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VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1907.

FORTY-EIGHTH YEAR.

ANOTHER BANK TO OPEN IN VICTORIA

Monarch of Canada to Go Into Business Here on March 1st Next

Another bank will open in Victoria on March 1st. A. G. Halstead, special representative of the Monarch Bank of Canada, is now in the city with this object in view and stated yesterday that branches would be opened here and in Vancouver not later than the date mentioned.

The Monarch Bank is the latest financial institution to enter the field in the Dominion. It has a capital of \$2,000,000 and numbers among its directors some of the most prominent men in eastern Canada.

It is taken as a striking commentary on the commercial importance of Victoria that it should be chosen as one of the eight cities in Canada in which the new bank will open its initial branches.

It is the policy of the Monarch Bank to have a number of shareholders in each city in which it will open branches.

One feature of the bank's operations will at once be considered a great convenience to merchants and others who take in large sums of money.

The output of the mines at Willington, which averages eleven hundred tons per day, has been diminished by about three or four hundred on account of sickness among the miners.

The grippe is very prevalent among the men employed in the mines at Willington on Saturday, and from one mine alone there were close on a hundred men under the doctors' care.

LEAVES FOR SPOKANE A. C. Flumerfelt to Attend Meeting of Directors of Coal Company

A. C. Flumerfelt leaves today for Spokane, accompanied by W. L. Germain, general manager of the British-American Trust Company, which is already established in the American city.

VICTORY WILL ATTEND THEM

Local members of the Liberal-Conservative party are jubilant. Having placed their four representatives—Premier McBride, H. B. Thomson, Frederick Davey, and H. F. W. Behnson—in field, under very auspicious circumstances, they are busy themselves in preparing to wage a vigorous campaign.

Although the convention which launched the aforementioned quartette into the local political arena was only held on Monday evening already arrangements have been made for a thorough canvass of the constituency in the Liberal-Conservative interests.

The municipality has been divided into wards each of which is in charge of a capable and energetic committee.



H. F. W. BEHNSEN

ernment of Premier McBride the endorsement of local electors. That success will crown their endeavors is generally accepted as a foregone conclusion.

The same condition of affairs prevails throughout the surrounding districts. From the mainland to the coast, authentic news of the favorable reception which is being accorded the Premier and his government justly approaches the outlook grows more rosy.

Hon. Richard McBride It is very seldom that a man in public life is so widely popular and so generally respected as to receive the unanimous and enthusiastic endorsement of a body of between five and six hundred of the electors of any community.

ALD. FREDERICK DAVEY

BIG COBALT MERGER Toronto, Jan. 8.—A \$2,000,000 merger is on the tapis. The Cleveland-Cobalt Mining Company proposes absorbing the Silver City, a contiguous property, and the Albert, next adjoining to the south.

PLUMS AT OTTAWA Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Several government appointments will be made without further delay.

But the premier did not flinch. He took up the duties, which devolved upon him with the courage that has ever been a prominent trait of his character.

H. F. W. Behnson, one of the four chosen to represent the interests of the local Liberal-Conservatives, is a pioneer manufacturer of Victoria.

Mr. Behnson was born in Hanover city, Germany, in 1852. He saw service in the Franco-Prussian war, and came to America in 1871.



HON. RICHARD MCBRIDE

not resort to personal attacks under any circumstances.

H. B. Thomson The pronounced success which H. B. Thomson has made of the business of charge several years ago, is evidence of the wisdom of the Liberal-Conservative association in placing him upon the local ticket.

Mr. Thomson, who is a native of County Down, Ireland, came to British Columbia in 1858.

ALD. FREDERICK DAVEY

There is probably no better known Victorian or one more highly respected for the sterling qualities of his character than Alderman Frederick Davey, who was chosen on Monday night as one of those to represent the Liberal-Conservative association of Victoria in the forthcoming elections.

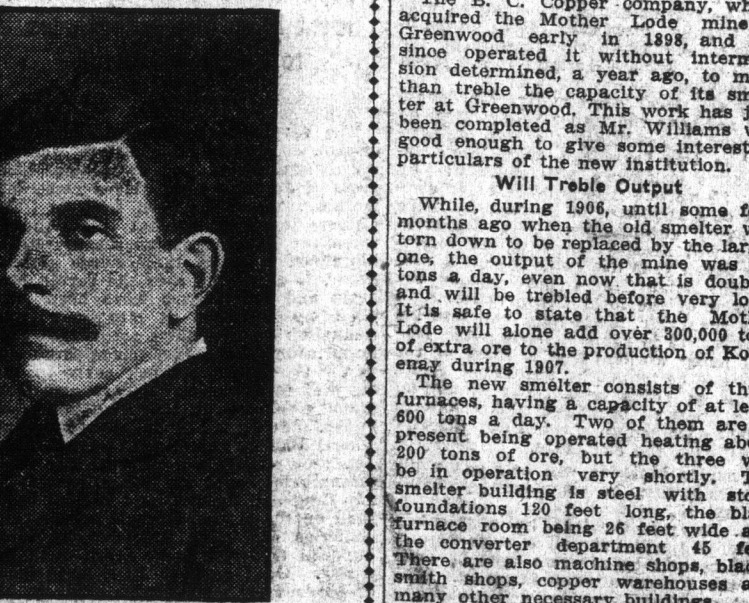
ALD. FREDERICK DAVEY

forwarding the interests of the province along these and other lines.

Yesterday he stated that it was his intention to pursue "business principles" throughout his campaign.

ROSSLAND IN LINE Liberal-Conservatives to Choose a Candidate on Saturday

Rossland, Jan. 8.—A well attended meeting of the Rossland Conservatives was held last night at which a vigorous policy for the campaign was outlined.



H. B. THOMSON

It was determined to put a candidate in the field. A. H. MacNeill, K. C., was chosen president. Delegates were chosen to the convention to nominate a candidate for the provincial house, to be held on Saturday evening, January 12.

AGAINST MAYOR McCLELLAN New York, Jan. 8.—Following closely upon Mayor McClellan papers in an attempt to oust him from office, Attorney-General Jackson today began steps to gain possession of the boxes containing the ballot case in the municipal election in November, 1905.

THE SHAH DEAD Old Persian Ruler Departs After a Long Illness

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at Teheran, in a telegram sent last night at 11:50 o'clock says: "The Shah of Persia died this evening, though no public announcement of the fact will be made until tomorrow (Wednesday)."

RICHARD'S SOLILOQUY (ON THE EVE OF DISSOLUTION)

Throw down the gage of battle, and let them seek the fray. Who think the cry of "Better Terms" was raised, to pass away.

ing a prominent part in affairs of state

SHOULD MAKE MINE MACHINERY IN VICTORIA

George Williams, Superintendent of B. C. Copper Co., is of This Opinion

"It is a great pity people in Victoria don't branch out," said George Williams, superintendent of the B. C. Copper company, Limited, yesterday.

The B. C. Copper company, which acquires the Mother Lode mine at Greenwood early in 1898, and has since operated it without intermission determined a year ago to more than treble the capacity of its smelter at Greenwood.

While, during 1906, until some four months ago when the old smelter was torn down to be replaced by the larger one, the output of the mine was 100 tons a day, even now that it is doubled and will be trebled before very long.

The new smelter consists of three furnaces, having a capacity of at least 300 tons of ore.

LABOR-SAVING DEVICES Gigantic spoons, or ladles, have been invented by Mr. Williams to catch the electric current being replaced by an empty one.

Mr. Williams states that the mine is maintaining its value with depth. Though it only runs about 11.5 per cent copper, the enormous bodies of ore make mining costs very low.

LARGEST BATTLESHIP ORDERED BY JAPAN

Will Build Fighting Machine of 22,000 Tons at Yokosuka

Steamer Empress of Japan, which arrived yesterday morning brought news that the Japanese naval authorities have decided to build a battleship of 22,000 tons, larger than any afloat.

GOVERNMENT GAINING IN INTERIOR COUNTRY

Cheerful Reports Come From Rossland and Many Other Points

Rosland, Jan. 7.—The campaign in the interior so far has been quiet, but promises to live up to this week with the advent of Premier McBride. Advice received from various points show that the Conservatives are elated over the bright outlook for their candidates. They not only expect to retain their former seats, but feel certain of capturing several Liberal strongholds.

The frantic overtures of Mr. Macdonald, the opposition leader, to make an alliance with the labor element have been scornfully rejected. Both the Socialists and Conservatives are of the opinion that it would mean relinquishing themselves and that they will have nothing to gain by sacrificing their principles. On the other hand, Mr. McBride, far from antagonizing organized labor, has earned their respect by his championship of the laboring classes of the upper country. His excuse, that he was justified in his policy of opposition to the legislation, Mr. Macdonald's hostile attitude towards the bill introduced into the House two years ago, proposing to give an eight-hour day to smelters, is not forgotten. As collector of the Granby Consolidated Mining company, he forgot his duty as a legislator and his duty to the laboring classes of the upper country. His excuse, that he was justified in his policy of opposition to the legislation, Mr. Macdonald's hostile attitude towards the bill introduced into the House two years ago, proposing to give an eight-hour day to smelters, is not forgotten.

In the local contest, Mr. Macdonald will not have the labor vote, which, on account of peculiar local issues, supported him two years ago, when the Conservative candidate was defeated by only 95 votes. The prospects for election of a supporter of Premier McBride are very encouraging. The Conservative will doubtless do better than in the election of last year. It is not unlikely that a well known labor leader may secure the support of the laboring classes. In that event Mr. Macdonald will lose his deposit. It is rumored among the labor party workers that there are many who are ready to be tapped by the Grand Trunk will soon reach here. The Conservatives are well organized and will present a sharp lookout to prevent any attempt to debauch the electorate.

Premier McBride will be given a big reception when he visits here, probably on the 15th. A Berry is the local Socialist candidate. He will not poll a large vote. There will be a contest for the Ymir for the Conservative nomination. The rival aspirants are Harry Wright and Jas. H. Schofield, mayor of Trail. In discussing point to the selection of Mr. Schofield, who is extremely popular, and who could not fail to carry the Ymir. The Socialists of Ymir lately put up a candidate. A government supporter will certainly be returned for Ymir.

The situation in Cranbrook is complicated by the nomination of Thos. Kelly as the straight labor candidate. He is secretary of the miners' union, and polling a large vote, will leave the outcome of the election very uncertain. The straight party candidates considerably outnumber the Liberal candidates. It is conceded that Ernest Miller, Conservative, will have a walkover in Grand Forks. He is a son of the postmaster of Vancouver, and a coming man in provincial politics. The Liberal candidate thus far been unable to secure a date, as none of the local men are willing to be sacrificed. McBride, the popular and a splendid organizer. The other candidates are Mayor Naden, Liberal, and Edgar Dykes, Socialist.

SOLID IN OKANAGAN

Price Ellison Sure of a Comparatively Easy Victory

Vernon, Jan. 7.—Active campaigning is proceeding in every part of this district. The Liberals are well organized and putting up a strong fight against Mr. Ellison, who is certain of re-election with a large majority. The success of Ellison's personal popularity, his splendid record as Okanagan's representative, and the contrast favorably with Macdonald's inexperience, light acquaintance with the country, and flagrant standing. An admiration for the McBride government's record and policy and stand for better terms will influence the local situation. In Vernon alone Mr. Ellison should receive well over 120 majority.

SAANICH LIBERALS

Strong Movement to Prevent Mr. Tanner's Nomination

Advice from Saanich show that the opposition element there is making a move towards the selection of a candidate. There is a strong feeling among the Liberals against the late member, and a determined effort is making to prevent his being renominated by a "packed" convention, such secured him the nomination at the previous election. It is the firm belief among a great many of the Liberals that Mr. Tanner has no chance whatever of re-election, and that some other man must be chosen if the party is not to make an utter exhibition of itself in the contest. Mr. Tanner could not even get the full vote in some cases, whose confidence he failed to retain by his course in the House.

The large anti-Tanner sentiment is endeavoring to induce John Percy, the Victoria merchant, to become the candidate against Mr. Eberis, and his name is likely to come before the nominating convention, which is to be held at the Royal Oak on January 9. In the meantime meetings are being held in various parts of the district to elect delegates to this convention. It is very probable that Mr. Percy will accept the nomination if tendered him, for he is well aware that he would be factually certain that the Conservatives of the district are not deeply concerned as to the choice of the opposition nominee. The president of Mr. Eberis' election in any event.

ATLIS MASON'S

Presentation of Past Master's Jewel and Installation of Officers

Atlin, B. C., Dec. 30.—At the regular communication of Atlin lodge, No. 42, A. F. & M. S., the officers were installed by Rt. Worship. Bro. J. A. Fraser, assisted by Wor. Bro. J. A. Smith. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Rt. Wor. Bro. J. A. Fraser, who has filled the office of worshipful master of Atlin lodge since its institution, was presented with a past master's jewel, a handsome one, manufactured by J. Egerton & Son, of Atlin. In addition to its Masonic character, the jewel is typical of the district, by the fact that it is richly inlaid with gold nuggets.

Mr. Worcester Fraser has had an active and honorable Masonic career, having filled the master's chair in three Masonic lodges, and to his efficient and painstaking work can be attributed the great success of Atlin lodge. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, refreshments were served, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour in social intercourse. The officers for the year are as follows: W. Bro. F. W. Dowling, W. M.; Rt. Worship. Bro. J. A. Fraser, I. P.; M. Bro. W. S. Crooks, S. W.; John Williams, J. W.; Bro. A. B. Taylor, treasurer; Bro. C. R. Bourne, secretary; Bro. G. H. Gould, chaplain; Bro. J. D. Bro. J. T. Regan, I. G.; Bro. P. Markus, S. S.; Bro. P. H. Bobley, director of the lodge; Bro. D. Conley, Tyler; Sr. Bro. Malcolm R. J. Reid and James T. Regan, auditors.

REVOLUTION SERIOUS IN CENTRAL CHINA

Troops Being Sent by Government From Three Provinces to Put Down Revolt

The revolution in Central China has become of a formidable nature, according to advices received by the Japanese press of Japan, which arrived yesterday morning. Sun Yat Sen, hero of the Chinese revolution, is in London, when the British government prevented his arrest there by the Chinese ambassador, who is at the head of the revolt, and arms and ammunition have been supplied by agencies at Hongkong and Shanghai. Some reports allege also that deportations have been made from Japan. Foreigners escaped early in the emigration, missionaries, traders and German employees at the Pingling coal mines, having all gone to Changsha, where British, American, German and Japanese gunboats were sent. The rebels were defeated at 100 miles from Liuyang and district, and several thousand on the Hunan-Kiangsi border. The collars are being protected by 4,000 imperial troops, a large force with artillery. On December 10 a large force of government troops, with artillery, attacked the rebel army from three sides near Liuyang, in Hunan, and an indecisive battle resulted, in which the rebels retired in good order. The government were later victorious in a battle near An-lo. Two regiments of the Hunan army and a battery of mountain guns were sent to reinforce the government troops. A detachment was also sent to Chingking to protect the churches. The revolution is anti-foreign in its character against foreigners. With a view to preventing foreign interference, the Chinese are minimizing the extent of the situation. The warships of foreign powers which have proceeded to Changsha are: H. M. S. Cadmus and Teal, U. S. S. Helena, German gunboats Fushimi and Sumida. The rebels, according to reports, are well armed with foreign rifles and move with foreign-styled drill. The Chinese government is moving troops from the three provinces to put down the terrible famine in Western Kiangsi is causing many from that section to join the rebels.

ADVOCATES SCHOOL FOR THE DEFICIENT

Dr. Ernest Hall Says State Should Care for Unfortunate Children

"I regard it as of the greatest importance that there should be a medical man on the school board," said Dr. Ernest Hall to the Colonist yesterday. "I am retiring from the board this year, but what my practice and politics my time is pretty well taken up, but I am still interested in the work, and I shall do my best to see that my place is taken by another doctor."

Dr. Hall referred to the resolution passed by the board at its last meeting with reference to the extension of the duties of the city medical health inspector in order that they might include the care of the school children. "There is a lot which needs to be done in that direction," he said, "and it would be necessary to increase the doctor's salary if he is also to look after the schools. Really there is enough work in caring for the health of the children to keep one man busy all the time."

"Some radical steps should be taken in this direction," continued the doctor. "The care of the children is of the greatest importance, and should be especially safeguarded. A doctor should be appointed to examine all children entering the schools, and given power to prevent those children whom he does not consider suitable from attending the classes. Lots of children are not sent to attend school, because they receive more harm than benefit by their work. A child may be mentally diseased, or he may be so feeble that it would benefit more by being allowed to stay away. In other cases the children appear to be stupid and dull on account of defects in the throat or ear. If there was a medical examination of these children before they were admitted, and remedied. Of course I need not dwell upon the importance of preventing the children from entering the schools and thus spreading the infection."

The Hostess—I suppose your new apartment has all the very latest improvements?—Yes, indeed. Hot and cold steam heat, running water and stationery elevator.—Brooklyn Life.

DISASTER TO JAPANESE SEAMEN

Empress of Japan Brings Details of Drowning of Seventy Blue-Jackets in Tokio Bay

Steamer Empress of Japan brought further particulars of the disaster to Japanese blue-jackets of the cruiser Chitose in Tokio bay, briefly reported by cable. A fishing boat which had left the Chitose lying at anchor five miles from shore, to land at Shinagawa. After sailing about a thousand yards when a westerly gale sprang up, and soon the heavy boat began to fill and the overcrowded passengers became confused, causing the vessel to lose her way. The boat was passing, came to the rescue and took 40 persons on board. Fearing the vessel would be capsized by many swimmers who clung to her sides, the crew fought them off and put out. When this boat arrived the police hurriedly sent sampans to the scene of the wreck. The naval department, which transmitted the news to the Chitose by wireless telegraphy, and torpedo boat and steam launches were sent. Over 70 were drowned. Fifty-eight bodies were recovered and placed in the ship's hold. The remains of the naval men were carried on stretchers and taken to the hospital at the Kaitokuji temple, where the 47 Ronins lie buried, and the day following the ship's company of the Chitose was brought ashore to attend religious services for the pacification of the souls of the victims who were drowned. The Chitose is one of the cruisers chosen to visit the United States to attend the Jamestown exposition, and many of the visitors have been brought on board to see interior decorations made for the voyage to America. The Japanese minister, who is in charge of the rescue boat, which picked up 40 people, in an interview given the Tokio Asahi, said:

"I felt quite confused at the time and acted like a madman. I was impatient to get effectively, but the waves were so high that I could not see the boat. I told my brother that we must save those passengers at all costs. Fortunately the boat succeeded in reaching the leeward side of the wreck. Otherwise none would have been saved. We cast our anchor there, and placed a line at the anchor-rope to the steamer. I thought at first that it would be possible to drag a man out of the water by his arm. I threw ropes into the water and called to the swimmers to cling to them. But at the sight of the rescuers, many relaxed their grip and sank under the water. But by various devices we saved all persons we could. The rescue of the survivors was a success. All those who were taken on board were prostrate with fatigue, exhausted and partly delirious. From the wreck many ropes were thrown, and I had climbed up into the boat by myself. He ordered me to raise the anchor while more men were being hoisted and the anchor rope with his big navy knife. I was anxious about the weakness of the men, and the fact that the boat was taking on water. I was ashamed of such weaklings as you see here. I had a great deal of sukisima without any further incident."

BOYCOTT IN CHINA

Washington, Jan. 7.—American Consul Bergholtz today cabled from Canton a confirmation of the reports of a general strike in China, and a boycott in China. He attributed the trouble to statements by Chinese residents of the province of Hunan, who were mentioned in his annual message to congress had not mentioned the new treaty with Head on Sunday night and docked at the outer wharf Monday morning at daylight. The voyage occupied less than 11 days actual steaming, or 10 calendar days, and similar work will be completed here in 10 days 10 hours leaving Yokohama on the 27th, heavy snow was encountered with biting winds almost to the meridian. The good weather was experienced until arrival at Hongkong on the present voyage some false work was built to protect the library on the saloon deck and similar work will be made at Vancouver on the main deck to protect the saloon while the steamers are being driven at full speed in the fast mail service. It had been intended to lengthen the smokestacks of the liner by ten feet, but it was found that such a work would militate against the appearance of the liners and the idea was abandoned. In order to ascertain the appearance of the steamers with the lengthened stacks false elevations were built of bamboo and other material on the saloon deck recently and a photograph made and sent to Montreal.

POSSIBILITIES OF DEEP-SEA FISHING

Beaumont Boggs, who is an Authority, Says There is Fortune in Industry

According to Mr. Beaumont Boggs and others, who have made a thorough investigation of deep-sea fishing, the opportunities for development of the industry are business on a large scale are great. Mr. Boggs, who was secretary of the Canadian Fish Commission, and who has been in 1898, went to Nova Scotia and to Montreal, where he was in charge of the fisheries, and he gathered considerable data with regard to the business of deep-sea fishing. He is especially interested in the necessary amount of capital required to start a business, and he is of the opinion that a proper amount of capital is necessary to beget on the business. He is of the opinion that the business is very large, as also the resultant benefit to the community. As stated yesterday, the estimate given provides for employment of 25,000 persons, supporting at least 20,000 people.

At present the deep-sea fishing of the Pacific coast, especially with regard to cod-fishing, is carried on mostly from Astoria, Ore., and from Seattle, Wash. The fleets of schooners operating from these points, and the evidence of selling capital, many of them former Nova Scotia fishermen, has demonstrated that the industry is very large, as also the resultant benefit to the community. As stated yesterday, the estimate given provides for employment of 25,000 persons, supporting at least 20,000 people.

FATAL TRAIN WRECK ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

East Bound Express Thrown From Track and Two Passengers Killed

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—Two men were instantly killed and eight other passengers more or less injured in the wreck of the Canadian Pacific east-bound express yesterday afternoon, near Kaminitiska, 25 miles west of Fort William.

The transcontinental express, which left here on Saturday for the East, was wrecked yesterday afternoon, a half mile east of Kaminitiska. Two men were killed and six injured. The wreck was due to a broken rail, which threw the train and the engine off the track. The dining car and sleepers kept the rails. One coach, which left the track, was thrown across and partly down the embankment, and the side of it was crushed in by the coach following. There is a lot which needs to be done in that direction," he said, "and it would be necessary to increase the doctor's salary if he is also to look after the schools. Really there is enough work in caring for the health of the children to keep one man busy all the time."

The names of the killed and injured follow: Killed—H. Smith, Montreal, waiter, aged 19 years. K. Campbell, Montreal, waiter, aged 24 years. Injured—Lewis Konar, Montreal, cut about head. A. M. Ferguson, mail clerk, Winnipeg, cut and bruised about head and shoulders, dislocated. Mrs. Ancester, Nings, Mont., severe shock. K. B. Keres, Balcarres, shoulder bruised, wrist dislocated. W. Marstrand, Northumberland, England, left arm and hand cut. H. Fisher, England, head severely cut. R. Barber, London, England, shoulder and head cut and bruised. H. Thompson, Sheffield, England, head cut.

Among the passengers were the following: M. Stuart, Winnipeg; A. Pastuski, Melita; Miss H. Baines, Esq. found.

FAST PASSAGE OF EMPRESS OF JAPAN

Came from Yokohama to Victoria in Less than Eleven Days

Steaming Time

HENRIETTA HERE FOR REPAIRS

Was Hauled Out Yesterday on Ways of Machinery Depot—Freighters in Heavy Weather

Completing the fastest trip made across the Pacific from Yokohama since the new Overseas Mail service was commenced last summer, R. M. S. Empress of Japan arrived at William Head on Sunday night and docked at the outer wharf Monday morning at daylight. The voyage occupied less than 11 days actual steaming, or 10 calendar days, and similar work will be completed here in 10 days 10 hours leaving Yokohama on the 27th, heavy snow was encountered with biting winds almost to the meridian. The good weather was experienced until arrival at Hongkong on the present voyage some false work was built to protect the library on the saloon deck and similar work will be made at Vancouver on the main deck to protect the saloon while the steamers are being driven at full speed in the fast mail service. It had been intended to lengthen the smokestacks of the liner by ten feet, but it was found that such a work would militate against the appearance of the liners and the idea was abandoned. In order to ascertain the appearance of the steamers with the lengthened stacks false elevations were built of bamboo and other material on the saloon deck recently and a photograph made and sent to Montreal.

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UNIQUE SALVAGE CASE

Because Three Dogs Were Left, Owners Claim Melanoe From Salvors

Basing their claim for possession on three small dogs left aboard, J. J. Moore & Co., of San Francisco, owners of the British bark Melanoe, which was deserted by Capt. N. K. Willis on the 8th inst., have filed a suit in the British court of eight years ago, in which the fact of a dog being left aboard and the abandonment of the ship was sufficient to prove possession and not a state of abandonment. On Dec. 13 the steamer Northland sighted the derelict. Without much difficulty she succeeded in making fast to the vessel and after a little trouble towed her to Astoria. The captain and crew of the Northland together with the owners of the boat held that the salvage on the Melanoe was worth \$65,000, \$50,000 as the value of the ship, and \$15,000 as the value of the cargo. Contracts for the repair of the ship were called for and it was found that she could be put in shape for \$20,000 or less. The owners offered \$5,000 salvage to the Northland and this was refused. When the barkentine Jane Falconberg was picked up derelict by the tug Lorne some years ago and towed to Esquimalt there was only a kitten on board; but the owners made no claim that the presence of the kitten rendered the vessel not deserted.

BLAKELEY'S OVERHAULING

Brigantine Being Made Ready to Proceed to Mexico

Brigantine Blakeley, notorious because of the expedition she carried out to the coast of Mexico, is here for the purpose of locating the buried millions of Cocos Island, and recently used as a fishing vessel out of Vancouver, arrived in the inner harbor Monday to be hauled out on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot. The Blakeley has been purchased by George W. Boermaker, of Los Angeles, and is being hauled out on the ways of the Victoria Machinery Depot before proceeding to Mexico where she is to be used in connection with the former schooner Comanche.

SMITH CURTIS' CHOICE

Roseland, Jan. 8.—Smith Curtis was unanimously chosen at the Liberal convention for the nomination of Keremeos today. In accepting he intimated that he was not a straight Liberal, but a Liberal-Labor candidate.

MANY POACHERS KILLED

Three Hundred Men Believed to Be Assassinated—Vessels Missing

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FAST PASSAGE OF EMPRESS OF JAPAN

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Steaming Time

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LIBERAL CONSERVATIVES NAME THEIR STANDARD-BEARERS

At Enthusiastic Convention Presided Over by R. P. Rithet, Esq., Ticket to Represent Victoria at Provincial Elections is Placed in the Field—Striking Tribute to Premier McBride

THE BIG FOUR Hon. Richard McBride H. B. Thomson H. F. W. Behnson Frederick Davey

Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia; H. B. Thomson, H. F. W. Behnson and Alderman F. Davey were last night unanimously chosen as the standard-bearers of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association in the forthcoming provincial election. One of the largest, most enthusiastic and most harmonious meetings in the history of the organization was held at the Victoria Institute hall at which the selection was made. Each of those whose names are mentioned above has been a prominent call for addresses, with the exception of the premier, who was represented by his chief lieutenant, Hon. G. Taitlov, minister of finance and agriculture. The remarks of all were appropriate and permeated with optimistic sentiment which is generally accepted as a happy augury of the outcome of the campaign from the standpoint of the supporters of the government and its local representatives, the quartette aforementioned.

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The Day of Prosperity

Hon. Mr. Taitlov claimed that the government was entitled at least to some little credit for the prosperous condition of the province. The government had assumed control in 1905 the financial condition was serious. It would be a serious matter if it were not for the fact that it was a generally disagreeable character. Taxes had been increased materially. But the spirit in which the people had accepted the inevitable, the ready way in which they had "dug into their pockets" to meet the needs of the emergency, showed that they wanted to do the right thing. (Applause.)

Mr. Behnson

Mr. Behnson spoke briefly. He said that this was the first time he had been called upon to make a public address and, therefore, he believed he would have to feel a little nervous. He had his intention to fight the campaign on business principles. He did not intend to make "political" promises. All knew what McBride had done for the country and for him to dilate upon the matters would be unnecessary repetition.

Alderman Davey

Ald. Davey felt highly honored at being selected as a candidate. His gratification was enhanced by its spontaneity. He had not solicited it, and, when approached, had asked that others of more ability and right to the honor should be accorded the honor. Also he had explained that he was not a platform man, a public speaker in reply he had been told that it was not always the most brilliant speaker who made the most useful members. (Laughter and applause.)

The Proper Policy

It was not proper to go further to the question of the present condition of affairs. (Applause.) It had been stated by the opposition that the government had no policy. One of the speakers of the opposition had said that the McBride administration would be a failure. He had said that the government had no policy. He had said that the government had no policy. He had said that the government had no policy.

The Provincial Secretary

Hon. Mr. Manson was proud to be present as a representative of the McBride administration. He said that he had seen in Italy or in other southern climes that the feeling of unanimity which prevailed throughout the proceedings, and was a solid Liberal-Conservative ticket on the 2nd of February.

Ottawa Interference

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Mr. Thomson

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JAPANESE SQUADRON

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VICTORIANS ENJOY TOUCH OF WINTER

During the whole of yesterday many people from town and from the country-side around were to be found at Colwood, whither they had been attracted by the strength and excellence of the ice for skating. The scene, especially in the afternoon, was exceedingly pretty, for the sunset, visible over the tall fir trees, almost equalled any to be seen in Italy or in other southern climes during the summer. This, with the effect caused by the glow of many camp fires, and the good performance by the skiers, who were seen to glide along the banks of the pool, was a new reward for the journey undertaken to see the skating.

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THE MINERAL OUTPUT

Official Estimate of Last Year 13 Per Cent More Than in 1905

That British Columbia produced 13 per cent more mineral in 1906 than in 1905 is the opinion of Wm. Fleet Robertson, the provincial mineralogist. Yesterday he cabled to Hon. J. H. Turner, agent-general in London, his annual approximate estimate of production, showing this gratifying increase. Compared with the official figures for 1905, Mr. Robertson's estimate is as follows:

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| Gold | 5,077,000 | 5,190,000 |
| Silver | 2,300,000 | 1,671,818 |
| Copper | 2,850,000 | 4,422,223 |
| Lead | 1,050,000 | 1,358,023 |
| Coke | 1,100,000 | 800,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,100,000 | 800,000 |

WINNIPEG FATALITY

Winnipeg, Jan. 7.—Ada Priddy, a domestic, a recent arrival from England, died from injuries received by being struck by an electric car on Sunday night.

KASLO CONSERVATIVES HOLD R. F. GREEN IN HONOR

Eager to Nominate Him Again as Their Candidate for the House

A NOTABLE TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Former Chief Commissioner Unable to Accept the Nomination—Neil Mackay is Named

Kaslo, Jan. 7.—On Saturday evening, at one of the best party meetings of the Conservative party in the political history of Kaslo, the campaign opened in earnest. The meeting was called to elect delegates to attend the nominating convention here. R. F. Green was present and addressed the meeting. He was warmly greeted and after a few minutes he gained control of himself and delivered a stirring address. He said he had been elected to the House of Commons and was in the forefront of the fighting during the battle of the Yalu. Admiral Ito's flag was transferred to the Matsushima after the former vessel was badly damaged by shells from the Chinese ironclad, Chin-yen.

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AN ASTOUNDING THREAT

According to a Vancouver despatch to the Times, Mr. McInnes stated at a public meeting that British Columbia would never get better terms until a Liberal government was in office.

SHALL BRITISH COLUMBIA BE CONQUERED?

We call upon every voter to ponder well what this means. We have rights which are being sold to the highest bidder.

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Iyo Maru Will Enter the Victoria Line Instead of New Hitachi Maru

KESTREL TO SUPPLY LIGHTHOUSES

In Absence of Quadra on Special Service—Tosa Maru Delayed Owing to Coal Shortage

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FORTUNE LOST FOR LOVE

An Old Man, His Ward and Her Suitor

Paris, Oct. London Daily Mail. A strange tragedy in Paris has occurred of late among local celebrities...

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Duchess of Marlborough Loses Her Children

Advice from London says the Duchess of Marlborough, even with the good offices of kinfolk on both sides, has thus far been unable to come to an amicable arrangement on the custody of the children...

RADCLIFFE BREAKS DOWN

Winipeg, Jan. 7.—Radcliffe, the haggard man, has written Sir Edgar a letter in which he has asked for the return of the 15th. Since the Victoria execution he has been a nervous wreck at his home in Toronto.

POSSESSIONS OF THE CHURCH

Versailles, Jan. 7.—When the local authorities here took possession of the seminary, under the church and state separation law, bonds and other securities amounting to \$1,000,000 were discovered at that institution.

WANTS TO PROVE HE IS WRONGED

The Duke presided at a charity dinner in London last Thursday night, but the worry and anxiety are visibly altering his face and giving him a prematurely aged look.

DEPRESSION PREVAILS IN LIBERAL CIRCLES

Collapse of McInnes Boom and Weakness of Ticket Cause Doleful Feelings—John Piercy Nominated in Saanich

The bubble has burst. The confidence openly expressed in the Liberal camp that the visit of their leader, J. A. Macdonald, K.C., in company with the ex-commissioner of the Yukon, W. B. McInnes, to Victoria would turn the trend of public opinion in their favor has been halted. It was thought that Messrs. Macdonald and McInnes, particularly the latter, would be able to rouse the local Liberals from their despondency and put them in a better frame of mind to contest the pending election. With that object in view, what was advertised as a grand rally was held at the Victoria Theatre. It was addressed by the two gentlemen mentioned. But without effect; those present listened to what was said stolidly, without any emotional display of appreciation, and left commenting on the fact that they had heard no logical argument advanced against the policy of the government, no criticism of a character to shake the confidence of the electorate in the administration which has had control of the destinies of the province for the past three years.

It is not difficult to substantiate these statements. They are corroborated by the disclosure of the opinions upon the faces of the majority of the prominent Liberals. And it is no wonder that they should present such an appearance. As an amused on-looker remarked yesterday, they have been buying up their hopes in the vision of the late governor of the Yukon speaking from Ottawa, the capital city of the Dominion. When that vision faded, Mr. McInnes has come and gone, they are beginning to realize that he had no message for the people of such importance as would turn them from their determination to uphold the government which has so wisely and successfully administered public affairs. As a result they are even more depressed in spirit than before.

The McInnes boom has exploded, remarked one of those who, while personally unbiased in following the course of the campaign which has just commenced with considerable interest. He pointed out that the people had been led to expect that when he arrived they would hear something which would change their opinions, which would support the idea that the Liberals should be placed in power. But what had he seen? The people had seen a comparison of the speeches delivered by Mr. Macdonald and by Mr. McInnes disclosed a startling similarity. They dealt with the same subjects, the former in a terse manner and the latter in his more flowery style. Neither, however, had succeeded in rousing the audience to any pitch of enthusiasm, and neither had been successful in persuading the voters that there should be a change of government. The ex-commissioner of the Yukon had nothing new to say. He had delivered a characteristic speech, when he was bled down it was found to contain nothing but platitudes—to be brief, little less than a clever manipulation of words.

With a split in their ranks, which is daily assuming greater dimensions, the Liberals are unable to make any impression upon the public mind, and with the natural depression following upon these disclosures the Liberals themselves acknowledge that they start upon the fight very much handicapped. On the other hand, the Conservatives have taken up confidence with enthusiasm and confidence. Having without a doubt the support of the public behind them, they will labor to make the majority as large as possible. That the Liberal ticket will be snuffed under they are assured. Hitherto, it is pointed out, the latter have not attempted to put up an aggressive contest. Even if they manage to do so, it is an effort in support of their nominees, the belief in all circles appears to be that the attempt will be most deplorably futile.

What reasonable attack has been made upon the government so far? Has any criticism been advanced of sufficient weight to warrant the defeat of Premier McBride and his supporters? These very pertinent questions were asked yesterday by a non-partisan politician. The answer to them, he stated, could be given by anyone who had followed the course of events since the announcement of the dissolution of the house. The Liberal leader, his first lieutenant and all his adherents had not yet been able to formulate any strong attack upon the administration. They had rehearsed the usual scandals of Kluken Island and the Columbian & Western railway; but that was all. Their criticism of the financial policy was as weak as water while, heretofore, they had not been able to decry the enterprise displayed by the government in advertising fruit-growing possibilities of British Columbia in the Old Country. Nor had they been able to satisfactorily explain away the fact that the province had been plied through an exceedingly critical period to unexampled prosperity by the ability of Premier McBride and his colleagues.

It was quite evident that the Liberals were going to the country without a definite policy. They had accused the government of being without a well-defined platform. The shoe, rather, was on the other foot. And the public would not fail to realize the fact before the campaign had been long in progress. They would have to have some evidence that a change was needed before they could be induced to desert Premier McBride and his colleagues on the 2nd of February. This is the sentiment, not only in Victoria, but throughout the island and on the Mainland. A. E. McPhillips, K.C., the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the Islands constituency, left for that district yesterday. He is confident of being returned. D. M. Eberts, K.C., is at work among the electors of Saanich in a very optimistic mood. Hon. C. E. Fooley expresses perfect confidence in receiving the endorsement of a large majority of the residents of the Esquimalt riding, and from information being received from authentic sources, it is well-assured that his belief is based upon a firm foundation. W. H. Hayward is sure of his election in Cowichan, while Hon. W. Macdonald, the new provincial secretary, is confident of being returned in Alberni. He is not at all alarmed at the report that Mr. McInnes intends descending upon the unsuspecting electors of that section in the endeavor to unsettle their minds. He is sure that he will meet with little success. Meanwhile accounts are constantly coming to hand of the triumphal tour of the interior constituencies being made by Premier McBride. Everywhere he is being cordially welcomed and greeted with promises of support at the forthcoming elections.

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The outlook from the standpoint of Liberal Conservatism was never brighter.

VICTORIA'S JUDGMENT Good Reasons for a Change of Mind Since 1928

The Vancouver News-Advertiser, in its issue of yesterday, said editorially: The proceedings at the Conservative convention in Victoria on Monday last were alike harmonious and enthusiastic. They were an excellent illustration of the change in political sentiment that has occurred since the general election of 1928. The present Conservative government had acceded to office, not by the popular vote as recorded at the polls, but by a victory in the legislature, but by the action of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, who had damaged the Liberal government of which, by the way, Mr. W. B. McInnes had been a member) and invited Mr. McBride to undertake the task of forming a cabinet. This Mr. McBride succeeded in doing, and at the earliest possible moment he went to the country in order that the electors might ratify the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in placing the conduct of provincial affairs in his hands. The prospect of success was not a very favorable one. The times were out of joint. From 1900 to 1928 three distinct administrations had had brief existences. Immense additions to the provincial debt had been made in the last five years. The government seemed to be in a state of disarray and apparently only imbued with the idea that provincial affairs should be administered in the same old-fashioned manner. Besides the addition of \$3,600,000 to the permanent debt, large floating liabilities had been incurred; the treasury was empty and creditors clamorous for payment. No one knew what the future would be, and many a voter thought it was likely as not that the McBride cabinet would have as brief a career as its immediate predecessors, and meet defeat at the polls.

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HUB MINE FIRE Montreal, Jan. 8.—Latest advices are that a fire in the Hub mine in Cape Breton is being quenched. The shaft is growing cooler, and it is hoped that within a very short time the same will be under control. Water is being poured in continually and gangs of men are working night and day.

ARMY STORES BURNED Portmouth, Jan. 8.—Fire which broke out last night among the camp and equipment stores caused damage estimated to amount to \$3,500,000. The entire equipment of an army corps was destroyed. Although the conflagration is under control, masses of smoldering blankets and other stores occasionally break out into fresh flames.

PERSIA'S PARLIAMENT Tehran, Jan. 8.—The revised constitution which was accepted by the national assembly on Tuesday, gives the assembly control of all financial matters. Matters pertaining to the administration of the provinces may only be discussed by the assembly. The assembly can only be dissolved by the minister and two-thirds of the senate. The senate is composed of 30 elected and 30 appointed members.

LIFE LOST IN FIRE Falling Walls in Montreal Kill One Man and Injure Six Montreal, Jan. 8.—One man killed, six men injured, half a million dollars worth of property destroyed, with two business blocks burned, is the result of a fire which started at 2 o'clock this morning on St. Antoine street. The death of H. Gagnon, a carter, and the injury of six firemen were caused by the collapse of the walls. The fire started in the building above named. The above named companies are so far as the present stocks and machinery are concerned, wiped out of business. There are also some other firms more or less damaged. Gagnon lost his life in rescuing his son. The man resided within the burning zone and believing his boy to be imprisoned, went back to save him. He was caught by the falling wall and buried. His son, as it happened, was not within the danger zone. The six injured men were on ladders when the wall crashed in.

LIBERAL CANDIDATES At a meeting of the executive of the Liberal association on Wednesday evening, arrangements for the nominating convention of that organization were discussed. A number of names were mentioned as likely to be given places on the Liberal ticket in Victoria. Among these were all those who present that party from this constituency, namely, R. L. Drury, J. D. McNiven, Richard Hall and W. G. Cameron. The possibility of W. W. B. McInnes accepting a nomination from the association was considered. It is understood, were appointed to wait upon several of those in the field. No definite date was set for the convention on account of the uncertainty of the time of Mr. McInnes' arrival from the East. It is understood, however, that it will take place next Wednesday.

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