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A BY-LAW

TO AMEND THE "REAL ESTATE TAX BY-LAW, 1896.

WHEREAS it is deemed advisable to extend the time at which the rebate ceases on the payment of taxes on Real Estate in the City of Nanaimo.

Be it, therefore, enacted by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Nanaimo as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 of the "Real Estate Tax By-law, 1896" is hereby amended by inserting in the fifth line of the said section the words "on or before the 1st day of December, 1896" instead of the words "on or before the 1st day of November, 1896."

Section 2. This By-law may be cited for all purposes as the "Real Estate Tax Amendment By-law, 1896." Passed by the Municipal Council on the 9th day of November, 1896.

Reconsidered, adopted and finally passed by the Municipal Council on the 10th day of November, 1896.

{L. S.} J. H. DAVISON, *Mayor.*
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MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the Council on Monday evening there were present: Mayor Davison, Ald. Bradley, Westwood, Planta, Wilson, Martell, Morton, McDonald and Foreman.

The minutes of last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

Ald. Planta rose to a question of privilege, in looking over the guests at the civic luncheon given in honor of Mr. Tarte he was struck by the noticeable absence of some of the public officials and other prominent citizens, he thought that some had not received invitations and understood the committee had left the drafting of the list to the Mayor. He had seen the list in the city clerk's office, and noticed some of the officials were not on the list, he considered it was more than an oversight. He thought it was the most glaring insult ever offered to a public official. He maintained that every public official should have been invited. Amongst those who were left on the list were some who opposed the Mayor on the last election and will this. He regretted that personal feelings were allowed to override judgment. He certainly thought an apology was due to these gentlemen.

The Mayor said Ald. Planta was determined to deliver himself, and he would ask how many were present?

Ald. Planta pointedly accused the Mayor of purposely slighting certain officials.

The Mayor stated that Ald. Planta did not take into consideration the number of men who had not been invited. He had submitted the list to Ald. Morton who had an opportunity of adding any names to the list. He was willing for the Council to come to a conclusion in the matter and he would abide by the decision.

Considerable cross firing then took place between the Mayor and Ald. Planta, during which Ald. Planta used certain expressions which the Mayor took to imply that men who worked in the mines and who were not invited to the luncheon were not so good as these officials, and he charged to Ald. Planta that he implied this in his remarks. Ald Planta immediately waxed wrath and angrily called the Mayor a liar. Several Aldermen rose to order. Ald. Morton said the matter was now past, but as a member of the committee he was willing to make an apology. He was sure no one had any intention of leaving any one out.

Ald Planta maintained that it was the duty of the Mayor to apologize.

Ald. Wilson took the same ground as Ald. Morton the trouble was that they had no time in which to prepare. He had seen the list, and had afterwards thought of some others. He was sorry there had been any omissions, and he had already apologized to several this afternoon, and explained the matter which was satisfactory to them. He would be willing to make a public apology to any who felt hurt by not being invited.

The Mayor—Do you propose to offer an apology to all and every one?

Ald Wilson? No!

The Mayor? Would you discriminate?

Ald Wilson? No!

Ald Planta asked Ald Wilson and Morton if they had the drafting of the list of invitations, and under the head of the clergy would they have omitted the name of Mr. Gunton, and under the head of school officials would they have omitted the name of Mr. Hunter? and the name of the chief under the head of police officers?

Ald Morton said he would not have done so. The Mayor had undertaken to make out a list, and it was submitted to him, but he did not think of any additions as he was busy at the time. He did not think it was done intentionally, as all were aware that at times like this it was customary that public officials should be invited, but not that they should be held in greater respect. He was sorry that any names had been left off, and as a member of the committee he was willing to take his portion of the blame. The fact was, the time was so limited as they did not expect the party until this week.

Ald McDonald thought if all the aldermen were to take up the time of the Council because their friends had not been invited, they would be there all night.

Ald Planta—These men were not friends, but opponents.

The Mayor would submit the names to the public when it would show that the majority were his opponents

Ald. Planta asked Ald. Wilson if he would have invited all public officials.

The Mayor (to Ald Wilson) was it not representative?

Ald. Wilson did not think it fair to be cross-examined in this way.

Ald. Bradley said friends of his had not been invited and he thought they had as much right as friends of Ald. Planta.

Ald Westwood thought at a public civic receptions of visiting officials, it should not be a matter of personal friends, and a man holding a public office not receiving an invitation would feel slighted.

Ald. Planta said none of the parties mentioned had said a word to him of the subject, he had brought it up on his his own responsibility.

The matter then dropped and the Council proceeded with the business.

COMMUNICATIONS.

A communication was read from Jas McGregor, M.P.P., enclosing a letter from Hon. J. H. Turner, Minister of Finance re railway matters, which on motion was ordered to be received and fiyled

The auditors report for the month of October was received and fyled.

Mrs. Grundy wrote complaining of water on Nicol street running into the house. Referred to Street Committee for examination.

Considerable discussion took place on a communication from Fell and Gregory, Victoria re Mr. Beaumonts property which has been before the Council on previous occasions, and it was decided to leave it to the Finance Committee to thoroughly investigate and report to the Council.

A communication was read from Mr. Hugh Aitken dated Nov. 16, and stating that on being informed that five of the members of the Council were being sued for $173.40 paid to Rev. D. A. McRae re police investigation, that he had at once written to Mr. McRae. He also enclosed the sum of $173.40 being the amount sued for.

Ald. Planta asked if Mr. Aitken had received any reply from Mr. McRae, to which the clerk replied in the negative.

Ald. Morton did not think the Council could do anything with it, it might be handed over to the five members interested, but the matter was out of the hands of the Council.

Ald. Wilson wished the communication to be received and fyled, whilst Ald. Planta wished the money to be sent back to Mr. Aitken. After some further discussion it was decided that the Clerk return the communication and enclosure to Mr. Aitken.

The Road Foreman presented his report which was received and fyled.

On motion the communication from the city of Victoria re Kootenay railway matters was taken up from the table. On motion of Ald. Morton and McDonald it was resolved to endorse the resolution from Victoria.

On the communication from W. Skene of Vancouver coming up, Ald. McDonald said they could not endorse it except as a Government scheme, and Ald. Wilson thought it could go over until we knew what they were asking for, it might be that large tracts of land might be asked for, in which case they could not endorse it.

Ald. Morton and McDonald introduced a motion asking the Government to build a line of railway from Nanaimo to Alberni, but the opinion seemed to be general amongst the Aldermen that this would be used as an excuse by the Government against the charter being asked for by the citizens of Nanaimo, and for which application had already been made. Ald. Planta stated that this would be the time for the charter to be obtained, for if the Government let it pass over the next session, we would find some one else would get a charter and connect with the E. & N. and give us the slip. If this motion was passed it would only mean the matter would be delayed.

Ald. McDonald thought the proposed road would open up a valuable section of country, as he understood there was upwards of 7000 acres of good land, which was Government land, and by the building of a railway there would be no need of a wagon road.

Ald. Planta said in any case it would be a difficult matter to get the charter and the Government would take every means to prevent it. The matter was laid over or a week.

A discussion arose over a motion of Ald Foreman to take the unexpended balance of the loan, after the amount for Union street had been expended, being used on other streets as the Council may direct. Many of the aldermen being of the opinion that the balance should be applied to paying outstanding accounts. It was decided to devote the unexpended balance for the purpose of constructing the sidewalk from Union street to the International Hotel.

Ald. Wilson favored the construction of the sidewalk on Newcastle townsite, and Ald Foreman favored the construction of a sidewalk from Milton street to the hospital, which was greatly needed.

Ald Morton thought enough had been spent on sidewalks and he favored the balance of the loan being applied to paying the outstanding accounts on streets. The Council should pay its debts and then build sidewalks.

Ald. Planta mentioned that this was the last day for delinquints to pay their taxes and prevent their property being advertised for tax sale.

The Mayor said the discussion was out of order there being no motion before the Council.

Ald Planta moved seconded by Ald Westwood that the sale be postponed.

The Mayor said if this was what they had been trying to avoid, and in order to do this the by-law would have to be amended.

After further discussion the Mayor ruled the motion out of order, and the Council adjourned.

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public and we heartily invite the citizens to make use of it for discussing public questions.

We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents.

20 Albemarle Mansions,
Holloway Road,
London, N.,
Nov. 4th, 1896.

MY DEAR SIR:—I shall be greatly obliged if you will publish the enclosed extract from "Truth" and my letter thereupon in your paper. I think you will admit that justice to me requires that it be published just as I have written it.

Yours very faithfully,
GEORGE H. TOVEY.

About a year back (November 21, 1895) some comment appeared in TRUTH on an action brought by a dairyman against the Rev. G. H. Tovey for goods supplied to his wife and family during his absence in America. The action was tried in Bournemouth County Court, and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff, against which there was an appeal to the High Court. This appeal resulted in a new trial being ordered by the Divisional Court, and the new trial, which by special order of the Court took place in Westminster County Court, ended last week in a verdict for Mr. Tovey, the defendant. In view of the remarks made in TRUTH at the time, it seems only due to Mr. Tovey to state that the final result of the proceedings is to show that his conduct throughout the business has been of the most honourable kind, that he has been struggling for years past under great disadvantage to do his duty to his creditors and to his wife and family; and that his wife had incurred fresh debts, notwithstanding his repeated injunctions against the pledging of his credit. The parties, to my mind, who come worst out of the business are the Bournemouth jury who—misled apparently by trade prejudice—gave so unjust a verdict in the first instance."

EDITOR MAIL:—The above paragraph is the "amende honorable" published by the editor of "Truth," for an injustice he did me on November last, when he admitted that his information was derived from a juryman interested in the case. It will be sufficient for me to add that four judges have each pronounced in my favour without a single word of qualification; and now a disinterested jury have added their verdict. with full costs in this and all previous hearings. The Lord Chief Justice in the Court of Appeal said that the Bournemouth jury gave "an outrageous verdict which could not possibly stand."

And now, Sir, what am I to say respecting the editor of the Nanaimo Free Press, who seized upon my unhappy domestic troubles to vent the venom of his personal spite against me while the case was still "sub judice?" I think that your readers will agree that a more outrageous libel was never published on the British side of North America. Very soon after I first arrived in Nanaimo the editor of the Free Press published a lie about me, and when I saw him he professed to be able to prove it; I then offered him $100 to do so. This he never did, nor did he ever apologize. This shows the character of the man, and of his paper. In this country such papers are spoken of as the "sewer press," and such men are ostracized from all decent society. Then twelve months ago, a creature of his own kind, who needed money for his journeys to Victoria, furnished the editor of the Free Press with what has now been shown to be a garbled account of my unhappy family troubles, and with avidity, he commented upon it with all the malice of his well-known nature. The coward would not have dared had he not been sheltered by my cloth and a distance of 6000 miles; but it would have polluted any good horsewhip, and have been an insult to that noble quadruped, the horse, to have given this man his deserts. And what, may be asked, is the secret of this precious editor's spite? Simply that I did not employ his printing office and his "Webster unabridged" for my work, and chose to go where it was better done!! I rejoice to hear that your paper is so well assisting the people of Nanaimo to escape from the tyranny of a paper which has done so much to prejudice your fine town and country in the eyes of others. The editor of the Free Press may be congratulated if I do not honor him with any further notice of his vile sheet; and I can safely leave my character with those friends who know me both in B. C. and this country.

Yours obediently,
GEORGE H. TOVEY.

Fall Assizes.

The Fall Assizes were opened in the Court House this morning by Mr. Justice Walkem. On the calling of the names of the Grand Jury, Mr. D. S. McDonald asked to be excused as he was a witness in the Hodgson case. The Grand Jury were then sworn in, and chose Mr. Geo. Williams as their foreman. Judge Walkem addressed the Grand Jury at some length, and expressed his pleasure at being able to visit Nanaimo after a long absence. He briefly reviewed the cases to come before them and the Grand Jury then retired.

A number of men applied for naturalization.

A full report will appear in our next issue.

POLICE COURT.

Geo. Lister and Grover Treherne were charged before J. H. Simpson, P.M., this morning, with fighting at the Provincial Hotel at midnight on Saturday, and fined $20 and $3 costs each, to be paid forthwith. It is likely another case will arise out of this in the near future.

Card of Thanks.

Nanaimo, Nov. 23, 1896.

I desire to return my sincere thanks to the promoters of the masquerade ball given in my behalf and to those who liberally patronised the same.

JAMES WATERS.

Nearly 100 masqueraders attended the Ball on Friday evening besides a large number of spectators. Many of the costumes were very attractive and well got up. There was the usual fun from the clowns and others. "Irish Katie" created lots of fun amongst the spectators. We are requested by the management to express their thanks for the liberal support given them, and also to Mr. Geo. Dunbar for the very excellent supper provided at the close. The receipts, over and above the expenses, were $79 50, which has been handed over to Mr. James Waters, for whose benefit it was held.

The verdict of the jury on the death of Marcus Wolfe was that the deceased shot himself while in a state of mental aberration. The remains were taken ever to Vancouver on Sunday morning, en route to Victoria, where the interment will take place.

Thanksgiving Services.

Union Thanksgiving services of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches will be held on Thursday, 26 inst. at 11 o'clock a. m. in the Baptist church. A collection will be taken to be given to the City Council for the relief of any cases of distress during the winter.

Lectures on the "Gold mines of B C, and how to get rich" and "Thrilling adventures and hair-breadth escapes" will be given in the Y M C A hall on Friday and Saturday next, by Rev T Haddon, of Vancouver. A valuable present will be given to all. and you may stand on English or Irish soil, and sit in a seat from the oldest Methodist church in the world. The lectures will be illustrated by over 50 large paintings. Admission, 25 cents.

William Shepherd was charged at the Provincial Police Court on Monday, before J. Hilbert, J.P., with carrying a weapon, and was bound over to keep the peace for six months and pay the costs. He applied to the magistrate to be put under the Habitual Drunkard's Act, which was done. It will now be unlawful for anyone to supply him with intoxicating liquor for the space of one year.

Mahrer & Co. have removed their wholesale liquor office and warehouse to Hirst Bros. stone building on Front street. Telephone 30.

Personal Mention.

Mr. A. R. Johnson is back again from the Kootenay.

Mr. G. A. Forest is in town from Vancouver.

Judgs Walkem came up on Monday to preside at the Assizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Smart have returned from their wedding trip.

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THE THANKS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

BY JAMES BARNES.

The sexton had stopped ringing the bell, but it was still humming overhead in the tower as Mr. Thomas Craig entered the vestry-room of the little church.

Mr. Craig began to remove his rubber overshoes by scraping the heel of one against the toe of the other. He had to support himself by holding fast to the sides of the doorway with both hands as he did so, for his balance was not so good as it once had been. At last he freed himself, and pushed the overshoes into a military formation with his foot.

The sexton entered just then with an armful of hymn-books.

He was about Mr. Craig's age, only he was not so stoop-shouldered, and he walked without any shuffling. Each of the two old men had a little bronze button in the lapel of his coat. They had won the right to wear this small token by sleeping under the same blanket, or on many occasions marching forward with their elbows touching, when some men (who now wore the same button, unfortunately) were skulking rearwards.

'Well, Tom,' said the sexton, depositing the hymn-books in a tottering column on the seat of a chair—'didn't know as you'd come round to-day, seein' the weather's so bad. I thought of stopping for you as I came through Twenty-third street' (he said 'Twinty-thoyd street').

While the sexton had been talking, Mr Craig came up closer, and put one hand behind his right ear—then he nodded.

'Wish you had; wish you had,' he said.

The deafness, which had been growing on him of late, was caused by his having stood too close to the muzzle of a cannon on Little Round Top, but he drew no pension, and despised those who did—if they could support themselves without it.

Thomas Craig was known by a few people as one of the most expert accountants in the city of New York, and for the last two years he had been hard at work reviewing the work of the late deceased City Treasurer, at a salary that swelled his bank account on each succeeding pay-day. He was considered affluent by his post of the G.A.R., and had been imposed upon, sad to relate, by a few of its members. Sabbath mornings always saw Mr. Craig enter the little brick church through the vestry door, for by doing so he managed to have a few words with old Charley McGerron, and could easily get to the seat under the pulpit, where he could listen to the sermon without peering open-mouthed at the minister, or straining the capacity of his one good ear.

'How's the work comin' on, Tom?' inquired the sexton, in a low voice, but with his lips almost touching the side of Mr. Craig's head.

'First rate; first rate,' was the answer. 'Nearly finished now. I have saved the city of New York over three hundred thousand dollars! I reckon the auditor will be surprised when he sees my report. It is 'most eight feet long,' he said, 'and covered up with figures—make a big show of it. You see, there has been a leakage going on for about six years; that can be stopped; and there's three hundred thousand dollars—between you and me, I tell you—that was deposited to the credit of the city of New York, that the city of New York has apparently forgotten clean about.'

'Where?' inquired McGerron.

'In London,' said Tom. 'They won a lawsuit there seven years ago, and when the judgment was rendered, somehow it wasn't recorded properly or collected. —Mighty careless, eh?'

These questions and answers were given much in the manner of a telephonic conversation. Tom would put up his ear, receive the message, and answer back in low, distinctly uttered whispers.

'Do they know you've found it out?' asked McGerron.

'Not yet,' said Tom. 'Kept that to turn in with the report; but I wrote over and claimed it —yes, sir, claimed it, I did—and they acknowledged the claim. Then I wrote again, and they sent me a check, drawn to my order as Clerk of Accounts, for sixty thousand pounds. Going to turn it in to the auditing committee with my showing next Thursday. Guess it'll surprise them, eh? Jest happened to find the entry by accident.—Queer thing. Well! there goes the organ; I'll go and take a seat.

The minister and the white-surplised small boys had already left the choir-room when Tom stepped into the church.

As the sexton shut the door after him, the sound of the processional hymn that had welled out suddenly died away, and the sexton, who was privileged to absent himself from the service proper on the ground of duty, picked a morning paper out of his overcoat pocket.

'Tom needs a guardeen, I'm thinkin',' he murmured. 'He should have let that discovery of his leak into the papers some time ago.'

After delivering himself of this worldy-wise remark, Mr. McGerron selected a sheet from the pound or so of scandal, gossip, and information yeleped 'the Sunday edition,' poked the rest back into his overcoat, and commenced to read, now and again pricking up his ears to listen how far the services had progressed.

It was not long since the last municipal elections, and profiting by the well-intentioned mistakes of the Reform administration, that would not stoop to 'practical politics,' Harmony Hall had again swept into office.

For some months past the Good Government Club across the street from the church had been practically deserted.

Mr. Thomas Craig had been a member of one of these promoters of political thought from the beginning, and it had been due to the opinions of the last administration that he had been appointed—from his desk in a downtown office—to investigate the accounts of the city.

Charley McGerron, on the contrary—although he had walked some years before in the Orangemen's parade—was a stanch member of the Harmony wigwam.

Many discussions had he had with old Tom Craig upon the subject; but he had not gloated over the downfall of the opposition campaign, seeing plainly that old Tom took the defeat seriously to heart.

As McGerron glanced down the pages of the paper a smile spread itself across his strongly-marked Scotch-Irish features. There were the same familiar names that had apparently emerged from oblivion—Alderman This, Coroner That, and Commissioner So-and-so. The sexton read them with satisfaction; but suddenly he noticed from the lull inside the body of the church that the benediction was about to be pronounced.

He arose quickly and pushed the chair against the wall; then he concealed the paper behind the steam-radiator, and hastened to his post in the vestibule.

This particular church, having separated politics from its affairs. had never taken the trouble to inquire into the adherency of its supporters or paid servitors, and probably Tom Craig was the only member of the congregation who knew of the sexton's political affiliations.

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Two or three days later Mr. McGerron was seated in the front room of his neat little flat, whose decorations included two or three beautiful velvet-framed china plaques painted by his daughter's fair hands when she was instructress in the public school, before her marriage; many comforting but hard to decipher worsted mottoes, also from the same source, adorned the walls.

Mrs. McGerron entered from the kitchen. She was a very comfortable-looking woman, with a conformation that reminded one insensibly of a plump matronly partridge. An odor of cabbage followed her up the hallway.

"Jinny was here this mornin'," said Mrs. McGerron, straightening the faded beribboned tidy on the back of a rocking chair, "and she says as how Tim's got the app'intme's so long been afther."

Mrs. McGerron's pronunciation was more catholic than that of her husband—taken in the broad sense of the word—and the "Tim" referred to was McGerron's son-in-law, whose own father kept an East Side grocery. With the exception of the interregnum of the last two years, Tim had held political positions from his nineteenth birthday —his last one being assistant clerk of the Water Rates, a highly remunerative position, that enabled him to sublet the arithmetical contract at a price that well paid him, and enabled him to find time to devote to the interests of "The J. J. McCarthy Association." He was renowned as second to none as an organizer of picnics and excursions and he knew the primaries and the value of pulls and colonizations.

The sexton had been preparing himself for dinner, and had taken off his coat. Suddenly he heard a step in the hallway at the head of the stairs outside.

"That's Tom Craig," he said to his wife. "Can ye shift the cloth to the dining-room, Mary?"

He pulled on his coat.

For some reason Charley McGerron was a little "nicer" when his old friend Tom Craig called upon him. In fact, he was apt to indulge in what Mrs. McGerron called "shtoile," and watched his grammar and his manners more carefully.

This strange relation had been kept up between the two old comrades ever since the war days—and even before that time. Tom. had always been a smart lad in the public school, and had won McGerron's admiration very early in the debates in the engine-house of "Crusade Number Four," when the volunteer fireman was a force in the ward canvass.

"Come in, Tom, me bhoy," said McGerron, stretching out his hands through the doorway, and leading Mr. Craig into the little front room. "You'll take dinner with us. Ah! Now I'll have no refusal. Remove your overcoat and take off your gum shoes."

He helped Mr. Craig keep his balance while he went through the preliminary motions, and at last thrust him down into the easiest rocking-chair.

"Charley," said Tom, leaning forward and upward, and speaking in a staccato whisper, with his fingers drawing a line down the breast of his friend's coat, the report goes to the committee on Thursday. Can you come with me and hear it read? There'll be some remarks, and"—he looked around and lowered his voice—"I have prepared a few words to say upon the ocasion. I've made it all so plain that even Dinkey Blatt could understank it."

Charley laughed, for "Dinkey Blatt" had been the stupidist! man in Hawkin's Zouaves, which was saying a great deal.

Just then Mrs. McGerron came in, with a little bob, her front hair wet and gleaming from a final plastering. She greeted Mr. Craig, and announced that dinner was "ready in the dining-room," with an accent on the last two words.

All through the meal it was evident that Mr. Thomas Craig was laboring under a stress of suppressed excitement. He seldom addressed any remarks to Mrs. McGerron, which omission the lady did not appear to resent; but he was always very polite, and Mrs. McGerron generally spoke to him through the medium of her husband.

"Will yez ashk him if he will have some more of the shtew?" she would say, leaning across the table, and very often accompanying this with the flourish of a spoon or fork, and a smile and nod in Mr, Craig's direction.

Charley always repeated the invitation, and Tom would address the reply to Mrs. McGerron.

Tom had never ventured his opinion about women in general to any one (which was curious, for he was a bachelor); but he thought the greatest qualification for a wife was that of being a good cook. As Mrs. McGerron entirely filled out his idea in this matter, he respected her tremendously.

"Tell him about Tim's app'intment," suggested the mistress of the house, during a pause in the conversation.

McGerron, who had just caught himself in the act of drinking his tea from his saucer, was now embarrassed, and did not know what to do. He shook his head.

"Shure, I don't know what it is," he said, "and it would not interest him."

So Mrs. McGerron leaned in Mr. Craig's direction. In fact, she leaned so far that she had the appearance of an optical illusion, seeming to come up from the centre of the table.

"Me son-in-law Tim has jist got an a'pointment to the City Hall," she said.

Unfortunately she was on Tom's stone-deaf side, and he, thinking she was inquiring his opinions of the "shtew," replied, smiling and nodding. "Delightful! delightful!" which enthusiasm Mrs. McGerron thought very kind, and she cast a look of triumph at her husband.

After dinner the sexton brought out a box of very tightly wrapped and shiny cigars, presented to him by his son-in-law, and he and Mr. Craig went into the little front room again.

"There's been a funny thing I meant to speak to you about, Charley," said Mr. Craig, when they had seated themselves. "There's been a young man coming to my desk for the past four or five days and asking me all sorts of things about the report. I was polite to him, for he brought a letter from the chairman of the committee." Tom spoke of the committee as if it were the reigning house of a kingdom, "Now what he's after I don't know, for he knows mighty little of book-keeping, and only bothered me with his questions. His name was—" Here Tom paused and wrinkled his forehead, "Upon my soul, I've forget it; but it's of no importance. What do you think of the new Street Cleaning Department? I'm sorry to see that they have put Muldoon in again."

This began a discussion which was ended in a few minutes by Mr. Craig good naturedly given up the argument, putting on his overshoes, and departing.

He stopped and struck a match as he went down stairs—the fourth and he had found necessary to keep the black cigar alight. But before he left he had made McGerron promise to come to hear his report read and passed upon by the committee.

III.

It was Thursday afternoon, in a bare room of the City Hall, whose windows looked out on the asphalt walks of the Park. The cries of the newsboys filled the air, and mingled with the puffing of a steam-hoist in one of the new buildings in process of erection on Park Row and the clang of the cable-cars on Broadway.

The small room was close-smelling and crowded. In the farthest corner sat Mr. Craig, and on his good side was Charley McGerron.

It had rather puzzled the former that no one had paid much attention to him as he had come in, and and he was much hurt at not being asked to take a seat alongside of of the committee. He held in his hand a little roll of paper, upon which he had scribbled some notes, that he glanced at nervously from time to time.

A tall man with a black mustache, and of that uncertain age which might be anywhere between thirty-five and forty, entered the room. He pushed forward, and one of the auditors arose and shook him by the hand. He carelessly took a seat, and put his silk hat on the table, littered with papers, where Tom's eight-foot report was a conspicuous object.

Tom grasped his friend McGerron's arm, and the latter leaned toward him.

"That's the young man I spoke toyou about," he said in a whisper.

McGerron flushed, and answered nothing.

"He came to me yesterday with an order from Schmeltz, the Treasurer, to get my papers for them to go over. I had thought I ought to have brought them myself—eh?"

Mr. McGerron again remained silent, and only nodded his head.

Just then one of the members of the new committee—he did not have an intellectual face, to say the least—arose,

"Gentlemen," he said, "we have gone over the report of Mr. Timothy Malony who was appointed to investigate and verify the work done in connection with reviewing the books and accounts of the city's finances, and we have here the full report, countersigned by him in his official capacity."

"What is he saying?" whispered Mr. Craig in the sexton's ear.

"He says your report is a great work of art," returned McGerron. "They're mighty well pleased with it, I can tell you."

Tom again fumbled nervously at the notes in his hand.

The speaker continued, reading slowly some of the figures from the voluminous screed, which he opened by giving it a push with his hand, much as one would display a wall-paper design to an intending purchaser. Tom's mouth was open, and he had his hand behind his ear, but it was evident from the perplexed expression in his eyes that he could not understand a single word that was said.

"They're readin' the figures," whispered McGerron.

"Hadn't I better go up there and show them?" questioned Tom. "I could make it plain in a minute."

"No; you'd better wait until they've called upon you," answered McGerron, who was now waiting for the mention of Tom's name as anxiously as Tom could have done had he been gifted with the hearing of a microphone.

"And now, gentlemen," went on the speaker, who, by-the-way, was quite unknown to the old accountant, "the committee has only to make one more statement."

Here followed the relation of the discovery of the three hundred thousand dollars, and he read the account of it all as it was written in Mr. Craig's own copyplate hand.

Tom's face was ablaze.

"What are they saying now?" he asked, speaking louder than was his wont.

"'Sh-h-h!" returned McGerron. "They say it'e the greatest discovin the world."

"They will call upon me soon," Tom murmured, shuffling his feet uneasily.

But the chairman was concluding.

"Gentlemen," he said, "it only remains for the committee to extend its thanks and the thanks of the municipality to Mr. Timothy Maloney and his assistants for the careful and conscientious work they have done, and in recognition of the services of Mr. Maloney the committee asks that he will accept the sum of five thousand dollars, voted as a remuneration for his labor in the discharge of his responsibilities."

"What's that?" said Tom, so quickly that McGerron started, half fearing that he had overheard aright; but a glance at the eager old face beside him was reassuring.

"Hist! whisper!" and McGerron fell almost into broad dialect as he repeated the words of the speaker, substituting only the name of "Thomas Craig" for "Timothy Maloney," and leaving out all reference to the five thousand dollars.

In his heart of hearts Charley McGerron was cursing himself and Harmony Hall with deep and bitter curses.

The meeting was breaking up; several of the committee shook hands with the man with the black mustache, but no one paid attention to the stoop-shouldered figure that arose and would have stepped forward but for McGerron's restraining arm.

"They did't ask me to say a word," Tom was whispering, hoarsely. "That's queer—eh, don't you think?"

"But they said it was all so clear and beautiful no words were necessary at all, at all." Carley's tones had that would-be comforting sound of some one talking to an injured child, and he patted his friend on the shoulders. "Tom," he said, "you're a great man the day. Ye get the thanks of the municipality, me boy!"

As they passed out into the hall, the black-mustached man walked by them. He would have stopped and spoken, but seeing who the sexton's companion was, he hurried on.

"You know that young man, eh? You know him?" asked Mr. Craig.

"Yes, I do," returned McGerron, in a loud voice that was overneard by the by-standers. "It's Timothey Maloney, me son-in-law, and it's God's truth, I think little of him."

"Oh! I beg pardon," said Tom, apologetically.

"Who's the old nut walking with yer father-in-law, Tim?" asked Mr. Maloney's companion, glancing over his shoulder.

"Oh, that?" was the reply; "he's my clerk."

When they got into the street Mr. Craig tore up the bit of paper that he had held in his hand, and his face wore a disappointed look.

"Those were my notes for a little speech I had prepared," he said. "Funny they didn't ask for me—eh? Don't you think?"

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CIVIC ADDRESS.

On behalf of the Corporation and Citizens of the City of Nanaimo, permit us to extend to Madame, Mlle Tarte and yourself, a sincere and cordial welcome to this, the coal mining centre of British Columbia, and to express the hope that your initial visit to the most western province of the Dominion of Canada may prove to be one of unalloyed pleasure to yourself and party and a future benefit to our country

We observe by your public utterances that you are desirous of ascertaining the requirements of this important section of the Dominion, and we are therefore emboldened to call your attention to several matters which we consider of most importance to us as a community. At the present time coal mining is the staple industry of the city. The New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Company, Limited, of which Samuel M. Robins, Esq., is the resident superintendent—have energetically, and in the face of adverse circumstances, developed their mines from year to year until they now rank first in point of capital invested and are the largest coal producers on the Pacific coast.

You are doubtless aware that our American neighbors on the Pacific Slope are the principal consumers of the superior quality of coal mined in this city and its environments, but the import duty of forty cents per ton levied by the United States Government is a material barrier to an increase of trade in this particular commodity. In the event of your Government succeeding in their efforts to effect more friendly trade relations with the United States, we earnestly hope that the negotiations may embrace reciprocity in coal between the neighboring Republic and Canada. This would undoubtedly create a larger demand for British Columbia coal, and thus materially add to the growth of this city, the Province and Dominion.

As a coal mining centre, we are practically a laboring community, and therefore brought into close competition with imported Asiatic labor. The British Columbia members of the House of Commons (irrespective of party) have most forcibly and opportunely drawn the attention of Parliament, to this great social and industrial evil, and whilst we fully endorse the patriotic stand they have taken on this to us vital question, would embrace this opportunity of soliciting your valuable aid and influence in the government of which you have proved yourself such an able representative; to restrict the further influx of pernicious Asiatic semi slave labor, by granting the prayer of the people of this province, as set forth in the petition to be presented to the Dominion Parliament, and which has been all but unanimously signed by the inhabitants of British Columbia.

Again, we desire to draw your attention to the fact that it is of the greatest importance to the well being of our people that the Dominion Government should immediately take steps to equip and maintain at the expense of the country, a Leper Colony for this province instead of the present arrangement, which is most unfair to any municipality in which those unfortunates (who are invariably Chinese) may chance to be residing at the time of discovery by the authorities, inasmuch as the said Municipality is now compelled to provide for their proper care and maintenance.

A number of years of prospecting and partial development, most clearly indicate that we have in the immediate vicinity of Nanaimo, extensive and valuable ledges, carrying Gold, Silver, Copper, Tin, and Iron. To obtain the benefit of these now dormant resources it will be necessary to provide not only railways to transport the ore, but smelters, etc. The citizens of Nanaimo are at present endeavoring to procure Governmental and Public assistance to ensure the construction of a railway from this City to the Mineral Districts of Nanaimo, Nittinat and Alberni; and we venture to hope that any application in this direction shall meet with the favorable consideration of yourself and your ministerial colleagues:—

Nanaimo, as a seaport, has very keenly felt the necessity of a dry dock suitable for repairing vessels of large tonnage. This port undoubtedly stands the highest in the Province in regard to the volume of deep-sea vessels loading cargoes. The natural site in our harbor combined with the great range of tide, would enable such a dock to be constructed at a comparatively small cost.

These are but a few of our pressing necessities, but doubtless other important matters shall be brought to your attention by the Board of Trade and the Local Liberal Association.

In drawing your attention on this occasion to the foregoing requirements of our city, we do not forget to express our grateful appreciation of the honorable manner in which you and your governmental confreres received and supported the commendable efforts of our member Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, to faithfully serve his constituency.

In this connection a very welcome appropriation was the $10,000 grant for the inception of harbor improvements, and coupled with it the promise of a much larger sum in the near future to complete this most necessary work.

In conclusion we express the hope that you may be long spared to take a prominent part in the public affairs of this Dominion, and that yourself and family shall during a happy and prosperous future, long retain many pleasant recollections of your initial visit to the Coal City of the West.

In reply, Mr Tarte expressed his thanks to the Mayor and City Council for this address and the cordial manner in which he had been received. When the Liberal Government took office they had made up their minds to ascertain the exact needs of the people they were called upon to govern, and the reason of his visit to the coast was to acquaint himself of those needs, and others of his colleagues would follow. He hoped this would not be his last visit to British Columbia, some benefit would, however, be gained by the present visit. The Mayor had alluded to many things in the address of which he could not say much at present. He was very sure that the thanks of the citizens would be given to their member for his efforts in obtaining an appropriation of $10,000 for improvements in Nanaimo harbor, and he would say now that work would be commenced immediately. The Government dredge would be here in a few days to commence the work arranged for at present.

This is but the beginning of what would be expended, as the Government knew full well the importance of such works. He was glad that B. C. had sent four able members to represent them at Ottawa, especially their member, who was quite an active boy. (Applause. He would again thank the Mayor and aldermen for their address, and reserve further remarks for a future occasion.

The party then adjourned to the parlors of the Wilson House, where a large number of the citizens were introduced to the minister and party.

About 1:30 p.m., about 75 gentlemen sat down to a most sumptuous lunch provided by Host Raymond, in his usual style. Mayor Davison presided, and was supported by Hon Mr. Tarte, Mr. S. M. Robins, Judge Harrison, Mr. A. Haslam, Senator McInnes and others. After luncheon the party proceeded to Hirst's wharf, and boarded the steamer Mermaid and made a tour of the harbor. Mr. Robin's and other gentlemen pointed out to the Minister the various and necessary improvements. After returning from the inspection the party proceeded to Wellington, a special car being attached to the Victoria train. On arrival at Wellington they were met by Mayor McKay and Ald. Uren, and entertained at the Wellington Hotel. Conveyances were provided and the party driven through the town.

SATURDAY EVENING.

The Opera House was filled on Saturday evening with an enthusiastic audience to hear addresses by Hon. J. I. Tarte and Mr. H. Bourassa, M. P. Dr. McKechnie presided and presented the address from the Liberal Association of Nanaimo.

Hon. Mr. Tarte in reply said, he was sorry that the state of his health would prevent him addressing the meeting at any great length, the people had really been so kind to him that they had nearly killed him, but would ask to be permitted to say a few words on the very flattering address presented to him. He felt that he did not deserve the kind words said to him. It was not only a great pleasure, but it was a duty for him to be present on behalf of the great Liberal leader. The support given the Liberal Party had enabled them to go to battle and they had carried the day. British Columbia had sent four men to represent her—clever men—the representative from this district was a brilliant, clever young man. He could assure them Mr. McInnes was liked in Ottawa, and he could tell them that all the Ministers know him. The certain sums of money placed in the estimates for harbor improvements were due to the unceasing activity of Mr. McInnes. These sums were only the beginning of much larger appropriations, as the Government were fully alive to the work necessary to be done here.

In speaking of himself Mr. Tarte said he had began political life as a Conservative, and he could say he was a good Conservative, loyal and faithful to that party, and he served the party as well as he could, and like a man he left. He had suffered much on account of this, he had been abused even by his former political friends He could say, however, that he parted from them when they were in power. He felt it his bounden duty to do so and he was now glad of it.

Speaking of the leader, Hon. W. Laurier, Mr. Tarte said they had been old college mates, and he had then learned to appreciate the man, and had followed his career with pride, and when he had made up his mind to change his political allegiance, he threw it in with a true Canadian. Hon. W. Laurier was a man of steadfast integrity, and today he was the most prominent and important figure in Canada. On the 23rd of June last the people of Canada had intrusted him with the responsibilities of office, and since then he had surrounded himself with noble men. From each province he had selected these men, side by side with the old war-horse, Sir Oliver Mowatt, stood Fielding with 13 years of experience as Prime Minister, Blair with 12 years, and Davies too—these men were safe men—honest men.

They had not been long in power—the Tories had been so long in power that they think they cannot do without it—only about four months, but he thought they had made a good start. They had settled the school question, that had for the past five or six years threatened the peace of the races in Canada, and in only four months the Liberal party had settled it to the satisfaction of every reasonable man.

Referring to the Province of British Columbia, the Minister spoke of its great resources and possibilities. He had read of B C; he knew there was such a place, but now that he had seen it, he did not think he would be stating too much if he said it would be THE province of the Dominion. Everything here was big—big trees, big rivers, big fish and big men, and if the time is not wasted on racial and religious squabbles, we can build up the finest and greatest province in Canada.

He was the first Minister of the Government to visit the coast, but he would not be the last. In a few days two of his colleagues would be here, showing that the Government has its two eyes open and were determined to to go on to prosper.

Speaking of railways he said the Government would not build every piece of railway, but he could assure them that on this matter, they would not be neglected, and a few years they would find a strong administration.

The Chinese question presented some difficulties and he could quite understand the difficulty there was, and also realize the importance of that question so able brought before the House by Mr McInnes and the other members. He was not in a position to give any definite pledge; they had settled the school question, and he could say the Chinese question shall have consideration, more than that he could not be expected to say. They had only been a short time in office and could not settle everything at once. The Conservatives had left it in a bungle, but in a few years he hoped the Government would have settled all their accounts.

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James Talliard was acquitted at the Victoria Assizes of the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He was bound over on his own recognisance to appear at the next assizes to answer to the charge of stealing $700. An Indian sent up for trial from the West Coast, for stealing a block and tackle from a telegraph repairer's hut, was acquitted. The judged remarked that the case should never have been sent up. Ernleau, convicted of larceny, was sentenced to three months in jail without hard labor, sentence to date from day of arrest.

Vancouver is being terrorised by a gang of masked highwaymen, and citizens are becoming very much alarmed. On Thursday night ten men were held up in diffeeent parts of the city and relieved of their loose money. On Wednesday night four more reported to the police. Early on Thursday morning a report reached the police station that an Italian was dying from the effects of two bullet wounds, one in the side and one in the wrist. Inquiries revealed the fact that the Italian had been met by a masked man early in the morning while on his way home, and his money demanded. With more valor than discretion the Italian refused. The highwayman threatened and the Italian grappled with him, when the masked stranger fired upon him twice, cursing him roundly as he bid his prostrate victim good-bye.

Mr. Moses McGregor with several men made still another search for the body of Wm. Thompson, who was drowned a few days ago while attempting to ford Sooke river. The jam of logs at the ford was cut away, and as had been anticipated, the body of the horse was found to have been lodged against the logs at the bottom of the river. Released by the removal of the jam the horse's body was swept down stream by the swift current. Mr. Thompson's body, however, was not found, and it is supposed to be further down stream where there is another jam, a mile from where the accident occurred. Search will be made at the lower jam, poles with grappling hooks attached being used to probe alongside and underneath the logs.

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Municipal Politics.

In our last issue we published the communicated proceedings of a meeting at which Mayor Davison was chosen by his supporters as their candidate for the mayoralty for the forthcoming municipal election. This means, we presume, that the civic campaign is now open, and make bold to point out what, to our mind, were the mistakes of the past, so that we may, if possible, avoid a repetition of such in the present and future.

In former municipal contests the whole energy, enthusiasm and attention of the electors were practically focused on the central figure of Chief Magistrate, while the more important factors in our civic Government—the Board of Aldermen—were almost completely ignored or conducted in a careless, haphazard manner, with very unsatisfactory results.

We believe that if ever there was a time in the city's history when calm, dispassionate reason should be exercised by our citizens in the selection of our representatives that that time is now. Every indication points to the fact that we are on the eve of a boom which, if wisely and judiciously managed, will be of permanent benefit to the city and district.

The question now arises, shall we continue the old method of delegating to the ubiquitous ward politician the task of selecting our city representatives, or shall the people as a whole come together, cast factional feeling to the wind, and select a non-partisan council, composed of wise, competent and reliable men? Apart from the object lesson presented by the experience of the present Council, common sense should dictate the latter policy.

The last municipal election was conducted on party lines without any principle being involved beyond the personnel of the candidates, and we must candidly admit that the experiment did not prove a flattering success. We are not prepared to say that the majority in the present Council were always right, but we are positive that they were not always wrong, yet they were opposed on almost every instance to such an extent as to earn for certain members the sobriquet of the "solid four." The opposition, under the leadership of Ald. Planta was of such a factious nature as to be open to the suspicion that personal feeling and party strife was the motive. It certainly appeared to an impartial observer as if some of our present aldermen were more interested in the senseless effort of securing a technic advantage in wordy warfare than in any endeavor to promote the general welfare of the city. We are firmly convinced that the questions which will come before the next Council will be too momentous to entrust to a body of men divided against themselves.

For this reason we advocate a change from the usual tactics in municipal politics. We think reason should come to the rescue and for once adopt the give and take policy for the general good. No doubt it will be said that what we advocate is entirely utopian and beyond the bounds of practical politics, but unless good reason is advanced in opposition to the plan, we incline to the opinion that what we suggest can be brought about if taken in hand by the proper parties. If we must have a contest for party supremacy let us concentrate our efforts on the office of Mayor, but let us have a board of Aldermen free and untrammelled by party or faction affiliations.

The Mayoralty Nomination.

Having in mind the truism that the honest criticism of a known friend should be more acceptable than the flattery of a doubtful one, we venture to say that the way Mayor Davison was nominated for a second term of office does not meet with approval. We hold that when a nomination of any candidate for public office is to be made, that all those who are expected to support such candidate should be consulted or invited to attend a meeting for that purpose. Although the meeting which placed Mayor Davison in nomination was in every respect representative, yet the essential part of publishing the time, place and object was, we are sorry to say, omitted. No doubt those present at the meeting considered the calling of a public meet- quite unnecessary as Mayor Davison was the only probable candidate to come before the party. Nevertheless, we are convinced that it would have been wisdom on their part to have done so, as the result would be the same and they would have avoided any future possible carping on the part of the irrepressible fault-finder. The unqualified support which the MAIL has always accorded to Mayor Davison in his tireless efforts during the year, not only to advance the material interests, but also to elevate the moral tone of the city is sufficient guarantee that we are perfectly satisfied with the choice made.

The Turner Government—Turn Them Out! — Why? — City Municipal Government.

BY W. MARCHANT.

It is a very common thing for people to be dissatisfied with their legislators without being able to give sound reasons for such dissatisfaction. They know that "the shoe pinches," but not where it pinches, nor how to find the remedy. The Municipal Government of British Columbia cannot, in candor, be declared a Government par excellence. Everybody knows its faults and are ready to pounce down upon the unfortunate men who form the City Councils for the time being. The wiseacres and clever men never get elected. Very ordinary men, who, perhaps, afterwards become Premiers, M.P's., M.P.P's, Judges or successful men of business, often do get elected; but in the opinion of the citizens generally these men, when in the Municipal Chamber, are grossly incompetent.

Very much of this fault-finding doubtless lies with the system. The Municipal statute is a combination of absurdities. It gives responsibility without power; gives apparent control in one section and withholds it in another. It gives two cities at least unlimited powers of taxation, and limits that power in the other cities. It allows municipalities the power to irretrievably mortgage the future, as in the case of Westminster, and refuses them equal power to redeem their errors by added taxation. In one section the Mayor is made practically a despot, other sections suggest that the Council must give sanction to all proceedings. The City Council must provide all money for all purposes, but shall have no discretionary power in the use of a great portion of it. Aggrieved citizens may issue writs, obtain injunctions, and otherwise annoy the members of the Councils, collectively or personally, but they shall have no power other than as private citizens. The Government of the province, obtaining but little, if any, more money from taxation than the cities, has sovereign power, and can refuse to appear to answer a complaint in the Courts; but the city corporations may be the butt of any unprincipled adventurer or unmitigated crank, and must defend any action, cost what it may.

The Municipal Statutes—for they are legion—call for a Mayor and Aldermen, Police Commissioners, Licensing Commissioners, Water Commissioners, Boards of School Trustees, and allows the appointment of Sewerage Commissioners. If a harbor scheme is carried out in any of the ports no doubt there will be Harbor Commissioners. The expenditures of these various officials are entirely provided for by the City Councils, but how the money is expended the Councils do not know and have no right to prevent. The Police Magistrates are paid for by the Councils, but the Councils may not fix their salaries, nor appoint the man. The City Councils are largely in the position of a man ordered to do some work, but whose hands and feet are carefully tied first.

The Municipal Statutes are, of course, largely the product of the present administration. It is true they have been changed, altered, amended, added to, subtracted from, divided up so that the farfamed Philadelphia lawyer would need a century's experience in order to grapple with their mysteries. The Government has tried its hand upon them. The Opposition has amended them. Private members have tinkered with them. Nearly every new Council that is elected wants certain amendments introduced, and in order to shelve responsibility, the Government usually appoints a committee of private members every session to consider the amendments necessary for the current year.

In order to show its utter imbecility the Government had scarcely been elected before it began to tamper with that part of the municipal statute which is least assailable—popular representation. Government by commissioners became the rallying cry of the ministerialists. Sweep away all municipal institutions and let an autocratic plutocracy rule our cities. Pay abnormally high salaries and civic debts will disappear, whilst civic reform will appear. The indignation of the four cities against the betrayal by the Government of popular representation is still fresh in our memories.

And of all reasons to the majority of the province why the present Government should be relieved from the cares of office, that of its utter incapability to deal with municipal government is the most potent. Victoria with its 20,000 population, Vancouver, 20,000; New Westminster, 7,000; Nanaimo, 6,000, call for similar treatment, and a statute that will give each city the right to legislate for itself, provided such legislation does not encroach upon the rights of the Dominion or the Province, and does not militate against the other cities, would be a boon heartily welcomed. The cities want liberty, not liberties. Right, not rights. The statute should recite its "must nots" not its "mays". Within the city limits the corporations should have sovereign power for the limit of their corporate existence. Their right to tax for the current year should be unlimited. The right to tax for future years, to mortgage the revenue for future Councils to deal with should be distinctly limited. And there should be methods adopted to give a continuous Government. No Mayor or Alderman ought to have but one year to serve. The time is too short for anyone to learn the duties of their office. The three-year English system is an excellent one. The two-year system of School Trustees is an improvement upon that of city councils. And no person ought to be elected as Mayor who has not served at least one year in the Council as alderman. Experience is worth having, and once obtained ought not to be easily flung away.

The future Provincial Liberal party must inscribe upon its banners and stamp indelibly on its platform: *Good Municipal Government.*

TARTE'S RECEPTION.

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The address presented by the Board of Trade contained many important commercial questions, but it was not expected he could give an answer to every one of them, it would be necessary to lay them before his colleagues at Ottawa. The duty on coal had been referred to. Mr. Tarte said he was addressing a large body of men who were intensely interested in the coal industry. One of the planks of the Liberal party was to receive markets for the products of the Dominion, especially in the United States. If we could obtain reciprocity in coal it would double wages. Are we able to do so? He was confident we can do something. The new President had shown a desire for closer relations and he—Mr. Tarte—thought it could be obtained if proceeded with in the spirit of amity and peace. In a few months the Government would be in a position to enter into the matter. Of course he did not want to give them everything, but if they would deal fairly with us, we would deal fairly with them. Although the Liberal party had only been in power five months, a great change had already passed over Canada and the desire of the Government was to give Canada honest administration. They owed their position to the people, and it would only be fair to the people to reciprocate the confidence.

He had been brought to book for the dismissal of public employees. He had found that the services of two hundred civil servants could be dispensed with in his department. He had not replaced one, and yet the department was in good working order. How, he asked, could Canada prosper under such a system. The Tories had been so long in power that they thought the country belonged to them, but on the 23rd June last the people had proved that they are the masters. As a last word with them he would say he would come again next season.

Dr McKechnie then handed a copy of the address on satin to the ladies of the party who occupied one of the boxes, and the audience cheered again and again as the gallant doctor stepped to the front.

Mr W W B McInnes, M P, was the next speaker and was received with prolonged cheering. In his address Mr. McInnes expressed his pleasure in meeting so distinguished a member of the Government, and also Mr. Bourassa, an old friend, from Quebec, but he was most pleased that these estimable ladies had actually faced a trip over the E. & N. so that they could visit Nanaimo. He was pleased too because this was the only city in the Province where the Minister had consented to address a public meeting. He was sure the people of British Columbia would always be glad to see the wise men from the East. Although other ministers had been over to see us, we might expect more from the visit of the Minister of Public Works than from any that had ever preceded him, in fact the people in the East were awakening to the needs of this great Province. He could not help thinking there was a strange familiarity in this meeting. He had once addressed them on the Manitoba school question, and the attitude taken by the late Government which threatened to disrupt the Dominion. The Liberal party had promised to settle the matter in six months, some people were incredulous, but what was the fact now, scarcely five months had elapsed and the school was quite dead.

At the time of the election the bugaboo of free trade had been flaunted in the face of the electors, everything would be turned upside down, the mines would be closed, the men and their families would be without bread and butter, but affairs were brighter to-day than ever, the policy of the Liberal party was not to make a resolution.

He had been asked what might McKinley do? He could not answer that question, but he could answer what the Liberal party would do. Here was a list of what they had done since they came into power five months ago. On the West Coast the telegraph line would be extended from Alberni to Cape Beale; $5,000 for life saving appliances on the West Coast; a salaried prevention officer at Sanich; a light house at Chemainus for which tenders are already out; a bonded warehouse at Chemanius, for which the people had been asking for years; the whole difficulty was the late government did not do its business in a business-like way; $6,000 for a light-house on Sister Islands; and tenders would shortly be called for a semi-weekly mail service to Comox, contended for years ago and no good reason could be assigned for its refusal; Alberni was also made a customs outport. Then there was the improvements in our own harbor, and within one week the work would be commenced extending over six months. This was but the beginning of an extensive system of improvements in Nanaimo harbor.

The people knew his views on the Chinese question, and it was not necessary for him to go into it, he can be heard at any time, for the Good Book said they had the poor with them always. He was satisfied that although the visit of the Minister had been brief yet he had seen enough to give him an idea of their necessities. The Government was composed of business men with business abilities and they would conduct the administration on business principles. Mr. McInnes was loudly cheered on resuming his seat.

Mr. Henri Bourassa, M. P., and a descendant of the great Papineau, was the next speaker, and received a rousing reception. He said he was one of those Liberals elected to bring blue ruin on the country, and he was a Frenchman too. He was delighted with his trip to British Columbia, and his kind reception. His intention was to come back again, and it might be to remain, as he had the advantage over the Minister of Public Works, being a single man. He also paid a flattering tribute to the ladies of British Columbia.

The victory of the 23rd of June last was a great victory for the people of Canada. The Tories, who had been in power so long were not there for the good of the people, but for the benefit of their friends, but the people had achieved a brilliant victory, and put in men *pledged to honest Government*. The Government were elected on a platform of economy, and the extension of enterprises for the benefit of the people at large, and not for a handful of speculators. We had a large territory, with a comparative small population, and it was a wise policy to lay a good foundation for what might follow.

Mr. McInnes and himself were considered the baby members of parliament, he was glad to be the friend of Mr. McInnes and he assured them that he would be his political friend for Nanaimo and British Columbia. He declared himself to be a loyal Canadian and a British subject. The policy of the great Liberal party was "Liberty to All," and he was a liberal of that school.

The Liberal party had felt there was a difficulty in the Manitoba school question, and that it could not be settled by coercion but by conciliation, and he felt sure the settlement just effected would be satisfactory to the Roman Catholics of Manitoba, and would be ratified by the people of Quebec.

The meeting then closed with rousing *cheers for the Queen* and the Minister of Public Works.

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Provincial News.

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Mr. Isaac Sanwith and son, of Sidney, were the victims of hardships a week ago which came within an ace of terminating both their lives. They left Sidney in an open boat, intending to cross to San Juan Island, when their craft upset in rough water and they were thrown out to struggle or perish. It was 7 o'clock in the evening when the accident occurred, and 2 o'clock next morning when their trials were ended and they found themselves enjoying the kindnesses of the residents of the little bay near Stewart Isand lighthouse, whither they had drifted. For the five hours intervening it was momentarily a case of life and death with the castaways. They stayed with their upset boat until they had become almost exhausted and the very skin of their hands had worn away. Help coming at this hour soon brought recovery to them, and they are now little the worse for their experience.

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