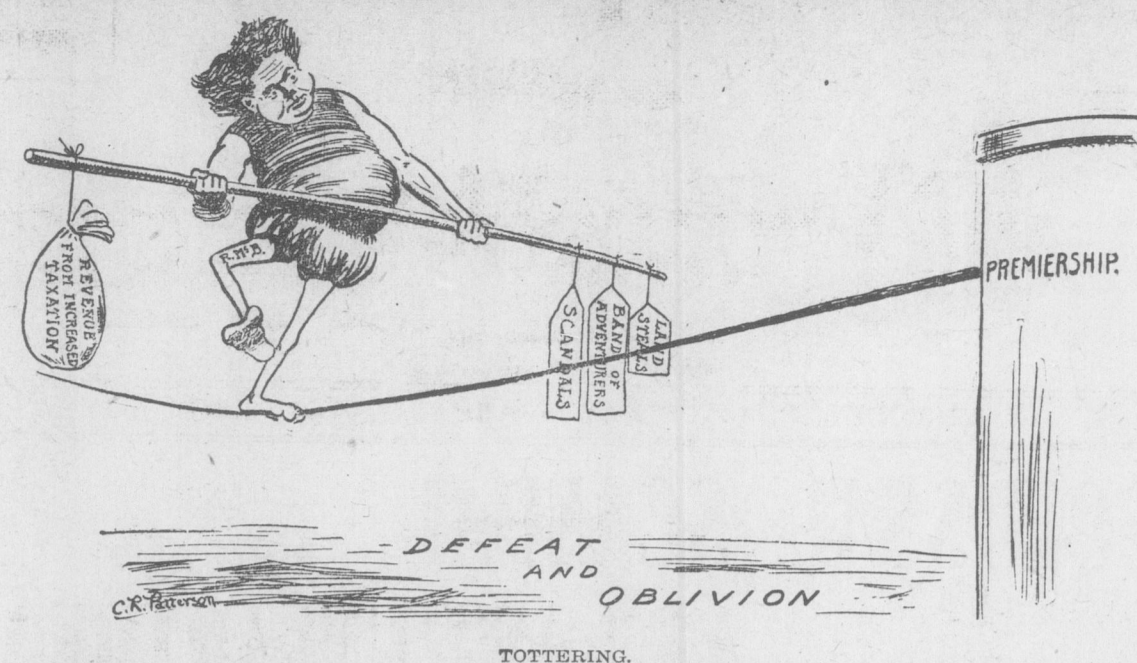
Nelson, Jan. 27.—A grand Liberal rally was held in the opera house to-night. The building was packed to the doors. W. W. B. McInnes made, as usual a strong speech on behalf of Dr. Hall and J. Fred Hume.

STARVING CREW OF SCHOONER RESCUED

Captain and Men of Japanese Vessel Landed at Victoria by the Steamer Tydeus.

Capt. Uye Maki and 17 men of the Japanese schooner Kiam Maru were landed from the Holt liner Tydeus...

phone the Japanese captain was informed of his bearings and the offer of assistance made. The crew of the schooner then put off in a sampan...



MACDONALD TO TRAIL ELECTORS

Denounces Policy of McBride Government

Liberal Prospects in Ymir Very Bright--F. J. Hume Certain of Election.

Rosland, Jan. 24.--The Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, and F. J. Deane, of Nelson, held a rousing meeting at Trail last evening...

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

Dr. Kriege Explains the Attitude of Germany.

M'INNES SPEAKS AT KAMLOOPS

Swanson's Election is Now Conceded

Kamloops, Jan. 23.--W. W. B. McInnes captured a Conservative mass meeting at Kamloops this evening.

NO EXPLANATION FROM SWEETENHAM

The Governor's Action Condemned

Incident Closed As Far as Great Britain and United States are Concerned.

(Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.--President Roosevelt's assurance through Assistant Secretary of State Bacon...

LIBERAL ORATOR MADE POWERFUL ATTACK UPON MCBRIDE GOVERNMENT

Applauded to Echo.

HOW THE PREMIER WAS BLUDGEONED

Threat to Use Scandal Against Him Finally Brought About Green's Resignation--The Split in the Party.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The recent revelation of the connection between the chief commissioner of lands and works and the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate...

province threatened on the London market by such a transaction as this. There can be little doubt that the name of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, as a shareholder in the lands, was used privately, if not publicly, to influence the opinion of the country when the flotation of the company was being effected.

SNOW SLIDES AT COAL CREEK

People Advised to Leave Their Homes

Work at Standstill in Mines--Men Employed Clearing Entrances and Tracks.

OFFICIAL BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Elaborate Arrangements Being Made for the Function to Be Held Jan. 31st.

(From Thursday's Daily.) On Jan. 31st an official ball is to be given at Government House by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Duns-

WORK AT STANDSTILL IN MINES--MEN EMPLOYED CLEARING ENTRANCES AND TRACKS.

Fernie, B. C., Jan. 23.--The mild weather of the last two days had a serious effect at Coal Creek in causing heavy snowdrifts down the mountain sides.

KEEP A SOCIALIST FROM HIS REWARD

(Associated Press.) W. E. McInnes, referring to the Conservative-Socialist charge that he (Mr. McInnes) had at one time attempted to join the Socialists, declared he would not be unfaithful to his duties as a member of the Liberal party.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Programme of Performances for the Governor-General's Trophy.

COLD SNAP.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 24.--Not since February 5th, 1888, has the thermometer registered such a low point as it did at 5 o'clock to-day, the mercury falling to 10 below zero.

ANCIENT CITY DESTROYED.

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OAKS OF MANY CENTURIES.

Some in England May Have Been Standing in Caesar's Time.

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PACIFIC COAST SERVICE TO MEXICO

General Manager of the New Steamship Line Speaks Glowingly of the Prospects of Trade.

Captain T. H. Worsnop, the general manager of the Canadian-Mexican Pacific steamship line, which will shortly operate between Vancouver, Victoria and Mexican ports...

"Our freight rates will be regulated to compete with those already in existence between San Francisco and Mexico. The passenger rates have not yet been decided, but they will be arranged to compete with those that have been established between Vancouver, Victoria and Mexican ports."

"Victoria will be our headquarters on the Pacific," he said. "H. H. Greer has been appointed freight and passenger agent for British Columbia. To him is due the suggestion of this scheme, which is now rapidly approaching completion."

"We will start into business during the first week in April. The steamship Georgia, which is now on her way here, will sail from Salina Cruz on the 1st of April, we hope, and then the project will have been inaugurated."

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COUNTRY AFFAIRS

Government's Conduct Regarded

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The announcement of the scandal unearthed in the Works Department, which was published in yesterday's Times, is a topic of conversation in this city.

It is felt that while the government has endeavored to make Mr. Macdonald, the last vestige of a few of its partisans retain for it, have been swayed and its doom on February 1st ready sealed.

"The mere fact that the members of the government have late minutes' connection with the scandal, from May of last year, is a matter of the election, makes them with him in the odium."

"Taken in conjunction with the scandal, the present government is a disgrace to the country. It is a disgrace to the country. It is a disgrace to the country. It is a disgrace to the country."

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE

LOGAN'S RESOLUTION REGARDED AS PREJUDICIAL

Premier Favors Principle But Advises Leaving Abeyance.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.--There emanated caucus yesterday the British preference to Canada.

CASES DROPPED

Suits Arising Out of Wharf Election to Be Discontinued.

"It is announced to-day that suits against James H. Cockburn, Henry Sanderson, and John Douglas Harris to recover fines for practices at the municipal election, will be discontinued."

VETERINARY COURSE AT HOME

\$1200 a year and upwards can be made taking our Veterinary Course at home.

COUNTRY DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION

Government's Connection With Exploration Syndicate Regarded as Its Doom—Attempt to Discipline It.

MEXICO Steamship Line respects

samples of general merchandise. This is in what Canada and Mexico to each other. We will undertake every description of bringing shipments to Canada for the Mexican rates will be regulated with those already in effect San Francisco and passenger rates have not been, but they will be arranged with those that have been between Vancouver, Mexico ports.

Several inquiries have been received from British shippers, and from British, hardware, fruit, coffee, all indications point to an ever extending trade, and it will be necessary to put up more ships, as he says on points to the birth of a new era. "We are breaking the ice," he said, in conclusion, "and we have every reason to believe that the greatest natural resource equally large tract of land." "I am very enthusiastic about it," he said, "and I am confident that it will be a great success."

Mr. Green had thoughtfully placed in his hands, it was quite able to do so. While the production of the letter may have been necessary on the part of Mr. Adolph's lawyers, it was a rude blow to the cabinet, and their comports of it placed them in a very invidious light. Mr. Green had to go. Some say must be thrown to Cerberus.

With Mr. Green gone, it was felt that a certain extent, something in the nature of a "hard head slap" was to be given to them.

January 7th the company remitted a cheque for \$758, its annual rental of sections 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630 and 631 in the Telqua district. The letter was signed by the secretary, J. H. E. Secretan.

The department became indignant. A letter was at once dispatched notifying the erring ones that inasmuch as the syndicate was not licensed to carry on business in the province under special registration, they had no right to lot No. 624. The letter included a cheque for \$28.

No mention was made of the other seven lots, valuable coal areas, and the balance of the rental was calmly accepted.

Mr. Cuppage, of the lands and works department, whose name has been mentioned in the matter, disclaims any connection with the Transcontinental Exploration Syndicate. He says he never held any stock in it nor did he have any connection with the organization directly or indirectly. The bringing of his name into the matter was a mistake, doubtless due to the fact that under leave of absence from the office he spent several months in the north and came south with Mr. Highland, the person in charge of the work of the company in the Telqua. This is the only way Mr. Cuppage says in which he can conceive of his name becoming connected with the company.

Mr. Cuppage explains the remission of the fees on section 624 as due to the fact that the person in whose name the licence was taken out had died. It was impossible to renew the licence to a deceased man, and the company as organized was not registered in the province, and therefore could not take out the licence.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE

LOGAN'S RESOLUTION REGARDED AS PREMATURE

Premier Favors Principle of Motion But Advises Leaving Matter in Abeyance.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—There was a government caucus yesterday to discuss H. J. Logan's resolution to confine the British preference to Canadian sources.

There was strong opposition to the resolution going into effect at present. It would mean a blow to British preference.

The Premier has already declared himself in favor of the principle of the resolution, but his opinion is that it is premature to put it into force now. That view will no doubt prevail. In that case no resolution will be drafted, but Mr. Logan's resolution, providing that it will come into effect at a time when the country is ready for it.

All the western members were opposed to the increased protection which such a resolution would cause just now. They oppose anything that interferes with the British preference.

CASES DROPPED.

Suits Arising Out of Winnipeg Civic Election to Be Discontinued.

ENGAGEMENT CANCELLED.

"Madam Butterfly" Will Not Play in Victoria Owing to Lack of Support.

It will be a disappointment to more than one music-lover whose name was attached to the subscription list for the "Madam Butterfly" engagement to learn that a remarkable lack of enthusiasm was exhibited by Victorians when the list was opened and, as a consequence, Puccini's great opera will play two nights in Vancouver, the local engagement being cancelled. The list was closed last evening, and Manager Denham stated to the Times that the subscription, even as it stood, covered the cost of the engagement.

DOCKYARD SUPERINTENDENT.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Captain Knowlton, of the cruiser Canada, has been appointed superintendent of the dockyard at Halifax. He sails on Thursday or Friday for England.

THE OVERSEAS MAIL.

Train Will Not Arrive at Vancouver Until Six o'Clock on Friday Morning.

Vancouver, Jan. 23.—The overseas train will not be here with the Express mails on Friday morning until 6 o'clock. The Express will be sent out to English Bay to anchor this afternoon so she will not be delayed on Friday in the event of fog.

ANOTHER BATTLESHIP

May Be Added to Uncle Sam's Navy in the Near Future.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 23.—It is practically assured that the House committee on naval affairs will recommend the construction of another gigantic battleship in addition to the one decided upon at the last session as the result of a partial canvass made by members of the committee. They are convinced that the House will approve an additional battleship as recommended by them.

SMITH CURTIS AND THE PREMIER

PLAYED M'BRIDE AT JOINT MEETING

Head of Government Tried in Vain to Counter the Slashing Attack Made Upon Him.

Keremeos, Jan. 22.—Learning that Premier McBride intended to visit Similkameen, Smith Curtis challenged the Premier to meet him in joint debate on fair terms so as to allow Mr. Curtis to make serious charges of maladministration against the government. When Premier McBride arrived in Fairview he was met by Mr. Curtis, to whom the Premier offered half an hour at his meeting to be held Monday. Mr. Curtis, refusing, thinking it was far too little time in which to present the case against the government. The Premier was obdurate and also his opponent. Later the local Conservatives, who were evidently afraid of the debate, to give Mr. Curtis an hour. There was a large attendance at the afternoon meeting and Mr. Curtis explained the case by a slashing attack on the McBride government, showing that the political promises of the Premier and his colleagues were worthless and claiming and proving that while taxes had been heaped on the masses, certain large corporations, companies and speculative timber land owners had had their land taxes lowered or not levied at all.

Mr. Curtis ripped up the government on its knifing the Midway & Vernon railway, which is projected through this riding, and exposed the Canadian & Western land steal, which grant is largely taken out of this constituency. He pointed out how the McBride following in the House had last session voted down a proposition that the eight hundred thousand acres being given by the C. & W. railway land grant bill should be in full of all claims of the C.P.R. for building to Midway, for which the C.P.R. had often tried to induce the Legislature to vote an additional nine hundred thousand acres. This was interpreted as meaning that the government intended later, if retained in office, to hand out to the C.P.R. an additional grant.

Fairview is supposed to be a Shadford stronghold, but the meeting demonstrated that it was the other way. Mr. Curtis, during the meeting, was much applauded, and on the conclusion of the meeting received roasting cheers, while but a half dozen raised a feeble cheer for Mr. Shafford. Mr. Schubert, one of Mr. Curtis's strong supporters, seeing that the Conservatives had no cheers for Mr. McBride, out of courtesy "challenged" him to accept of them, which were joined by all.

Mr. Curtis, at the McBride meeting last night again spoke for fifty minutes. Mr. Winkler, the Socialist, being given twenty minutes. Mr. Curtis made a rousing speech to a packed house, many people coming twenty miles to hear the discussion. He had a splendid reception and applause throughout showed him to be the favorite.

Mr. Winkler spoke well on Socialism, and has here most of his supporters, but it was evident he will poll but a small vote.

A great many moderate Socialists are voting for Mr. Curtis, whose platform seems to meet the views of all classes. Mr. McBride had a good reception and made the best of a bad case by special pleading, much of which was rather amusing by its absurdity, as when he pleaded that the non-taxation of the C.P.R. land grant in Southeast Kootenay and all Heinze's land and Dunsmuir's land and coal and iron deposits, under the E. & N. railway land grant, were due to his not yet having found time to look into them, but that he pledged to the House last session that every dollar of taxes and arrears that should have been levied from these corporations grafters would be exacted on the spot. He did not, until near midnight. At its conclusion Mr. Curtis, feeling sorry for Mr. McBride's friends' failure for Mr. Curtis, but not in a political sense, and both rounds were given with a will, and the longest meeting ever had here broke up.

The contest in the riding is exciting and of great and growing interest, and is the chief topic of conversation. Mr. Curtis looks a winner.

On an average 90 per cent. of people over ten years old are working for their living. This is the rate for all civilized countries.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

PLANT OF BROCKVILLE

Dr. Nugent Appointed Missionary Among Hindus—Railway Checker Burned to Death.

Brockville, Ont., Jan. 23.—Municipal ownership pays at Brockville. In six years the light and power plant earned a profit of \$37,005.50.

Hindu Question.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—In considering the Hindu immigration problem the Canadian West Presbyterian foreign missionary committee were led yesterday to take an opposite view of the situation to that held by the Trades and Labor Congress. Dr. Alex. Nugent, who had been commissioned from India to inquire into the situation, reported that the Hindus were a fine class of men and not gullible of the traits ascribed to them. They would not work for less wages than the ordinary white man and would, if allowed, settle on farms in this country. Most of them had been soldiers in India. Personally, he would not favor them as a class for immigrants, but they were superior to the Chinese, and would make better citizens in this country than in India.

At present there were about 2,000 of them in Canada. The committee decided to appoint Dr. Nugent as a special missionary among the Canadian Hindus for the next six months as an experiment. In view of the increased cost of living in Western Canada the salaries of missionaries will be increased. Cremated.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 23.—Roy Nobles, C. P. R. checker at Sand Point, was cremated in the oil shed there.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Blain has accepted the Premier's challenge and gave notice last night of a resolution declaring it expedient to getting in a bill this session to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

A SOCIAL VISIT, NOT POLITICAL

WHY SECRETARY ROOT IS AT OTTAWA

May Discuss Issues in Which Canada and United States are at Variance.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The United States Secretary Root was the guest to-day at a luncheon of the Canadian Club. Sunday he spent at Government House, where at dinner he met Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. C. Sifton, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. A. B. Aylesworth and their wives.

He talked freely to the press after his arrival, but stated his visit had no diplomatic significance.

"Mr. Root, there is a good deal of interest in Canada in your visit and a good deal of curiosity as to its significance," said a reporter.

"It will be very easy," said Mr. Root, "to satisfy the curiosity of the people, if the simplicity of the explanation does not take us out of the category of news."

"I am here because Lord Grey, when he was in Washington last winter, was good enough to invite Mrs. Root and myself and daughter to come to Ottawa. It is purely a social visit. It has not any political, governmental or diplomatic significance. It is only this, that all affairs in this world get better when people know each other, and get to like each other. The great cause of controversy among nations is misunderstanding, the failure of people in one country to appreciate the point of view of the people in another country. A better knowledge leads to a better understanding and a better feeling and more reasonable treatment, and the mere exchange of friendly courtesy in this way, has a political and governmental side. My visit has no other aspect."

"Do you not think the feeling between the United States and Canada is better now than ever before?" was the next question.

"I should be inclined to say that it is true," he remarked. "So far as I have been able to see, there has always been a kindly feeling towards Canada in the United States."

Good opportunity was given Secretary Root to have a talk with the Premier on Canadian and United States affairs. Although the conversation was, of course, informal, it may result in some good. There are a variety of subjects more or less of an irritating character which might be settled between the two countries without having any recourse to such tribunals as in the case of Dixon and the Canadian Adair, and it is no secret that Canadian Adair wishes to avoid anything of that kind. There is, for instance, the division of the waters and territory along the boundary line from Puget Sound on the Pacific to the St. John river on the Atlantic. An understanding on this matter is desirable and the United States government is willing to give and take to have this settled.

Hon. C. Hyman's Position.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Hon. G. E. Foster

OVATION TO THE LIBERAL LEADER

Rossland Electors Heard J. A. Macdonald—The Opposing Conservative Speaker Was Laughed Down.

Rossland, Jan. 23.—Rossland turned out in full force last night to greet the Liberal leader, J. A. Macdonald, at his first public meeting since his victory winning tour of Vancouver Island and the lower mainland.

The Miners' Union hall was packed, and it was no exaggeration to say that an overwhelming majority of those present were in hearty accord with every utterance of Mr. Macdonald.

The meeting was not without its amusing incidents. In particular Mr. Hanington, of Nelson, who spoke for the Conservative, created uproarious amusement in his efforts to explain that whilst Mr. Campbell was not a man versed in public affairs he was a most desirable representative for Rossland. Laughter and cat-calls quite drowned what he wanted to say, and finding it impossible to check the uproar he gracefully subsided.

Another lively incident arose in connection with Mr. Macdonald's reference to Mr. Campbell's preference for Chinese labor. Mr. Campbell jumped up in white heat, shouting: "I want to tell you that Mr. Macdonald some times employs a Chinese cook." The whole audience shrieked with laughter, and Mr. Campbell was heard no more of during the remainder of the meeting.

After all, the significant feature of the great gathering was the splendid reception given the Liberal leader. There was something more than mere party enthusiasm back of it. There was an undoubted note of affection for and pride in the citizen who in three short years had gained for himself so high a place in the confidence and the esteem not only of the Liberals, but of all classes of people throughout the province.

This was particularly noticeable when Macdonald replied to the reckless charges preferred against him by Mr. McKeim, the Socialist, in regard to his attitude on labor questions. Quietly and with marvellous effect Mr. Macdonald discussed his every act in the legislature in reference to all labor subjects.

He told of his action with respect to the eight hour smelter bill with special particularity and in concluding his remarks on these subjects and appealing for the verdict of the electors of Rossland on his stand, there came back a shout of approval that told unmistakably of the confidence the workers of Rossland have in his good faith and in his efforts to accomplish real results for those who labor in the mines, and smelters of the province.

PROMOTION FOR COM. LEARMOUTH

SHEARWATER'S SHOWING IN QUICK-FIRING TEST

Little Vessel Did Well in Comparison With Larger Ships—Ranks in First Twenty-Five.

Commander Frederick C. Learthmouth, commanding the Egeria, survey ship on the Pacific Coast, has just been promoted captain, and reappointed to the command. Capt. Learthmouth donned the navy blue in January, 1879; was promoted sub-lieutenant in 1883; lieutenant in 1887, and commander in June, 1906. He is one of several brothers serving in the army and navy.

A cablegram notifying him of the fact was received some days ago, but the official announcement has just been received.

The Shearwater, which headed the list of isolated ships in heavy gun practice last year, also did well in the light quick-firing gun tests. In fact the little sloop has done magnificently, seeing that there is no emulation to excel in shooting, she being the only representative of the Royal Navy on the Pacific Coast. At the latter tests the crew of her light quick-firing gun got well on the mark. Lance-Corporal R. Tomlin, Royal Light Infantry, hitting the target five times in succession.

Capt. A. G. Alford has received the official figures from the admiral's office. The results obtained with the 6 and 8 pounder guns are shown in order of merit by the following table:

Ship	No. of Hits	Per Ship	Per Min.
Plect.
Atlantic
Third Cruiser
Cape of Good Hope
Mediterranean
First Cruiser
Second Cruiser
East Indies
North America and West Indies
China
Chancellor
Australia
Total

The table, which gives the results in the order of merit, shows that the first place was awarded the Mediterranean flotilla, with twelve ships, seventy-two men firing, 7,200 points per man; second, the China flotilla, with six ships, thirty-six men firing, 5,331 points per man; third, the Channel flotilla, thirty-four ships, 294 men, 2,004 points per man.

NEGRO RIOT.

Owner of Gambling Resort Killed, and Several Other Men Injured.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—A dispatch from Lawton, Oklahoma, says: "A negro riot, created by Lane Dixon, colored, reported to be a discharged negro soldier from the 25th Infantry at Fort 3eno, last night, resulted in the death of Mat Marshall, colored, the owner of a gambling resort, several other negroes, and the arrest of fifty negroes."

"Marshall, owner of the gambling resort in which the negroes had congregated, and Dixon, entered into a quarrel in a crap game. Their fight drew others in, and a pitched battle resulted."

COMING TO O.E.D.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Rev. E. D. McLaren, D.D., will leave the city tomorrow for Vancouver, where he will attend a meeting of the committee appointed at the general assembly to consider the question of instituting a Presbyterian college in Vancouver.

ISLAND TO HAVE EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Announcement Made by Minister of Agriculture to Ralph Smith—Letter Received by R. L. Drury.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

R. L. Drury last evening received a letter from Ralph Smith, M.P., at Ottawa, enclosing a letter from the Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, containing the authoritative announcement that the Dominion government has definitely decided to establish an experimental farm on Vancouver Island.

Experts will be sent out to inspect the various agricultural sections for the purpose of deciding upon a site. This experimental farm, when established, will undoubtedly give a decided stimulus to agriculture generally on Vancouver Island.

This announcement of the decision of the Ottawa government to provide an experimental farm here will be received with delight by the farming and agricultural interests. The Liberal members from Vancouver Island sitting in the House of Commons have been persistent in their representations on the point. Ralph Smith has taken especial interest in it, and it is gratifying to know that so important a subject has received the endorsement of the government and is to be acted upon.

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SURVEYING TO ALBERNI CANAL

C. P. R. WILL REACH DEEP WATER THERE

Engineers in the Field Have Feasible Route Across Divide on Vancouver Island.

There can be little doubt that the C. P.R. intends to expedite the extension of the E. & N. line to deep water on the Alberni canal, following out the policy contained in the announcement made some time ago by Sir Thos. Shaughnessy, that a port of call for the Empress liners would be established on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

Already survey parties are in the field. The instructions issued to the chief of the staff is to push the work forward as fast as possible, providing for the extension of the E. & N. to deep water on Alberni canal. This is being done, and Frank Shepherd, the engineer in charge of the party, has already located a route across the Beaufort range, west of Cameron lake. It is more than probable that the route selected will be along the shores of Cameron lake, although an alternative route is available by way of Horse lake.

Along a spur running out from the Beaufort mountains on the east side affords a good opportunity for making an easy ascent. It is possible by taking this to get a grade no where exceeding 1 1/2 per cent, to the policy of the summit is reached. The descent on the other side of the range can be made easy by making a circuit away from the wagon road. Deep water can be reached at New Alberni townsite, some miles from the head of the canal.

It is reported that the C.P.R. intends to begin work on the extension of the

Division Superintendent O'Neil, with several physicians, left here on a special train at 8 o'clock to-day for Primero.

The explosion occurred in the main entry and is supposed to have been caused by a winch shot.

Great excitement prevailed at Primero.

NIPPED IN THE BUD.

New York, Jan. 22.—Mail advices to the consul-general of Venezuela, Carlos W. Figueres, report that the government of Trinidad will prevent any gathering of military forces for an invasion of Venezuela. He is informed that this has materially affected the plans of Gen. Parades, stopping the hostile preparations he had been making on the Island of Chactaire and Tinta Bay. The men assembled there have been dispersed by the police, and are being watched.

M'BRIDE'S TREATMENT OF VICTORIA.

Have the people of Victoria seriously considered the record of the man who has been nominated by the Socialist-Conservative party to lead its peculiar ticket in their city? We are not referring now to the record of the government, which stands by itself and will make itself apparent after the manner of all matter in which the seed of corruption has been planted. We are dealing with the attitude of the Premier personally and as the head of a Socialist-Tory administration towards the city in every single matter affecting the progress and well-being of the place.

Possibly the "machine" which connived at the Premier's nomination did not think of these things or it would scarcely have made the rejection of the entire ticket sure by placing on it the name of an individual who has been an avowed and persistent and vindictive enemy of the city.

We have already called attention to the Premier's position on the question of fish traps. He said, speaking in one of the Fraser River constituencies, that he would oppose with all his might and with all the strength of his government any proposal looking towards the taking of fish in traps—not, mark you, because there was anything economically or morally wrong with trap-fishing, not because it was undesirable that Canadians should be given equal opportunities with Americans in prosecuting a profitable industry—but simply because a certain constituency had elected a supporter of his, and that constituted a sufficient reason to the mind of this man of wonderful intellectual breadth for standing in the way of justice being done in this section of the province.

We have also considered the Premier's attitude towards Victoria when there was a prospect of our losing one of the most important of our industries. Did the leader of the Socialist-Conservative government afford us any assistance on that occasion? He could have disposed of the matter of a site for the Pendray factory in an instant, but instead of proving assistance he gave marked evidence of a desire to drive the industry out of the city altogether. He said he had not forgotten that all the Victoria members of the legislature resisted the desire of the government to dispose of the Songhees reserve and he said it by order in council as it turned over the Prince Rupert townsite to a company of speculative adventurers to sell to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company upon such terms as they could with the maximum of profit to themselves. The Victoria representatives in the legislature very properly took the position that the legislature alone had the power to dispose of the public lands of the province and the government had no right and should never have been granted the power to deal with the disposition of the Songhees Indian reserve—that as Victoria was most vitally interested in the matter the Victoria members should have the opportunity of laying the case and the claims of the city before the legislature. But this generous-minded statesman undertook to empty the vials of his partizan wrath upon the city because its representatives in the discharge of their duties stood in the way of, and doubtless prevented, the consummation of some scheme he had in view parallel to the Kalen Island deal.

But the most contemptible form in which the animus of the Socialist-Conservative government towards Victoria displayed itself was in its demand upon the City Council for free water for the government buildings and grounds. It had never entered the mind of any previous government that it should not pay for the water it required for the Parliament buildings. But the Premier thought he could gain a reputation for economy of administration and at the same time express his opinion of the political opinions of Victorians by compelling them to either furnish water free or to look upon the laws of the grounds around the Parliament buildings burned and withered under the rays of summer suns. The City Council received the request for free water with expressions which were not complimentary to the Socialist-Conservative government, but it complied with the request.

The attitude of the Socialist-Conservative government towards Victoria is so different from its attitude towards other cities in which there are public squares, so peculiar when compared with the treatment the Dominion government accords the city of Ottawa (actually contributing a very large sum annually towards the cost of municipal administration) that we are constrained to wonder at the tenacity of the "machine" in nominating the leader of that administration to contest this city. It simply demonstrates how hopeless the party is of carrying a single seat here. If there had been the slightest prospect of success surely some representative citizen—some well-known Conservative—could have been induced to enter the fight. If after considering the treatment

that has been accorded Victoria by this Socialist-office-grabbing outfit that calls itself the first Conservative government British Columbia has ever had, the candidates of the Socialist-Tory alliance can secure a sufficient number of votes to save their hundred dollar deposits, then the electors of Victoria will merit the reproach that they are not only destitute of a proper spirit of civic pride, but that they have no patriotic regard for the general well-being of the province.

SHAMEFUL REVELATIONS.

Tammany Hall under the direction of Bosses Tweed and Croker was a temple of purity compared with the Lands and Works Department of British Columbia under the regime of the McBride government.

This is a bold statement, but if there are any patriotic Conservatives who are more concerned about the future of their party and the good name of the province than the welfare of the McBride government, let them consider with us as briefly as possible some of the events of the past four years.

It will be remembered that when Mr. McBride as leader of a composite party was called upon to form a government, he decided, principally on the advice of R. F. Green, to take only Conservatives into his cabinet. Mr. Green became Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, and it is not difficult to understand, in the light of subsequent events, why the astute Chief Commissioner did not desire such a man as John Oliver of Delta as a colleague of his.

The peculiar view Chief Commissioner Green took of the responsibilities and opportunities of his position has been illustrated in the series of scandals, one crowding closely after the other, which have been revealed in connection with the administration of the affairs of the department.

The Kalen Island deal had been consummated for more than a year before the members of the Legislature and the public were permitted to know the manner in which certain persons, to whose antecedents it is not necessary to allude, were empowered to speculate, without pecuniary risk to themselves, in the property of all the people. The government has never undertaken to explain why these persons were empowered to act as its agents in the transaction. It has contented itself with the bald assertion that "the deal was a good one in the interests of the public."

The Kitimaat land scandal was the next matter of importance to be the subject of an investigation before a committee of the Legislature. This feature of Mr. Green's administration has not received quite the amount of attention that the gravity of the charges and the serious nature of the revelations warranted, principally because it was for the time overshadowed by the unsavory Kalen Island affair.

In substance it was charged by members of the opposition that the government had been illegally and secretly issuing crown grants upon lands under reserve in the neighborhood of Kitimaat harbor, the statutory investigations of the legislative committee disclosed conclusively the fact that practically the whole of the available land fronting on Kitimaat harbor had been illegally and secretly disposed of. It will be remembered that when the matter was brought up in the Legislature the Chief Commissioner, Hon. R. F. Green, declared that the grants had been issued without the knowledge of the government. Mr. Gore, then deputy commissioner, swore that he gave instructions that all the applications should be submitted to the Chief Commissioner. He had signed the crown grants and would not have done so had he not understood that they had been approved by his chief. Also that he had asked the chief clerk for an explanation and gathered from him (the chief clerk) that the Chief Commissioner had been consulted. B. H. John, the chief clerk, swore that two of the applications had been submitted to and approved by Chief Commissioner McBride. Mr. John also swore that a marginal note on one of the applications indicated that he had submitted it to Mr. Green, and that the endorsement could not have been there unless the application had been submitted to and approved by his chief. Therefore there can be no question that the grants were illegally and secretly issued.

Then followed the discharge from his position of Mr. John and the superannuation on a handsome allowance of Mr. Gore. Is not the inference natural that these gentlemen stood in the way of the conduct of the department according to the ideas of the then Chief Commissioner?

Is it a matter for surprise, all the facts considered, that suspicion has attached to almost every act in connection with the administration of the Lands and Works Department under Mr. Green? Is there any further reason to wonder why the Lands and Works Department under the administration of Mr. Green has been a rendezvous for bands of adventurers and individual adventurers and speculators of all kinds and from all parts of the world, hungering and thirsting to advance their own fortunes at the expense of the natural heritage of the people of British Columbia?

Need the public be surprised, when all the facts are considered, that the members of the government, except the Premier, who has stood by his friend Mr. Green through evil report, joined in a demand for his resignation? Is it not perfectly clear that the ministers had received an intimation that facts indicating corrupt acts even more heinous than the Kalen Island deal and the Kitimaat deal had leaked out, and that if another session were held investigations would be demanded by the opposition, with results that would call for the dismissal from office of the government? The public has not been informed why Mr. Green resigned on the eve of dissolution just at a time when if he had been an honest and efficient administrator his services should have been of the utmost value to the government? The public has not been told why the deputy chief commissioner was taken from his official position and appointed to contest the seat of the retired minister in Kaslo. The public has not been informed why after the government had decided to call the Legislature together for the dispatch of business and had actually issued the call to some of the members, the determination was reconsidered and the Legislature dissolved. But from what has since transpired the public can draw a fairly accurate conclusion that a panic prevailed in government circles towards the end of the year and that it was finally concluded that the path of safety lay in an immediate appeal to the people.

We appeal to all honest Conservatives and honorable citizens of British Columbia to put the question to themselves in all candor whether the future of the Conservative party, the honor of the province and its moral and material welfare do not demand the dismissal from power of the McBride government? While it is true that the chief sinner has been cast aside, is it not also true that all the members of the government have been, if not active, then passive instruments in his designing hands and that the dishonor that has been heaped upon us as a people can only be purged away by a change of administration?

AN EMBARRASSING ALLIANCE.

We admit it is rather disconcerting to be told that the Times alone is responsible for the militant spirit being displayed by the Socialists under the leadership of Comrade Hawthornthwaite. Doubtless it will be of no avail to point out that the people who display their contempt for our political institutions, and even of the fountain-head from which we derive our individual freedom and liberty, by clapping their hands when the National Anthem is being sung by loyal citizens, have not been encouraged by us. They have not obtained the resources which enabled them to place a score or more of candidates in the field and upon which they are conducting a very strenuous campaign for the Times or from the cause the Times advocates. They are not in alliance with the Liberal party, but with the degenerate wing of the Conservative party led by Premier McBride. They are not in the fight to assist the Liberal party, but with the hope of weakening it and making the connection which has been so profitable to their leaders during the past three years sure for another term. They are obtaining their campaign funds from the sack of the C. P. R. has hung up in a convenient place, and if the people do not realize what will happen in case the Socialist-Conservative government be returned to power, the corporation which is taking a long chance does. And it is particularly noticeable that none of the government organs have a word to say in condemnation of the alleged aims and principles of the red revolutionists. The government press, when it notices the vagaries of the auxiliaries of Premier McBride and all, invariably apologizes for them and attempts extenuation. It probably realizes now that the public has reached accurate conclusions respecting the relationship between Premier McBride and his revolutionary lieutenant. The events of three sessions of the legislature have demonstrated that there are but two parties appealing for the confidence of the people of the province, the Socialist-Conservative party and the Liberal party. The partnership of the two sections of the government party has been sealed

and cannot be broken. This consummation has had the natural effect of arraying the political elements solidly upon one side or the other, consequently the only means of having the effect designed of weakening the Liberal party, has solidified and strengthened it. It enters as a unit into the contest. The government forces are divided as McBride Conservatives and Hawthornthwaite Socialists. The one must inevitably sap the strength of the other—if there be any vitality in either to draw from, which is so far from being the case.

The candidates of the McBride government in this city have made their first addresses to the constituents they aspire to represent. It may be presumed, we suppose, that Messrs. Thomson, Behnson and Davey have undertaken to assume responsibility for the course of the government whose center is in no way so far from the course affects the particular interests of this constituency. Did they deal with any of the acts of the McBride government which may reasonably be claimed to be inimical to the interests of Victoria? Possibly they consider the attitude of their colleague the Premier upon such matters as the disposition of the Indian reserve, the demand for free water for the grounds surrounding the Parliament buildings, the sale for the British Columbia Paint Company's works and the opposition of the Premier to fish traps too trivial for their attention. Perhaps they believe such playfulness matters are best dismissed with a puff and a wave of the hand.

If such be their attitude, will they permit us to draw their attention to the things that they may consider, and we believe the people of Victoria do consider, of some importance? We refer to the university question as it affects the city of Victoria.

Whatever the leader of Messrs. Thomson, Behnson and Davey may think, the people of Victoria believe that this city, by reason of its climatic advantages and the fact that it is the legislative centre of the province, is specially qualified to become the educational centre of British Columbia. Also, they know that if natural laws were permitted to exert their legitimate influence it would become the educational centre of the Farthest West. The McBride government has undertaken to thwart and pervert the forces of gravity with respect to education. For the benefit of the supporters of the McBride government in this city we shall endeavor to point out some of the objectionable features of the government's educational policy, and we ask Messrs. Thomson, Behnson and Davey to controvert our statements if they can and to advance reasons why the electors of Victoria should support them and keep the government they represent in power.

The legislation relating to McGill University introduced by and passed under pressure from the government, then, has several objectionable features. This legislation creates the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning (a sufficiently high-sounding title, by the way), of which the Minister of Education and the Superintendent of Learning, for the time being, are made ex-officio members. This body is given power to establish, at such place in British Columbia as McGill University may designate, a college for the higher education of men and women, which, the act provides, shall be deemed to be a college of McGill University. The courses of study in this college are to be prescribed by, and the degree aimed at are to be the degree of, the university.

The purpose of this legislation, it is quite apparent, is to constitute McGill University the official organ for the conduct of higher education in this province. That is to say, the legislation aims at giving to the college to be established under it, although that college is to be a member of the group of colleges forming McGill University, the status of an institution of learning receiving the special countenance of the province. With the prestige arising from its official connection with the government there would seem to be little doubt that such an institution established under such auspices could for years to come successfully withstand all efforts to replace it by a truly provincial university conducted by the people of this province. There can be no doubt that this is what the promoters of the legislation under consideration had in view. Will Messrs. Thomson, Behnson and Davey, who have undertaken to carry the burden of the McBride government's aims of discrimination against the real interests of this city, undertake to explain why control over higher in the province should be thus abdicated? Why should the nomination of the site of the chief institution of learning in the province be thus committed by law to a corporation domiciled and controlled in Montreal? Do the men who aspire to represent Victoria suppose that such nomination will not fix, as the

government desired it should fix, the seat of that institution for more than one generation?

The bill in question was rushed through the Legislature with an impatience which unmistakably manifested a desire to prevent a full appreciation of its nature by the people outside the walls of the House. The protests of other universities and of local authorities were curtly dismissed. Is it not evident that the government wished to avoid a fair and full discussion of the considerations which ought to determine the ultimate selection of a site for a provincial university?

Already the institution created by this act, the controlling board of which out of a total membership of eight includes two members of the government, has assumed control of the High School at Vancouver and has taken over the provincial grant in aid of that school. Of the members of the government who pressed the measure through the Legislature, and insisted that its passage must be expedited for reasons that are now apparent, two were ministers representing Vancouver, while a third resides in Vancouver and represented an adjoining constituency.

We call the attention of Messrs. Thomson, Behnson and Davey to this matter in the hope that it may be considered of sufficient proportions to call for an expression of their individual views and in the hope that they may be able to throw some light upon it that will prove a defence of the course of the government they would strengthen with their support. They might also call the attention of their distinguished colleague the premier to the matter, as we are sure the people whose suffrages he asks would like very much to have his views on it.

MERELY A GENERAL DENIAL.

Not one of the members of the McBride government has yet ventured an attempt to explain or to defend the latest scandalous revelation with respect to Mr. R. F. Green's administration of the Lands and Works Department. In the meantime the organs of the government claim there is no truth in the story and ask the public to suspend judgment until the ministers can be communicated with. It would be unreasonable to expect newspapers which have condoned, and even commended, the Kalen Island and the Kitimaat land transactions, as well as all the minor deals in which Mr. Green has been involved, to admit that there is any truth in the reports of the latest, but not the last, affair that has given notoriety to the McBride administration. We expected, and the public looked for, denials of any intent of wrongdoing in the connection between Mr. Green and Sir Adolph Caron. But why is it that the ministers are so slow in coming to the defence of their late colleague and in explaining the details of what appears to be such an indefensible transaction? It may be true that the Premier and Mr. Green are far from all avenues of communication and cannot be reached. That cannot be said of all the members of the government surely. It cannot be true of Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton, who for some reason is regarded with distrust by his colleagues in the cabinet. The President of the Council has not been very regular in his attendance at cabinet councils, and by reason of that fact must to a certain extent be relieved of complicity in the inquiries which have brought shame and disgrace upon the province of British Columbia. Why is it that the members of the administration who are within easy reach and could easily be communicated with have had nothing to say upon the subject? The public will be inclined to put its own construction upon the silence that is so deep that it can be felt from one end of the province to the other. It will also be inclined to connect the resignation of the minister concerned with the report that he is deranged and that the action of certain prominent Conservatives in the Terminal City was responsible for the deposition of Mr. Green and the sudden resolve to appeal to the constituency just at the time when the government had decided to hold another session of the Legislature and risk defeat there in preference to direct condemnation from the country as a whole. And why is it that no attempt has been made to explain the fact upon which the latest accusation is founded, the correspondence that passed between Sir Adolph Caron and the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works? Surely it will not be seriously contended that mere denials from clerks in the department or from members of the government either can wipe discreetly loyal to what he believed to be personal standing and loyalty to the Conservative party will scarcely be questioned, has not a word to say in defence of the McBride government? Why is it that Charles Wilson, K. C., once leader of the Conservative party in British Columbia and a member of the government, withdrew from the McBride administration without vouchsafing any explanation of his action, contrary to all constitutional precedent and practice? It is very well known in the case of Mr. Wilson that he retired because he did not approve of the administration of the Lands and Works Department, although he was too inquisitive about of existence? Why is it that Sir Hibbert Tupper, whose

Skin Disease is Blood Disease

"Fruit-a-lives" clean the blood of all Impurities and clear the Complexion.

Pimples and Blotches—Redness—Boils—Eczema and other inflammations of the skin—mean Impure Blood. A person with a bad complexion always suffers from poor digestion—non-action of the bowels (or Constipation) and often the kidneys are weak. These unwholesome organs cannot rid the system of the waste matter. It is this waste—taken up by the blood and carried to the skin—that ruins the complexion.

"Fruit-a-lives" cure all skin troubles because they cure the kidneys and bowels. "Fruit-a-lives" cause the eliminating organs to do their proper share of the work of ridding the system of waste. This purifies the blood—and instantly the pimples and blotches disappear, and the complexion clears. "Fruit-a-lives" cure skin troubles when everything else fails. "Fruit-a-lives" are fruit juices, intensified, and combined with valuable tonics and antiseptics. They are without doubt the greatest blood purifier in the world, 50c. a box—6 for \$2.50. At all druggists.

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Saanich Liberal Meetings

The Liberal Candidate for Saanich WILL HOLD MEETINGS AS FOLLOWS:

CEDAH HILL—Temperance hall, January 29th, 7.30 p.m.
BOLESKINE ROAD—January 29th, at 8 p.m.
ROYAL OAK SCHOOL HOUSE, January 29th, at 8 p.m.
SAANICH TEMPERANCE HALL—January 31st.
BURNSIDE ROAD HALL—February 1st.

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

be Conservative principles and too true to what he evidently believed to be personal honor to utter a word that would bring his late colleague and his party into disrepute. The public can draw its own conclusions in regard to the attitude of Sir Hibbert Tupper. It will naturally conclude that there is one leading Conservative in British Columbia so regarded of the good name of the province and so concerned about the future of the party in which he has long been a prominent figure that he will not permit his name to be associated with the shameful transactions upon which the light of publicity is now being so luridly shed. We believe Sir Hibbert Tupper is not the only Conservative in the province who condemns the government, and for the present simply expresses his opinion of its doings. We believe the second day of February will prove that the majority of Conservatives have deserted the McBride party, and that the general result will prove that the conflict now proceeding is not a party contest, but a fight for the vindication of the good name of British Columbia.

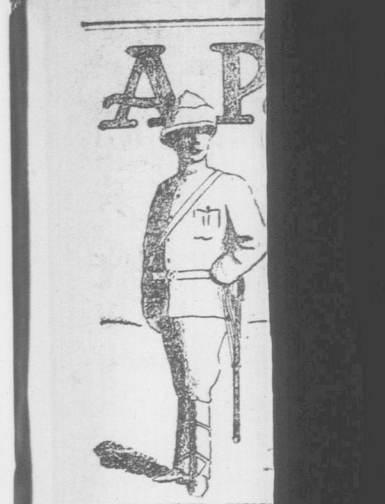
ABOUT YOUR HEADACHE!

You Must Agree in This:—That headache does not necessarily mean there is anything wrong with your head! That being so, you must look to some other organ for the trouble, is one ache in the forehead, and does it cease if you press it? That is neuralgic headache. Is it on one side of the head only? That is what the doctors call "migrain." Both these troubles arise from lack of tone in the system. Is your headache general and accompanied by sickness or foul breath or constipation? That kind of headache is due to liver and stomach disorder. Nine headaches in ten arise from these causes. There are two methods of treatment. One is to take headachepowders. This is like trying to escape pain by taking chloroform. The other is to correct the organs which by their derangement are causing the trouble. That is the Bilean way! Bileans cure headache by their beneficial operation on the digestive system, the liver and the blood. Correct these properly and you will have no more headache.

Mrs. G. R. Black, of 35 Bileans Place, Toronto, says: "I suffered acutely from headache. The attacks were most violent and made me so ill I could hardly do anything. The headache was accompanied by digestive trouble, heartburn, and constipation, and it seemed as if I were going from bad to worse. Until I tried Bileans I was unable to get anything which gave me relief. Bileans, however, acted like magic. They not only cured the headache, but also relieved me of the indigestion, heartburn and constipation. I have proved that a few doses of Bileans will remove the most violent headache, and as a cure for constipation they are absolutely unequalled. No family should be without a box of Bileans on the shelf."

Bileans are purely herbal in their composition and are also free from alcohol. They are a cure for all digestive and liver disorders, constipation, piles, debility, anemia, blood impurities, colds and chills, rheumatism, wind spasms, female ailments and irregularities, yellow complexion (due to bile in the blood), dizziness, etc. All druggists sell at 50c. a box, or may be obtained post free from the Bilean Co., Toronto, on receipt of price. Six boxes for \$2.50.

The great Austrian salt mine at Wierzbicka has 90 miles of galleries, and employs 9,000 miners. It has been worked for the past six centuries.



CHAPTER XXX
"It is a skill that Hadji. For can you tell him, neither may together for him? union among the Parisians of each may lowered his whisper—"do you these probable disty of escape me at hand? Let us them—to foment the ear of Yunes—him up. I for some you know, been of the friendship of Said, the commander. He is fond of drink give them a little-day when they arsenal. Yunes is a partisan and do would be for him a—and who knows?—long they will be and the other, and us to the Egyptian and we must not with an Arab. If they them set with Naf want them you must make Fatima disguise her as one of the boys who beat the "Now, Hadji, I related the rough idea must work out the fourth culture as as never you did ter give him your morning, to begin fighting under his name. I am a soldier, not him bow anxious to with his own men a you and I, who are but incorporated bodyguard to while belong, we would more love of Yunes fighting under his name, to perform such against the infidels. I am the Librarian, to serve the effect of hearers. The eyes, ing with suppress the name of Mirza, and with the light of his "Give me your hand," he exclaimed. I am brothers, in I sly I fell drawn to sake alone, for I loved you from the now I love you more. Allah! your words mine ears. I will follow you. I have heard long; out of are fools; we can crowd in upon me the the Prophet—said "I will be faithful to terrify; ay! as faithful have been in the past, my fidelity has been. Fatima have any idea. Husband and wife gladishment at these words. The Persian burst out in hearty laughs.

"I know—have known; beginning—that you are—man! Yes, an Englishman! I was probably a Christian, English writing, my good to do with the captains ships at both Muscat and the Persian Gulf. And, I have I have dived with the sult too." And again a chuckle. "Fatima, as ran to Reginald's side. "But what writing?" Hadji, my friend?" said Lord Rothemann, who was almost astonished, at with surprise.

Taking off the green turban marked his entrance, from Mirza Ali Khan very dull wound it to the very last end of this was doubled over, but few a few minutes. "Have you got your penk my friend?" he inquired, of amusement still pervade some features. He looked at his daughter and his so if enjoying their embarrassment, before he quietly the stitches which held down. Then addressing Fatima, he "Now you shall learn the trick by which I discovered even you can have done, his learning in the Kalan which is great and most your husband—and my be and brother—is an English. He cut the last stitch, and held before Reginald's ter.

It was the one which he from Lady Evelyn the day had started on his recon Absarar. "Now have I proved my true and faithful friend?" Persian. "No eye but beheld this epistle, and, when re-read it, it shall be remembered."

CHAPTER XXXX
The Cat Jumps On the following morning commenced operations. Arab, he proceeded to the where he told a slave to l mial up and down before It was a magnificent ste true and greatly prized, whose pedigree could be terations, and one that brought with him, men than a colt, from Muscat was now five years old. Prime, Had Mirza Ali rem durman, he would long sit compelled to present the s

FARMERS' SONS WANTED

With knowledge of farm stock and farm education to work in an office, \$60 a month with advancement, steady employment, must be honest and reliable. Branch offices of the association are being established in each province. Apply once, giving full particulars. The Veterinary Science Ass'n., Dept. 20, London, Can.

THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN SALT MINE

The great Austrian salt mine at Wierzbicka has 90 miles of galleries, and employs 9,000 miners. It has been worked for the past six centuries.

THE TOURISTS' ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR PAST YEAR AT ANNUAL MEETING

Society's Labors During 1906 Were Most Successful—Its Financial Standing.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The annual meeting of the Victoria Tourist and Development Society took place at the association's rooms yesterday.

The financial standing of the society was given in the treasurer's report. While the society has a slight balance on hand, the society depends upon the two entertainments given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary to wipe out the deficit accruing from the previous year.

Some slight changes in the constitution of the various committees were also made. Each committee will in future number three of the executive amongst its members. The executive is entrusted with the general management while the several committees are to be given the widest latitude in their work.

An interesting commentary upon one portion of the secretary's report was given by the president, Mr. J. H. Morley, when again elected to the position of hon. treasurer.

Mr. Morley stated that owing to the great increase of business in the department at the city hall, he would be unable to accept the position, if it involved the same amount of canvassing as in other years.

The society claims no small part in bringing about this increase of business in the city treasurer's department.

The report of the executive having been read, Mr. J. H. Morley moved its adoption. In doing so he referred to the success which had attended the society's efforts during the past year.

President, Mayor Morley, by virtue of his office, vice-president, A. W. McCurdy, hon. treasurer, E. Smith.

The amount of literature issued has been fully up to that of previous years. Advantage was taken of the San Francisco dealer to make known amongst the people those who had lost their homes that houses could be rented at reasonable figures in Victoria, and that the ladies of the city were both willing and anxious to show every courtesy to those who should decide to make their home in Victoria.

At the time the special rates were put on from the Northwest for the winter excursions, over 2,000 large special envelopes were printed, drawing attention to these excursions, and were sent, containing a copy of "Impressions," to this number of homes in Victoria.

distributed about 130,000 booklets, leaflets, etc., from our own office, and designed an envelope of which 130,000 were used.

In order to condense this report as much as possible, we do not propose to go over the ground, as in previous years, as to the details of the distribution of this literature. It is sufficient to say that from San Diego on the south to Dawson on the north, and from Winnipeg on the west to the east, there is scarcely a city that has not been covered in this distribution, and more especially in those places where tourists are likely to be found.

We inserted, about a fortnight before the exhibition, a full-page advertisement in the Morning Star, which was repeated at intervals afterwards two or three quarter-page advertisements, which attracted a great deal of attention and brought in a very large number of people.

The work of the association was considerably enlarged thereby so as to embrace the encouragement of home industries and of securing new ones. Four new committees of thirteen members each were appointed, namely: Settlers, civic affairs, industries and recreation.

This committee endeavored from the very date of their organization to carry out the objects for which they were organized, namely, to bring new industries to the city and encourage those now established.

The future certainly looks very bright. We have now a foundation of five years' work to build upon for the year with. We have the finest public premises on the Pacific Coast in Canada.

As a matter of fact, the work of the association has been so successful that it is not only a tourist but a commercial and manufacturing centre. The exhibition room was not intended to be a source of profit to the association, but a benefit to the city and to the individual manufacturers.

One of the most pleasing features of the year was the organization of the ladies' committee. The ladies have to thank this committee for the entertainments that are intended to wipe out whatever liabilities are outstanding at the close of the year, and it is to be hoped that their generous

aid will be rewarded by the public in making whatever they undertake a success in every possible way.

Our Financial Position. You will notice from the statement of accounts to be submitted by the treasurer that the total expenditure has been nearly ten thousand dollars, considerably more than last year, due partially to the cause already mentioned.

It is not a pleasant task for business men who have to look after their own business to have, year after year, to canvass for city subscriptions for a public institution, especially when they have to devote several hours a week to superintending its affairs.

Record Number of Visitors. It is most satisfactory to be able to say that during 1906 we had our largest number of visitors in the history of the city.

Retail merchants claim that they never had such a prosperous year, especially during the summer months. It must be borne in mind that our increased prosperity has not been accompanied by the establishment of new industries, but by a steady influx of visitors and permanent residents.

Prospects For the Future. The future certainly looks very bright. We have now a foundation of five years' work to build upon for the year with.

We now come to the most important point to be considered by the meeting, namely, how shall the association be financed in the future. At a public meeting at which the amalgamation of the Tourist Association and the One Hundred Thousand Club was consummated, a resolution was passed unanimously that the funds should be supplied by the city council, and your executive feels that, with the exception of grants from transportation companies and other people interested, and from advertisements, that this method of providing a revenue should be adopted.

For five years the merchants of the city have borne above all the expense of the association, and have carried it along to where, in the opinion of the majority of the people, such an advertising organization is possible for any city.

cedes the date for the payment of the taxes. Every succeeding year the taxes have been paid up much better, until last year the deficit was reached, when over \$27,000 was received at the city hall in excess of the year previous.

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Supplementary Subscriptions. E. A. Harris, 1000 Leeming & Co., 5.00 EDWIN C. SMITH, Hon. Treas.

Canadian Pacific Railway Co. \$500.00 Hon. James Dunsmuir, 200.00

Weller Bros., 120.00 R. P. Tiethe & Co., Ltd., 100.00 S. J. Hayward, 100.00 Hudson's Bay Co., 100.00

W. J. Pendry, 25.00 S. J. Jones, 25.00 Lee & Fraser, 15.00 R. L. Drury, 15.00

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J. T. Braden 2.00 Chas. Kee 2.00 Tim Rice 2.00

THE CITY MARKET The local markets are showing a decrease in the prices of California imports of lemons and oranges with the advance in the season.

Disorderly Scenes in Court House Prior to the Opening of the Case. New York, Jan. 23—Scenes approaching absolute disorder attended the opening of the trial of Harry K. Thaw

Before that time the police lines had been extended from the corridor adjacent to the court room to include the entire first floor of the criminal court building.

Justice Fitzgerald took his seat at 10.25 a.m. and then the trial was on. There was a decided stir in court when two prominent attorneys, Doctors C. McDonald and Austin Flint, were escorted into the court and given seats inside the clerks' rail, where they consulted with Mr. Jerome.

Mr. Jerome moved that the trial proceed. Justice Fitzgerald admonished that in the court room absolute order be maintained.

Without further ado the task of selecting a jury was begun. The prisoner appeared almost immediately. He walked somewhat nervously at first but when he caught sight of his mother and wife and the other members of his family his somewhat solemn face lighted into a smile.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Officials Enjoined From Making Proposed Increase in Stock.

ST. Paul, Jan. 23.—In the Ramsey county district court to-day, Justice Oscar Hallam signed an order enjoining the officials of the Great Northern Railway Company from making the proposed increase of \$5,000,000 worth of additional stock of that company or issuing the same or a part thereof during the pending litigation without first making an application in writing therefor to the Minnesota railway and warehouse commission and securing its approval thereof as provided by section 2872 of the revised laws of 1905.

THE TRIAL OF HARRY K. THAW CHARGED WITH THE MURDER OF S. WHITE. Disorderly Scenes in Court House Prior to the Opening of the Case.

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RECORD NUMBER OF REALTY DEALS REGINA INVESTOR MAKES LARGE PURCHASE

Yesterday saw in the real estate market what must have been well nigh a record number of sales during the present activity. All the agents were and are exceptionally busy and the inquiry has also correspondingly increased in volume.

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VICTORIA HE Rousing Meeting For Victoria

The meeting held last evening at the Victoria Hotel, under the auspices of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, was well attended.

Dr. Lewis Hall presided. His introductory remarks were to the effect that the government's policy in connection with the proposed McMillan University was a gross injustice to the province.

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and for Every Kind of Summer Will See Working Activity.

VICTORIA WEST THE FISH TRAPS SOLID FOUR

Rousing Meeting Addressed By Liberal Candidates For Victoria--Socialist Interrupters Were Silenced.

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With respect to the outlook, Mr. Hall said he was willing to put up \$100 against any man who cared to take him up to 23 Liberals at least would be returned to the House--the money to go to some charitable institution.

The School Question. The government took credit for giving home rule to the farmers with respect to their schools. It was a strange kind of home rule.

The argument of the government that the opening up of the country meant increased taxation was a strange one. As the new settlers came in they would assist in bearing taxation.

There were three of the candidates on the Conservative side, said Mr. McNeill, who had no political record. These men would have to stand by the acts of the government which they supported.

Land Scandals. Referring to the land scandals Mr. McNeill said that investigations had been repeatedly held in order to go into transactions which were very shady.

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Hon. R. McBride was not running in Victoria in order to sit for this city. He was running simply to hand the seat over to another Conservative if he were lucky enough to be elected.

Mr. Drury in opening his speech, referred to the point that had been taken up by the Socialist representative with J. D. McNeill.

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government in Ontario. The electorate of British Columbia could, he thought, be depended upon to do its duty and turn from power the McBride government. (Applause.)

WONDERS OF THE WEST. Surprised at the Development of British Columbia and Northwestern States.

Mr. Chas. P. Sillsbury, manager, in advance of the big comic opera, "Red Feather," which comes to the Victoria theatre on Thursday next week, was in the city to-day.

Mr. Cameron had introduced an amendment by which the city of Victoria was to be given a park site, grounds and buildings also that the city should have the chance to purchase 17 1/2 acres for commercial purposes.

Mr. Drury went into the history of the movement made to retain the B. C. Pulp Company in Victoria by which it was sought to get a site on the Indian reserve.

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WILL RELIEVE THE SHORTAGE COUNCIL DEALS WITH WATER QUESTION

Electric Thawing Plant to Be Used--Other Business--Standing Committees.

One of the most important matters dealt with by the new city council at its first meeting on Monday was the question of granting an increase to the city laborers.

The alderman made the motion as a follow-up to the action taken by the council last year, when a letter was read from the Victoria Laborers' Protective Association asking for an increase.

Ald. Fullerton moved, seconded by Ald. Gleason, that the city solicitor be requested to give an opinion regarding the rights of the city to enforce the weighing order in the case of fuel by local merchants.

The matter, at that time, was referred to the present council with a recommendation for favorable consideration.

The annual loan by-law was introduced and put through its first stages. Dr. England, of Winnipeg, who was accompanied by ex-Mayor J. Arbuthnot, of the same city, then addressed the council for a short time, telling of the work that had been done in Winnipeg for the winter.

Several tenders were received for civic supplies and referred to the various committees.

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Several country points wired for coal this morning, but none of them are in actual distress. The Canadian Pacific railway is sending out one or two shipments to most of these points.

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HE WANTS TO REPRESENT (!) VICTORIA

During the session of 1905 the vexed Songhees Reserve question seemed on the eve of settlement, and the four Liberal members of the council were anxious that Victoria, which had given the reserve its value should be properly recognized in its disposal.

The members of the legislature for Victoria had always worked in the interests of the city.

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DEATH OF AUTHOR.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 22.--Joseph Flint Whilard, whose experiences as a tramp, author and sociologist, under the name of Josiah Flint, has given him a wide reputation, is dead of pneumonia.

TWO ATLIN MINERS KILLED. Mat McEwan and Daniel Burnett, two Spruce Creek miners, were accidentally killed by a falling rock Friday night while drifting. They were residents of the camp for two years and natives of England. This is the fourth fatal accident in the last few weeks.

Ask your grocer for Canadian Wheat Flakes. Each packet contains a very handsome premium of fine chinaware.

BRACKMAN-KER. MILKING CO., LTD. NATIONAL MILLS.

PACIFIC DEPARTMENT. Led General Manager Lake Superior to past.

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OF FOOD AND CLOTHING

FROM THE GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA

Now Needed is in of Rebuilding the Capital.

A dispatch from Governor Swettenham, received, undated, but presumably filed on...

At Kingston, plentiful supply of food according to a cable...

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, January 19th to 23rd, 1907.

The chief feature of the week has been the welcome advent of milder weather and the breaking up of the long spell of cold weather...

On the 19th a disturbance was approaching the Oregon coast, which unexpectedly moved southward, causing rain in Victoria...

On the 20th the pressure continued relatively low on the British Columbia coast, but important areas of high pressure became central in Alberta and the North Pacific states...

On the 21st a strong southerly gale occurred on the outside coast with rain falling in maximum wind velocity of 75 miles.

Snowfall has been heavy on the Coast, 12 inches falling at Port Simpson, 10 inches at Kamloops, 8 inches at Dawson...

At Victoria, there were only 12 hours of bright sunshine, the highest temperature was 43.2 and the lowest, 20.2 on 17th; precipitation, 1.34 inches...

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Local News.

Mrs. Norton's next private subscription dance will be held on Friday, February 8th, in A.O.U.W. hall.

A social dance will be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, on Friday evening.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee of the city council will hold the first meeting of the year at 8 p.m. on Friday in the city hall.

The benefit concert and dance arranged to take place at Colwood hall on January 31st has been postponed until February 7th.

Mayor Morley entertained the members of the city council at the New England restaurant after the conclusion of the council meeting Monday evening.

During the heavy snowstorms of this winter the Northern Pacific Railway Company has been able to maintain its train service with a fair degree of regularity.

The Emergency Club will hold its annual meeting on the last Monday of this month, January 28th, at the residence of Mrs. R. Byrne, Vancouver street.

The benefit concert and dance which was to be held in Methosin hall on January 31st is postponed to February 7th on account of counter attractions.

Chief of Police Langley has received a letter from Cyril B. Joe, Vancouver, N.Y., asking for the formation of a missing brother, T. W. Joe, who is believed to have been a resident of this city some time ago.

A decision was reached by Judge Lampan in the appeal in the Chinese gambling cases. The appeal was taken by the Chinamen convicted by Police Magistrate Hall. Judge Lampan quashed the conviction on the ground that there was no evidence of gambling sufficient to convict.

The ladies' committee of the Victoria Tourist and Development Association has planned to hold a social at the Assembly hall skating rink on the 29th inst. Mrs. Palmer has placed the hall, skates and music at the disposal of the committee and a very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

An instructive entertainment will be given at Emmanuel Baptist church on Wednesday evening next. The chief feature of the evening will be a lecture by Rev. F. W. Gladstone upon Longfellow. Solos will be rendered by Mr. Fowler, Miss Scowcroft and others.

Chief of Police Langley is in receipt of several notices for missing people. Mrs. R. E. Thompson of Hillview, Wash., desires information of the whereabouts of her aunt, Mrs. Sarah Ann Brazier and of the couple bearing the same surname. Mrs. T. Clifton of Snider's Corners, Ontario, enquires for her brother, Charles Edgar, who was last heard of in this city. J. J. Olinger, of New York, asks for information of his brother Jacob Olinger, who was last heard of in Esquimaux.

Secretary Cuthbert of the Tourists' Association, informed the Times this morning that he had received a notification to the effect that the singular success of the C. P. R. excursions from the Northwest during the past few weeks had induced the company to arrange another batch. These excursions will be run between February 1st and 8th, and there is every indication that they will be extensively patronized.

The annual meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute was held in Royal Oak school house last Friday evening. The following officers were elected for the current year: President, J. J. Olinger; vice-president, A. E. Gale; secretary-treasurer, C. E. King. The directors are: Messrs. L. Duval, F. G. Quick, J. Martindale, J. G. McKay, G. Sangster, T. Harrison, J. Nicholson, F. Borden, F. D. Goepel, S. J. Jackman. The auditors: Messrs. J. E. Carmichael and C. Jones. Delegate to Central Institute, A. E. Gale. The Institute has now a membership of two hundred and eleven.

The entertainment given in Institute hall Tuesday under the auspices of the Victoria Football Club by the Polmarator Sisters was enjoyed by a small, but enthusiastic, audience. The programme was an excellent one and worthy of much better support. While the five sisters who make up the troupe form an orchestra of no mean ability, they are masters of their instruments. The concert solos given by one member was as healthy as any boy and girl I have ever heard of. The singing of the I am satisfied Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure kidney trouble in its most severe forms.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new rich blood. In that way they strike at the root of anaemia, indigestion, kidney trouble, liver complaint, erysipelas, skin diseases, neuralgia, St. Vitus dance, and the special ailments of growing girls and women whose health depends upon the richness and regularity of their blood. The genuine pills have the fifth name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around each box, and may be had from all dealers or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The cold prevailing in eastern Europe has extended its grip westward. In France to-day the temperature is 10 to 17 degrees below zero, centigrade, resulting in considerable suffering and a number of deaths from freezing. The river Seine and the lakes in the parks of the city are frozen, and Parisians are enjoying the unusual sport of skating in the open.

A COLD SNAP.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FUND.

Effort Will Be Made to Have Miss Netherole Address the Society.

It is not generally known in the west that Miss Olga Netherole, a noted English actress, is an authority on tuberculosis, and is prominently connected with the movement which is being directed toward the extinction of the "white plague" in the Motherland.

In view of the interest which has been aroused locally by the movement, backed by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society to establish a provincial sanatorium, it is very probable that an effort will be made by those connected with the sanatorium fund to induce Miss Netherole to address a meeting in this city.

Dr. Fagan, the energetic proponent of the scheme, is out again after an attack of la grippe, and it is hard at work endeavoring to raise the \$23,000 which is still required to obtain the Lieutenant-Governor's grant of \$10,000 to the fund.

At a meeting of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society, held a few days ago, the subject of raising the necessary sum of a vigorous campaign against the apathy which has so far disappointed, but not disheartened, the workers.

A thorough house to house canvass of the city will be made and pamphlets reiterating the arguments in favor of the projected sanatorium and setting forth in terse language the aims of the society will be distributed. Arrangements are being made for the commencement of a series of lectures in the province, and Dr. Fagan and his supporters will leave no stone unturned to raise sufficient funds to ensure the erection of the open air hospital.

NEWSPAPER MAN'S SUCCESS.

Former City Editor of the Times Called to Bar of California.

Henry Hawson, who for some time was city editor of the Victoria Times, has just been called to the state bar of California. For the past three years Mr. Hawson has been editor of the Fresno Republican, since his law studies, extending over more than two years, were pursued in the spare time of his newspaper work. That he has been successful in passing the examination may be taken as evidence of his ability. He has many friends in Victoria, congratulating him upon his achievement and will wish him success in his new profession.

He will begin his practice of the law in the office of a Fresno firm.

At a meeting held in the city hall last evening Rev. E. G. Mathews presented the corporation with a small bust of Lord Nelson. Mayor Morley occupied the chair. Mr. Mathews, who is secretary of the British and Foreign Seaman's Society, arrived on Saturday from the antipodes. He is on tour through the empire presenting busts of the famous sailor to all the chief cities.

With the mayor on the platform was Mr. Mathews and Rev. Adams of the Metropolitan Methodist church, while J. Peirson, A. R. Fraser and C. E. Redfern represented the local branch of the Seaman's Society.

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Report Regarding Loss of Memory Due to His Son.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF MEN AND MEDICINE

FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES MUST ALWAYS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

In the realms of history and chemistry alike, character unquestionably counts for a great deal. In the compounding of a medicine as in the acts of life, a good conscience, sound judgment, an enlightened intellect and a thorough knowledge of fundamental principles are all-important. Into remedy that the world of medicine has produced, matter has been put as large an aggregation of earnest effort to benefit humanity, with experience and knowledge of its needs as that of the chemist who has consecrated and concentrated and enlightened brain power and genius in the field of chemistry as has been put into the compounding of a medicine. The remedy that is effecting so many wonderful and almost miraculous cures of throat, chest and lung diseases, is a remarkable illustration of the power of character in medicine. It never disappoints.

It was given up as an incurable consumptive by Prof. Lyman, Rush Medical College, Chicago. I tried Paychine. It restored me to perfect health. Mrs. A. Wells, Lyndall, Man. "Paychine is the best medicine I ever used. After doctors and hospitals had pronounced me case hopeless, Paychine cured me." Mrs. Walden, 7 Cornwall street, Toronto.

Paychine, pronounced si-keen, cures coughs, colds, bronchitis and all diseases of the throat and lungs. At all druggists, 50c and \$1 a bottle, or Dr. T. A. Sloum, Limited, 173 King street west, Toronto.

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From the summit of Mauna Loa, a base 50 miles in diameter and includes almost half of the island of Hawaii to a height of 13,675 feet above sea level, a great glow began to be seen.

It rose in an immense column of light, reflecting from the overhanging rocks, and seeming to spread out over a large area of the zenith.

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DIED FROM PNEUMONIA.

Death of Mother and Daughter in Seattle Due Directly to Lack of Fuel.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Mrs. Mary C. Palmer, aged 74 years, and Mrs. Emma Nancarrow, her daughter, died within eleven hours of each other Wednesday from pneumonia contracted as a direct result of coal famine," says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. "The aged woman, who had deprived herself of enough fuel to keep her two daughters warm, her daughter might be comparatively comfortable, bore up as long as she could, but last Saturday morning she was unable to arise from her bed and passed away Wednesday morning at a few minutes past 3 o'clock. Shortly before 4 o'clock the death of the daughter, who was 22 years of age, died, within a few feet of the place where, less than eleven hours before, her mother had breathed her last.

The two deaths are directly traced to lack of coal. The two women had little or no fuel a great deal of the time they were ill. They were unable to get it, according to the physician who attended them, although they had money with which to purchase what they wished. Mrs. Palmer and daughter conducted the Bloomfield hotel at First avenue and Virginia street, where they lived in two house-keeping rooms.

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It rose in an immense column of light, reflecting from the overhanging rocks, and seeming to spread out over a large area of the zenith.

Where the column left the mountain it fell in a fair majority of cases into reflection on the clouds it greeted. As it rose and spread out in reflection on the clouds it greeted a deeper redder tint. The great column of light did not burst suddenly into view. The column of light, a shaft at first, grew in size, and brightness from several hours.

To those who have seen eruptions of Mauna Loa, it told its own story. Somewhere near the summit of the great and stately mountain had broken out in a fiery stream, forming first a cone, and then bursting through the side of this, started as a river of fire and lava down the gently sloping side of the mountain. Then it began its descent to the sea, a stream of liquid fire, forming its own banks as it moved, and the distance of 10 miles in every direction, except where great cloud banks piled by the trade winds on some parts of the mountain's shoulder intercepted the view. Where thus intercepted it remained a pillar of glory until the first light of the dawn began to pale its splendors, to turn them as the light in the east strengthened, into a pillar of smoke by day.

Four days from the time of the outbreak, the stream of lava found its way into the sea. In a brilliant act of fire it plunged over a cliff into the waters of the Pacific, at first hissing and boiling, and then forming a billowing sea of steam and billowing every living thing in the waters, which it set a-bolling.

Mr. Chamberlain.

Report Regarding Loss of Memory Due to His Son.

A correspondent recently drew Austin Chamberlain's attention to the following report concerning his father's health:

"On the day he, Mr. Chamberlain, received the congratulations of the citizens of Birmingham on the attainment of his seventieth birthday the fatigue of driving over sixty miles of streets and the necessity of speaking as often as possible of the strength of the septuagenarian statesman. It is stated that one of his younger companions, although no public speaking man, was in a brilliant and unflagging mood. The effect of the exertion on Mr. Chamberlain declared itself in a few hours. He lost his memory completely. The next was a blank, he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before, and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired, he was unable to do anything but repeat the same story over and over again."

Austen Chamberlain has replied as follows: "There is not a word of truth in the statement you enclose in your letter of December 21st, cut from some newspaper."

So long as an 189 Armstrong breech-loading rifle gun sent a shot a distance of five miles.

ARE YOU A PRISONER?

THOUSANDS of men are prisoners of disease as securely as though they were confined behind the bars. Many have bargained their own chains by the vices of early youth, exposure to contagion, the excess of mankind. They feel they are not the men they ought to be or used to be. The vigor, and vitality of manhood are lacking. Are you nervous and despondent? Tired in the morning? Have you lost your appetite? Are your eyes dim? Do you have a headache? Do you feel that your brain is fogged? Have you weak back with dreams and losses at night? deposit in urine? weak sexually?—yes have

Nervous Debility and Seminal Weakness.

Our NEW METHOD TREATMENT is guaranteed to cure in 10 to 15 days. It is safe, reliable, and does not require the use of any medicine. Beware of quacks—Consult only established, reliable physicians. Consultation Free. Booklets Free. Write for Question Blank for Home Treatment.

Dr. Kennedy & Korgan, 145 HEBEL STREET, DETROIT, MICH.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL NOW FREE OF DEBT

Many Stained Glass Windows to Be Put in, in Honor of Dead Relatives.

His Grace, Archbishop Orth, announces that St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is now out of debt. The congregation has been asked to devote their attention and their benefactions to beautifying the edifice. In this connection it is announced by the archbishop that S. Peter Mills, K.C., and J. A. Seward have given him a sum of money to erect five stained glass windows in memory of the late Patrick Murphy. The late Bishop Dwyer will also erect a window in memory of the late Marcus Bantly. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will give two windows in memory of the late Joseph Dwyer.

The congregation will erect a memorial to the late Bishop Lemmens.

ENDED HIS LIFE.

Seattle, Jan. 23.—Successive business changes proving unprofitable, Frank McDevitt, after suffering three weeks from melancholia, blew out his brains at noon to-day. McDevitt was married and lived in 1708 Eighteenth avenue and was there that he committed suicide.

McDevitt had been engaged in various pursuits and in recent months had been a book agent, selling a "Life of Jefferson." His profits were satisfactory, but he did not like the work. Six weeks ago he engaged in the real estate business in Vancouver, B.C. Real estate proved a failure and he returned to Seattle and resumed his work selling the "Life of Jefferson."

Mrs. McDevitt says signs of dependency, but never dreamed that her husband would try to take his own life. On day after yesterday, however, he came home, went to his room, and shot himself. He died instantly.

SCHOOL BOARD HELD FIRST MEETING

Trustee Jay Appointed Chairman-- Providing for Children Incapable of Attending Schools.

The board of school trustees held the first meeting of the present municipal year in Secretary Eaton's office last evening. The new members, Trustees Bishop, Jay and Huggett, were present and Mrs. Jenkins and Trustee Lewis were not present.

Superintendent Eaton occupied the chair and presided while the report of the returning officer was read and a chairman appointed. Two candidates were named, Trustee Riddell proposing Trustee Jay and Trustee Huggett proposed Trustee Lewis. Mr. Jay was elected to the chair by a vote of 4 to 1.

A STEVEDORE'S HORRIBLE DEATH GROUND TO DEATH ON DONALDSON LINER

Alberta Legislature Will Convene Next Week--Call to a Chilliwack Clergyman.

St. John, Jan. 22--Walker Brown, stevedore, and a large employer of longshoremen, met a terrible death on board the Donaldson liner Athenian. While superintending the loading of a forward hatch he was caught in a steel cable, hurled against the steam which and ground to fragments between the heavy wire ropes and drum. His head and all his limbs were torn from his body.

Alberta Legislature. Edmonton, Alberta, Jan. 22--The Legislature of Alberta will convene on Thursday, January 24th.

On Strike. Edmonton, Jan. 22--The coal haulers union has struck for an increase from \$1 to \$1.50 per ton for hauling coal from mines. The miners union is behind the haulers and the situation is serious.

Called to Winnipeg. Winnipeg, Jan. 22--Rev. H. D. Robertson, of Chilliwack, B. C., has been called to one of the Presbyterian churches in this city.

Banker Dead. Winnipeg, Jan. 22--Duncan MacArthur, formerly a well known banker and founder of the Commercial Bank in the city, which became defunct some years ago, died suddenly in Chicago Sunday. He also promoted the Manitoba and Northwest railway.

Pneumonia Caused Death. Winnipeg, Jan. 22--The death occurred at the general hospital of Mrs. L. H. Patten, of Fairview, B. C. Deceased was travelling east to Ontario with her 14-year-old son Roy, and was taken ill of pneumonia while on the train. She was taken to the hospital on her arrival here and died within a day. She was fifty years of age. Her husband is a rancher in British Columbia.

New President. Montreal, Jan. 22--The board of trade nominations have been closed and George Cawthra has been elected president by acclamation.

Heavy Losses. Niagara Falls, Ont., Jan. 21--The loss to the Gorge route as a result of the wind storm of Saturday night and yesterday will be \$100,000, and involve the closing of the route for at least six weeks. The roadbed was almost washed out into the river for about a mile between the T. P. bridge and the whirlpool. The loss of the Maid of Mist docks and buildings on both sides of the river will reach \$5,000, and the loss to the Canadian Company and electric railway will reach \$5,000. The loss to both power companies will be small.

SOCIETY OF THE STAGE. Vaudeville Show at New Grand in Aid of Jubilee Hospital Promises Chivalry. Society promises to turn out en masse for the unique amateur vaudeville show which is to take the place of the ordinary matinee at the new Grand next Saturday afternoon. Messrs. Sullivan & Constable having given the house, and Mrs. R. H. Pooley arranged the unique entertainment as a benefit for the new maternity ward of the city hospital. Those who have formed the opinion that it will not be true vaudeville because an amateur event, are fated to agreeable disappointment. It is the best kind of vaudeville from certain rise to curtain fall, and for abundant comedy, wealth of color and picturesque in the stage pictures, and pleasing musical numbers it promises to eclipse any thing recently seen upon local boards. Adding to the interest of the event it is the first in which the new Grand has been utilized by other than professional entertainers--and the first society vaudeville show in western Canada. Among those who have already engaged boxes are His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Dunsmuir, who are giving the entertainment their personal patronage. Mrs. Frizer, Mrs. Matson and Mrs. Barnard. Boxes are placed at \$10 each, and seats in any portion of the house \$1. The plain become now open at M. W. Watt & Co., Government street.

BRUTAL MURDER. W. Zimmerman, a Jeweller, of Penitentiary, was brutally murdered there some time last Wednesday night with a pair of pliers. Zimmerman, who was a man aged 55, had been in business at Penitentiary two years. He slept back of his shop. Citizens noticed on Friday morning that the store was not opened up as usual. In the afternoon the provincial constable decided to force an entrance. In the back room Zimmerman was found with his head crushed in and a bloody axe lying close by. Some twenty watches that were in for repairs are known to be missing, also some rings. There is no clue at present to the murderer.

IRONY OF FATE. Seldom has the irony of fate been so strikingly illustrated as at Herford, Eng., when Mr. Justice Lawrence sentenced William Henry Oxley, late governor of His Majesty's gaol at St. Albans, to three years' penal servitude for embroiling £200 of official money. Before passing sentence Mr. Justice Lawrence asked the prisoner if he had anything to say. Then in a low voice the ex-governor told a pitiful tale of domestic trouble.

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