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CAMPAIGN

It is Opened in Nelson by the Hon. Joseph Martin.

Addresses Electors of This City in the Opera House.

The Speech Was a Tame One and Enthusiasm Lacking.

Hon. Joseph Martin, Premier of the Province of British Columbia, spoke to a packed house last night. Even before his arrival every seat in the Opera House was taken and the rear of the parquet floor offered no further standing room accommodation. The audience was an orderly one and the Premier was given a very good hearing. There were but few interruptions and none of these were of an objectionable nature.

Of the speech itself, even Mr. Martin's strongest supporters must admit that it was weak. He started off well enough and the elaborate railroad policy which he proposed to inaugurate caught the audience. The manner in which he proposed to keep the coffers at Victoria filled, so that a trail, a road or a bridge could be built at a moment's notice, at first thought appeared to his auditors and he was progressing favorably. But when he claimed for himself all the good that had ever been done by any government of which he had been a member, a very audible smile passed over the audience.

"When I have been a member of a Government," declared Mr. Martin, "that Government has constantly grown stronger. Every day has added to its strength. But when I left it, it has fallen to decay, growing gradually weaker and weaker and weaker until it has collapsed. As a member of the Seulin Government I saw that Government gradually increase in strength. When I left it its strength left it and it was defeated. With the Greenway Government in Manitoba it was the same. The battles fought by that Government after I had resigned were fought and won three times on legislation enacted at my instance. When this could no longer be done the Greenway Government no longer retained the confidence of the people of Manitoba and defeat resulted."

This was a little strong for the audience and it did not take well, and whatever may have been the effect of Mr. Martin's previous remarks, was wiped out by these statements.

Mr. Martin's appeal throughout was to the laboring man and to the Liberal. He was running as a Liberal on party lines and as a strict advocate of the eight-hour law. He did not want those who agreed with his platform to vote for an independent candidate, but wanted them to vote for a candidate pledged to support him and his platform. In this it was obvious that he was driving at Mr. Houston. He had already referred to Mr. Houston, and that gentleman's railroad policy, and had intimated that he must have been seen by Mr. Cotton.

"You don't want to send to Victoria an independent candidate," he said. "If you believe in my platform I will expect you to cast your vote for a man pledged to support me. You are not doing your duty if you send there a man who may do as he likes when he gets there. It is your duty to demand a declaration of the principles of your candidates here. A candidate should be chosen because you approve his stand upon public questions. I hope that you will insist that any opposing candidate shall show you just where he stands."

Mr. Martin does not want to retain power except through a majority elected upon his platform. He does not want his majority to come from Independent candidates.

"If on June 9," he declared, "the election returns do not show that a majority of the ridings have elected men pledged to the hit to this Government I will in a few days afterwards send in my resignations to the Lieutenant-Governor. I expect that every important riding will have a candidate pledged to support my platform. If after the election a majority of the members elected have been elected upon my platform, and they desire to choose another leader rather than me, I shall most happily withdraw and serve the Government to the best of my ability in whatever capacity it may see fit."

Mr. Martin began his address with an explanation of his action in assisting in the defeat of the Seulin Government. He was introduced by Charles Hillyer, who was Mr. Mar-

tin's sole companion on the stage, with the exception of the press representatives. Mr. Hillyer asked for Mr. Martin a fair hearing, which was due, he said, to the Premier of the Province.

Mr. Martin was received with applause as he stepped to the front of the platform and expressed his pleasure at the opportunity afforded him of addressing a Nelson audience. He then began his explanation of the circumstances which led to his dismissal from the Seulin Government. He had differed with Mr. Cotton, he said, in regard to Ludgate's mill in Deadman's Island. He had favored the proposition to build a mill on the island and Cotton opposed it. He had offered, he said, to carry the matter into a caucus of the Government party but this Mr. Cotton would not agree to. Then on July 1 he was asked by Mr. Seulin for his resignation. This was the first hint, he said, that he had received that Seulin was dissatisfied with him. He had asked Mr. Seulin for his reasons for asking for his resignation and Mr. Seulin had given him three reasons. They were flimsy and ridiculous and he refused to tender his resignation until he had carried it into a caucus. This was agreed to and in the caucus a majority had gone against him. He had announced then that he would join the opposition and he had done so. Mr. Martin then told of the efforts of Mr. Seulin to get him into his Cabinet and of his acceptance after pressure had been brought to bear upon him by his friends.

The Dominion Government's disallowance of the Alien Labor Act was referred to by Mr. Martin at some length, and he gave it as his opinion that the real reason for his dismissal from the Seulin Cabinet was his stand upon this question. He believed in fighting the Dominion Government every inch of the way on this proposition, and promised to do it if the people would stand behind him at the polls on June 9 next. In this connection he read his now famous letter from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in which that gentleman politely informed him that he could not aid him in any way in his campaign, and intimated that further correspondence between the Premier of the Dominion and the Premier of British Columbia would result in the least degree of benefit to the latter gentleman. But Mr. Martin read the letter, as has done several times at other meetings, and attempted by the emphasis placed upon certain sections of it to make it appear as an endorsement of him and his policy. The letter has already been published in The Miner with editorial comment.

Mr. Martin then turned his attention briefly to Mr. Houston:

"I rather suspect our friend Houston has a friendly feeling toward Cotton," Mr. Martin said. "It is pretty hard, though, to judge from his card announcing himself a candidate, where he stands."

Mr. Martin then read Mr. Houston's announcement and followed with reading an editorial from the Tribune criticising Martin's railroad policy, and advocating the building of roads in portions of the Province where there are no roads at the present time. The Premier then outlined his railroad policy. His strong card was a road from Vancouver to Midway for the construction of which he was to borrow \$10,000,000. He told in glowing terms of the benefits which were to accrue to the Kootenays through the construction of the road. He had it on good information, he said, that there would be little trouble in finding a route through the Hope Mountains, which he, P. R., he said, had declared impassable.

He referred briefly to the eight hour law and declared himself heartily in favor of it, and took upon himself all the responsibility for its passage. Mr. Martin read the balance of his platform, commenting on it as he read.

It was after 10 o'clock when he concluded. Before the audience had left the house an enthusiastic Martin man in the gallery called for three cheers for the Premier. This was a mistake, as the cheers were of a very frosty variety.

"I guess they must be tired," said Mr. Martin, as he walked to the wing of the stage.

MARTIN AT YMIR.

Ymir, April 23.—This afternoon the Hon. Joseph Martin addressed a large meeting of Ymir electors and delivered a speech upon his political platform which lasted over two hours, and was listened to with the greatest attention. The meeting was held in the Miners' Union Hall and was attended by a large number of members of the Union, who received somewhat of a setback by the evident antagonism existing between Mr. Martin and Mr. Houston. Mr. Martin's announcement that he would rather see an out and out Conservative such as Mr. Roderick Robertson elected to this constituency than a man of no political principle, such as John Houston, caused no little consternation in the ranks of unionism, and produced rather severe criticism of Mr. Martin's speech than it would otherwise have met with. The hon. gentleman laid himself badly open on one or two occasions. He remarked that the forthcoming election would be decided less on the personal merits of the candidates and more on their respective platforms than at any previous election, and that a man not a good man, but with a good platform, would have more chance of success than heretofore. The inference was that he based his own chances of success upon this consideration. The announcement of the philanthropy of his motives which induced him to enter politics to his own personal detriment and financial loss, was also accepted with some little amusement not over flattering to the speaker.

WEPENER

Roberts Sends Pole-Carew and French to Help Rundle.

The Boers Defeated and Driven Out of Leeuw Kop.

Strathcona's Horse are Now Getting their Baptism of Fire.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

London, April 23.—The War Office late this evening put the following despatch from Lord Roberts on the bulletin board, dated Bloemfontein, Monday, April 23:

"Yesterday I despatched the Eleventh Division under General Pole-Carew and two brigades of cavalry under General French, from this point to assist General Rundle. The force reached Kariefontein without much opposition. The casualties reported are: Welsh regiment, private killed, Capt. Prother, mortally wounded, and seven men wounded; Yorkshires, eight wounded; Eighth Hussars, one killed, one wounded; Fourteenth Hussars, one wounded; Royal Artillery, two wounded; Seventh Dragoons, Lieutenant Jenkins and ten missing. Capt. Rotton, Royal Artillery, broke his arm by a fall. General Pole-Carew's Mounted Infantry seized Leeuw Kop, a high hill a few miles north of their position. The enemy evacuated hurriedly, leaving some rifles and ammunition. General Rundle reported that 25 men of the First Worcesters are missing. Fifty-three men were sent with wood to an outpost after dark, only 18 returned. Their number and names will be reported afterwards as well as the wounded of yesterday."

London, April 24.—5 a. m.—The strong body of reinforcements which Lord Roberts sent to assist the relief of Wepener and to endeavor to envelop and cut off the Boers from a retreat north, furnishes further evidence that the Boers are assembled in much larger forces around Wepener than had been supposed, and as The Times in an editorial this morning remarks, whatever may be the difficulties of roads and rains, the Boers always appear to have guns and sometimes big ones wherever they want them.

A Boer dispatch dated Thaba N'chu says that a fresh supply of cannon and ammunition has reached General Dewett and Jamesburg Drift. It also says that one of Colonel Dalgetty's guns has been smashed.

Although the Boers appear to be offering stout resistance to the British advance their position is dangerous. They can hardly further delay their retreat north without incurring risk of being cut off. Usually they have been well informed regarding British plans and are not likely to run much risk."

London, April 24.—The Daily Telegraph has the following from Boshof, dated the 23rd:

"The Boers are closing on Boshof. Their nearest laager is now five miles distant."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of The Standard, describing the operations at Leeuw Kop, says:

"At an early stage the cavalry came under a heavy fire from a 'pom pom' on a ridge adjoining Leeuw. General Dickson's brigade fell back to await the infantry attack. The flanking movement having failed, General Pole-Carew with Stephenson's Brigade, advanced in a crescent formation from the west and southwest with the object of enveloping the kopjes. Our men advanced over the open ground in splendid condition by a succession of short rushes, falling prone while pouring in their volleys. The approach of darkness threatened to leave the Boers in possession, but just before sunset the Essex Regiment gallantly pressed forward and drove the last of the enemy from Paards Kraal and the bold spur of Leeuw Kop."

London, April 24.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says General Carrington's force is the only one going to the relief of Mafeking and that no force of any kind is pointing south. The Morning Post, commenting on the difficulty Lord Roberts is experiencing, asserts that there was great wisdom in arranging for a steady flow of reinforcements.

Bloemfontein, April 23.—Colonel Anderson's corps of Mounted Infantry, consisting of the first battalion of the First and Second Canadian Regiments and Strathcona's Horse were engaged

in the operations of General Pole-Carew and General French. Anderson had undertaken to drive the Boers from their line of defence south of the waterworks. The Canucks sustained a heavy fire. The Boers shelled Anderson, who made a march move around Leeuw Kop on the extreme left of the Boer position. When the British battery opened fire, the Boers removed the gun. General Dickson's cavalry brigade, which made a wide detour to the left, found its further progress barred by a strong Boer position. E

BRIEF LOCALS.

Miss Booth, the Salvation Army Commissioner, held meetings Sunday at which the attendance equaled that of the meeting of Saturday night. Miss Booth left yesterday for Rossland.

Hereafter the steamer International will leave Nelson at 6:40 p. m., instead of 4:30 p. m., as heretofore, and will connect with the train from Spokane which is scheduled to arrive at Five Mile Point at 7:11 p. m.

The school trustees have consented to make Friday afternoon a half holiday so that the school children will be enabled to hear the matinee performance of Pinafore. The plan for Saturday evening's performance will open today at 11 o'clock.

The annual district meeting of the Methodist Church will take place tomorrow and Thursday evening at the Methodist church. There will be present eleven clergymen from the Kootenai district. Tomorrow night the district sermon will be presented by the Rev. Mr. Calvert, of Trail.

The new wing of the General Hospital is now completed and ready for use. The beds to be placed in the wards have not arrived yet but as soon as they come they will be installed and the wing formally opened by the board of directors. At their next meeting the board of directors will probably deal with the question of establishing a training school for nurses.

Premier Martin stated most enthusiastically yesterday morning that he would have a candidate in the Nelson Riding. Further than this he said that he believed his candidate would win out at the polls and that his success everywhere throughout the Province would be the biggest surprise his opponents had ever experienced. Mr. Martin did not say who his candidate would be. He did not say that he had already been selected or that he had not been selected. He merely made the statement that he would surely have a candidate. It is believed that Mr. Martin has his eye upon ex-Alderman Charles Hillyer. Several Martin men are said to have approached Mr. Hillyer in an effort to induce him to make the run. Whether or not Mr. Hillyer has consented, The Miner is not informed.

The Nelson Library Association has decided to move the library and reading rooms from the quarters they now occupy in the Broken Hill Block. The new rooms will be located in the row of offices owned by Harold Selous, situated at the corner of Victoria and Stanley Streets. They will occupy three of the offices and it is understood that they will be fitted up with new paper, etc., and communicating doorways out between the buildings. The library will also have a private door, so that subscribers desiring to get books will not have to enter the library by the reading rooms, as is done at present. The ladies who use the library will particularly appreciate this change. In the new location there will be much more room than there is at present and in addition there will be no steps to climb. Mr. Harrison, the curator of the library, reports an exceptional attendance in the reading and reception rooms during the last two months. When the representative of The Miner entered the reading rooms yesterday those rooms and the recreation room were well filled by men who were evidently deriving much pleasure from the advantage offered them by the association. The work of the association is indeed a most worthy one and needs only to be seen to be appreciated. In the library there are now about six hundred books exclusive of paper covered novels. About one hundred and fifty subscribers have their names on the books, and new names are being added daily. The library is only open to subscribers and contains a well chosen assortment of the latest books.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(SPECIAL TO THE MINER.)

Alexandria, Ont., April 23.—The Conservatives of Glenora have chosen Colonel R. B. McLennan, M. P., as a candidate for the next general election.

Montreal, April 23.—Ailsa Lamarch, the city clerk in the City Treasurer's department, charged with having defrauded the city was this morning sentenced to six months imprisonment.

Toronto, Ont., April 23.—A deputation of merchants from Buffalo, N. Y., waited on the Ontario Government this morning and urged that Ontario be represented at the Pan-American Exposition to be held in Buffalo next year. Premier Ross promised to give the matter careful consideration.

Oshawa, Ont., April 23.—The Schofield Woolen Mills were partially destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The loss is about \$25,000, covered by insurance.

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Conservatives at Victoria do Not Stick to Party Lines.

A Mixed Local Ticket Nominated at the Capital Last Night.

Government Will Take Active Part in Indian Famine Fund.

(SPECIALS TO THE MINER.)

Victoria, B. C., April 23.—At a meeting of the Conservatives this evening the local ticket which ran at the last election was renominated. It consists of Messrs. Hall, McPhillips, and Helmsken. Hall is a Liberal, so the Conservatives' intention to run the election on party lines, as far as Victoria is concerned, failed. But there is no question but that the whole party ticket will be elected.

A serious miners' strike has occurred at the Extension mine, near Nanaimo, 400 men having quit work and asked for increased wages. Mr. Dunsmuir is there trying to settle the trouble.

Ottawa, April 23.—It is not yet settled whether the Government will introduce the promised civil service bill this session, although it is ready. The measure proposed to revise the classes into which the service is now divided. It is not intended to restore the third class, but a junior second class will be created and the salaries will be from \$600 to \$800 a year. Those of the senior and the second class will run from \$800 to \$1,200. The first class salaries will run from \$1,200 to \$1,600, instead of from \$1,400 to \$1,800. Chief clerks will be paid from \$1,400 to \$3,200, and a new class is to be created with salaries running from \$3,200 to \$3,600, this latter covering the higher officials, such as department, account and technical officers.

The militia authorities were advised today that an officer and 16 men of the 44th Battalion were ordered to assist the military authorities in the Niagara district on account of the dynamite explosion at the Welland Canal.

In regard to the Indian Famine Fund the Government of Canada is prepared to receive any cash contributions and forward the same by cable to India. Such monies should be forwarded to Mr. J. M. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, who acted as treasurer in the case of the former famine fund and who will acknowledge all contributions and see to their being transferred with the least possible delay. Should any person wish to make contributions in land towards this worthy object, the best way to make the gift of service would be to sell the land and remit the proceeds to the treasurer. This was done by farmers of Prince Edwards Island in the case of the former famine fund. The chartered banks of Canada will also receive subscriptions to this fund and contributions may be forwarded to any branch of any such banks. His Excellency the Governor General has kindly consented to become a patron of the fund.

Ottawa, April 23.—In the House today, upon the orders of the day, Premier Laurier said that it was his sad duty to be compelled to announce that death had claimed another victim from the ranks of Parliament, in the person of Dr. Allan Halsey, the Member for Hants, N. S. He died after a prolonged illness, which he bravely bore. While to his friends it was a matter of deep regret, to Dr. Halsey personally, death was a relief from great suffering. Sir Wilfrid was sure that he expressed the sentiments of every Member when he offered the sympathy of the House to the bereaved family.

Premier Laurier read a report from Mr. Permaloe, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, stating that the bulk of Japanese arriving in British Columbia were in transit. As to Colo-

nel Prior's statement that they were paupers, Mr. Permaloe said that this was not the case. The laws of Japan were such as not to permit paupers to leave the country.

Mr. Foster asked if Mr. Blair had any information regarding the dynamite explosion in the Welland Canal. Mr. Blair replied that the principal damage was to the lock gates, but they had gates on hand to replace them. The damage was not serious and the canal will be open to traffic after April 25th.

A number of bills were advanced a stage. Among those read the third time were the incorporation of the Canadian Steel Company and an act regarding the St. Clair and Erie Ship Canal.

In reply to Mr. Kaulhausen, Sir Louis Davies said that Canada had satisfactory guarantees that there would be no discrimination against Canada in the West India markets. Out of respect to the memory of the late Dr. Halsey, M. P., and to enable his many friends in the House of Commons to attend his funeral, the House on the motion of the Prime Minister, rose from half past three until five o'clock today.

Ottawa, April 23.—Sir Alfred Milner cabled to Lord Minto today as follows: "Cape Town, April 21.—I regret to report that the following men are seriously ill at the hospital at Wynberg: Privates T. Moore, C. Finch, enteric fever; O. Materson, gun shot wound; Rondebosch, T. McGiven, Woodstock; Agassiz, Mounted Infantry, enteric fever."

Ottawa, Ont., April 23.—Dr. Allan F. Halsey, M. P., (Liberal) for Hants, N. S., died at Russell House this morning after an illness of some weeks.

Toronto, April 23.—Wm. Christie, of the well known biscuit firm, is dangerously ill and his recovery is doubtful. The disease from which he suffers is a species of cancer that has attacked his face.

Winnipeg, Man., April 23.—The Strathcona's Reserve, recruited in the west, left today for Ottawa, and were given a hearty send off. There are seven men from the Winnipeg district among them.

Premier Macdonald returned today with Provincial Treasurer Davidson. He says he did not have time to go farther than Detroit.

Montreal, April 23.—A despatch received here says that Capt. Pelletier, of the First Canadian Contingent, was wounded, that he has been compelled to abandon the service and is returning home.

St. John, N. B., April 23.—The residence of Wm. Donston Edmondson was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon and a three-year-old son perished in the flames. It is thought the child started the fire.

Toronto, Ont., April 23.—The Globe's correspondent with the First Contingent cables from Bloemfontein under date of April 21, as follows: "The Canadians moved this afternoon to Springfield, six miles to the east of this place. Mr. John A. Ewan has arrived here." Mr. Ewan is the Globe's correspondent with the Second Canadian Contingent. His arrival at Bloemfontein indicates that the Second Contingent will take part in the movement toward Pretoria, which has probably commenced.

Toronto, April 23.—The railway freight delivery service of Toronto was completely paralyzed today. All the teamsters employed by Hendrick, Shelden and the Dominion Transport Co., to the number of 200, have quit work to enforce a demand for shorter hours and payment of overtime.

Charles Dickson, an old time newspaper man, for many years night editor of the Mail, died at the general hospital this morning of heart failure.

Montreal, April 23.—The City Council today, after its session lasting six hours, dismissed J. O. La Forrest, superintendent of waterworks, and William McGibbon, park ranger. The charges against La Forrest were that he had used corporation employees and corporation material for his own benefit. McGibbon was accused of ill-treating the public frequenting the park and employees under him. The session of the council was a lively one.

Toronto, Ont., April 23.—A special cable says the corps of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who were invalided to Netley Hospital, have returned to South Africa and will return to their regiment at Bloemfontein. The Canadians confined in Woolwich who were reported as about to return to Canada,

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VOTERS' LISTS.

A public interpreter of our Provincial statutes would seem to be one of the greatest of present necessities. We are having a general revision of the voters' lists. Two months ago Mr. Martin decided that new lists should be compiled before he could think of going to the country. The next revision will be on the 7th of May. In the meantime those qualified to vote could make application to be registered, and the revising officer would listen to appeals on the date named. In Nelson the lists closed on Saturday last, the 21st. That gives an interval of two weeks, which is the time supposed to be required as notice of appeals. But the Government official in Nelson who has to do with the compilation of the list maintains that thirty days' notice is necessary. He reads the law as demanding that appeals be filed not less than thirty days prior to the date of the Court of Revision. If this is the proper interpretation of the law, the hundreds of names registered last week will stand as those of qualified voters, although every one of them may be fraudulent. There can be no appeal against any name to which objection was not taken on or before the 7th inst. That is one interpretation of the law.

Instead of closing for revision on the 7th, the list in Nelson was held open until the 21st. On Saturday it was given to be understood that further registration would be useless for the purpose of the next revision. In The Vancouver World of Friday, the 20th, a spirited appeal is made, not only to the electors of that city, but to those of the entire Province, to see that their names were placed on the lists, warning them that "but a few days remained in which this could be done." If the law is general in its application, and registrations closed on the 21st in Nelson, we cannot understand why The World should excite itself in an endeavor to have names registered after that date. If the lists closed for revision on the 21st in Vancouver, it would not have said on the 20th that "a few days yet remained," nor would it have included the Province in its appeal, for in the one day from the 20th to the 21st it could not hope to cover more than a small portion of it. Yet it urges on the negligent everywhere the duty of registering, and it does this in the name and in behalf of the "Government Central Committee," whose address it gives. In Vancouver, therefore, by a Committee inspired by the Government, it was considered highly desirable to continue registration after the 21st.

Something has been heard of the large number of appeals filed in the Slovan district. The registration official was appalled by it, and wrote off to the Attorney-General to ascertain what he should do in the matter. In his reply Mr. Martin did not say that the appeals could not be heard; he merely intimated that those appealed against were not bound to appear in person at the Court, and that the onus of proof of fraudulent or improper registration rested with the appellants. That was all. Whether those appeals were filed on or before the 7th inst. does not appear; but they are to be heard, and the evidence is expected to decide whether the names are to be retained. But if on the 7th, it will be interesting to know what is to become of the registrations made subsequent to that date. Do the names go on the list, right or wrong?

There are two remarks suggested by the foregoing: one, that the law is of a peculiar sort, and appears to be inviting fraudulent practices of a startling character; the other that Mr. Martin is the author of it.

Yesterday Mr. Houston formally announced himself as a candidate for election to the Provincial Legislature.

Yesterday Mr. Martin assured a friend that there would be a Government candidate to contest the Nelson Riding. It is said that orders have been issued from headquarters in Montana that all Miners' Unions should support the Martin Government. If obeyed, it will be bad for Mr. Houston, for without the miners he has no support worth the name. It is not improbable, however, that Mr. Martin's threat to put up a candidate may bring Mr. Houston to his knees, notwithstanding the announcement of his candidature followed closely on Mr. Cotton's visit to Nelson. Mr. Houston will dance to any piping that promises to gratify his ambition. He will follow Mr. Martin, or Mr. Cotton, or Mr. Anybody, so long as it leads him to the Legislature. He would sacrifice the miners without a tremor; he would abandon any principle he ever professed, if only the electors Nelson Riding would give him a majority.

Another rumor of these days of political excitement and surprises is that Mr. Martin will seek a seat in Victoria. We are indebted to some friend of Mr. Martin's for a campaign document, in which is incorporated his address to the electors of Vancouver. He tells them that he is again a candidate for their favor, which ought to dispose of the report that he intends to stand for Victoria. It is worthy of remark that in this document are included the Lieutenant-Governor's letter to Mr. Semlin, when dismissing that gentleman as his adviser, and his letter in reply to the memorial of the business men of Victoria. It is the first time in the history of Canada that a Lieutenant-Governor has permitted himself to be dragged into an election contest, and it can only be taken to mean that in his own estimation he is as much on trial before the country as Mr. Martin. He must be gratified at the happy coincidence that the country is very much of the same opinion.

The Miner is indebted to Mr. Smith Curtis for an American booklet on "National Ownership of Railways," of which the Rev. Charles H. Vail is the author. We do not know anything about Mr. Vail, but are fairly familiar with the arguments employed in his book. One of the strong reasons given in support of national ownership is the corruption in politics; the corporations can wheedle the politicians into doing anything. We are sure, however, that Mr. Smith Curtis will not admit this. The Government of which he is a member is incorruptible. Being as honest as he will claim that it is, it can safely be left to deal with the companies seeking railway franchises. If not confident enough of its own honesty to keep the companies in check, it can scarcely claim to be honest enough to be entrusted with the building of the railways.

For the third or fourth time it is stated positively that the young Mr. McInnes is about to resign his seat in the Commons and enter Provincial politics. This time it may prove true, as there is very little to resign. It is not unlikely that Parliament will be dissolved in the course of two or three months, and in any event the present is the last session.

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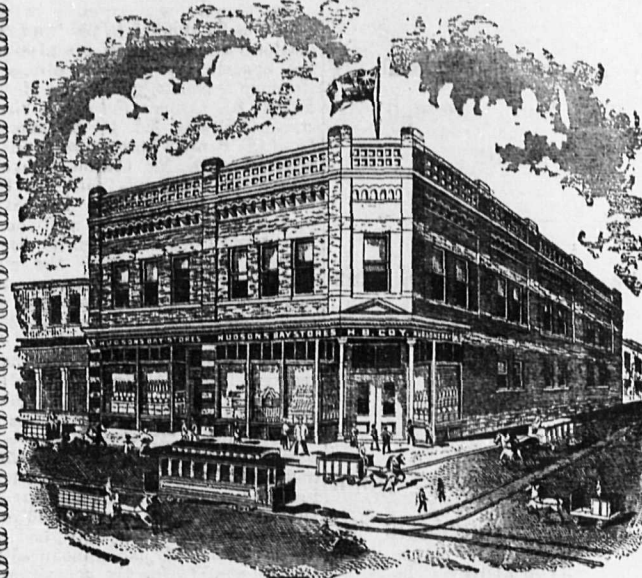
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awaiting instructions from Ottawa.

Windsor, Ont., April 23.—Word has
been received here that Alfred P.
Casgrain, son of Senator Casgrain,
committed suicide in Fountain Lake,
Minn., where he went on a business
trip from Chicago.

Montreal, April 23.—The Harbor
Board today declined to accept the
plans of the Connors Syndicate for the
improvement of the harbor, on the
ground that they showed a building
with a capacity of one million bushels
instead of three millions as agreed
upon in the contract between the syn-
dicate and the commissioners. There
was no document, official or otherwise,
in explanation of a departure from the
terms of the agreement, but Mr. Ken-
nedy, the Harbor Engineer, cited a
conversation with G. T. Smith, secre-
tary of the syndicate, to the effect that
a detached store house, of two millions
bushels capacity, is to be afterwards
erected between the canal lock and
Windmill Point basin.

Toronto, April 23.—In the Legisla-
ture this evening Mr. Duff, Conserva-
tive Member, brought up the question
of Government aid to the India fam-
ine sufferers and Premier Ross said
the matter would probably be consid-
ered by the Government in the supple-
mentary estimates. Mr. Whitney said
the Province would be failing in its
duty if it did not help. Mr. Mathe-
son, also Conservative, said the Gov-
ernment was not doing its duty in
voting only \$10,000 for the national
patriotic funds. Ontario should set
the pace with \$50,000 or \$100,000,
which would not be out of place.
Premier Ross said when the war was
over it would be quite within the
competence of the Government to ask
for a larger sum.

Winnipeg, April 23.—Mr. W. W.
McInnes, M. P. for Burrard Inlet,
passed through this city yesterday en
route to the Coast. Interviewed at
the depot, in answer to several queries,
he said: "No, it is not true that I
have resigned from the Federal House
to support Mr. Martin in the Provin-
cial elections. I do not intend to resign
my seat at present nor have I any in-
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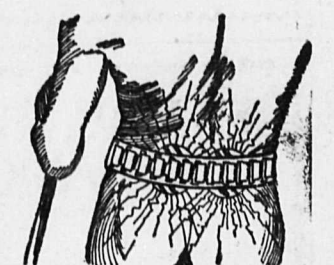
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