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SOME BOWSERISMS.

People who do not know Premier Bowser, or very much about the true inwardness of the political matters on which he speaks, might excusably be impressed by the air of apparent sincerity and benignity with which he carries off what he wishes for the time being his public to believe. These impressions, which it is his aim and purpose to create, need not necessarily have any but the most distant relation to the truth, and may even be directly contrary to the facts. In either event, they are put forward with the same bland assurance and virtuous mien as if they were the truth. Satan posing as an angel of light has nothing on the Hon. Mr. Bowser. Coupled with this characteristic is a disposition to give the public credit for a very short memory and an exceedingly limited intelligence as well.

These peculiarities were well illustrated in most of the important statements, direct and indirect, that Mr. Bowser attempted to pass as verbal legal tender upon the meeting in the Opera House, last week. Take, for instance, the statement, in effect, that he (Mr. Bowser) had concluded, at the time he displaced Sir Richard McBride as Premier, that a new policy was required in British Columbia—forgetting, apparently, that everybody knew, and yet remembers, that he ostensibly broke with Sir Richard because the latter proposed further aid to the P. G. E., and that Premier Bowser, the moment he got into his former chieftain's shoes, made that same policy the principal feature of his own.

With respect to the prohibition referendum, Mr. Bowser coolly counted again on public ignorance or public forgetfulness, when he tried to "get away" with the assertion, contrary to to the notorious facts, that he had decided upon and announced his policy in that regard prior to the Vancouver by-election. The Vancouver by-election was held on February 26th, and the prohibition deputation (a large body) chased Premier Bowser to Victoria and practically "held him up" for his answer, as they had been doing for months, and did not get it till late on the afternoon of the 29th. The Legislature opened on March 2nd, when the "speech from the throne" appeared, containing the hardly extorted promise of a prohibition referendum and a number of other measures specially designed, but unsuccessfully, to try to win the Victoria by-election of two days later.

As another illustration, take Premier Bowser's terribly slurred and deliberately falsified report to the meeting in the Opera House of the facts of the interview with Mr. Brewster, the Liberal leader, over the question of the extension of the Legislature past the 14th of March last. In Mr. Bowser's elegant and untrue phrase, the Liberals "bluffed" him, and he "called the bluff." As "a man of the world," he knows all about gambling, of course, as well as "greasing." The point is Mr. Bowser tried to make the meeting believe that Messrs. Brewster and Macdonald unconditionally refused to make any arrangement for a necessary extension of the Legislature, whereas they made a perfectly fair and reasonable proposition, and Mr. Bowser did the "bluffing" by insisting upon the Liberals swallowing and endorsing his expensive Agent-General's office frame-up as "non-contentious legislation," to be allowed to pass.

The foolish and unworthy slurs about the Liberal party having no platform might, perhaps, be excused on account of the natural feeling of resentment Premier Bowser evidently harbors at being compelled to purloin four important planks from that platform to construct what he vainly hopes will prove a life-saving raft for his water-logged Government. All the frenzied, distorted, and one-sided hysterics directed against Mr. Macdonald on the "plugging" issue was of a piece with the rest, even to the cunning slur about Jerry Finch, the Seattle lawyer, being engaged by Mr. Macdonald to assist in the Government investigation by the House Committee. Who so fit, it might be asked, to post Mr. Macdonald, who was practically put on his trial, as to the records and antecedents of the suborned thugs, jail birds, and cutthroats raked with a scavanger harrow out of the underworld of Seattle by the Government emissaries to accomplish Mr. Bowser's purposes?

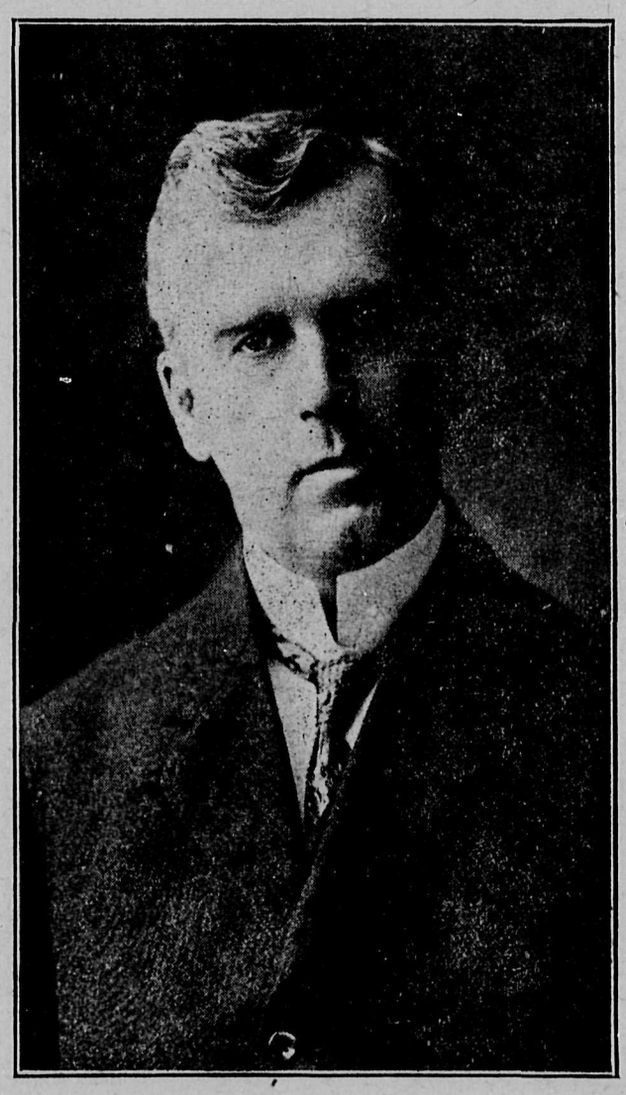
Just one more instance, this particularly as illustrating again the unflattering estimate that Mr. Bowser places upon the ordinary public intelligence. He pictured the dismal state of things that he said would ensue on account of Mr. Brewster's writ—if Mr. Brewster were returned to power—seeking to convey the impression that the results would be entirely different if the Bowser Government were returned; whereas, of course, the matter is one for the courts, which Bowser, either in or out of power, can not affect in the slightest, except possibly to delay some more by evasion, in either event, as he is solely responsible for doing in the past, though he deliberately untruthfully tried to shift that responsibility upon Mr. Brewster, at the meeting referred to.

THE LEGISLATURE.

If the people of British Columbia wish to be better served by their Provincial Legislature in the future than they have in the past, they will, in practice, at least, have to take a more serious view of the duties and responsibilities of that body and the qualifications of candidates for its membership, and the present is a most opportune time to begin.

That the Legislature has very important duties and responsibilities to discharge on behalf of the people—that it is not or should not be a joke, a farce, and a scandal—that it ought to be composed of the best, ablest, most independent-minded, representative men of each community constituting it—that every member should be a unit, and none a mere cipher or puppet—will be readily conceded by all, theoretically. But how do we find this work out in practice? The answer is found in the constitution of the late and recent Legislatures—composed nearly altogether of ciphers, puppets, "rubber-stamps"—what you will—absolutely subservient to and dependent upon the will of one or two men—it used to be two, now it is one.

Is any proof wanted that this is not an extreme or prejudiced statement of the actual and shameful situation in the Provincial Legislature as it has been constituted for years and right up to date, as it would be constituted to-morrow if the Government candidates generally—the same old sticks with the exception of a number who have wisely scuttled for cover—were to be returned? It is unnecessary to particularize. We all know the stamp—the rubber-stamp—of less than mediocre men composing the swollen and passive Government majority in the late and recent Legislatures, and almost wholly composing the Cabinet itself, although one or two new and absolutely untried men of a slightly different type (among whom we do not include Dr. McGuire, of Vancouver) have lately been introduced.



DAVID WHITESIDE
Liberal Candidate for New Westminster

GIFFORD, THOMAS Watchmaker	
WHITESIDE, DAVID Barrister	X

As to the proof, if any is necessary, that this is a perfectly fair and true statement of how the Government is and the Legislature has been composed, let the most confirmed and inveterate Bowser Government supporter close his eyes for a moment and try to conjure up a mental photograph of the Bowser party and Government with Bowser deleted. Why, a flock of sheep with the bell wether suddenly struck by lightening, wouldn't be in it for absolute incompetency and helplessness.

This very general election campaign drives home and clinches the truth. Who ever hears of any one of the eight or nine so-called Ministers composing the Cabinet—except Bowser? Who even can recall their names or rightly adjust their departmental labels? Not one but would do the Government more harm than good on any public platform in this campaign, with the possible exception of his own constituency, for the "pull" he might be supposed to have. Which is doubtless the reason why they are neither seen nor heard, while Bowser, single-handed, is making a superhuman but hopeless struggle for his political life. But that is his just retribution for deliberately alienating the best and highest, and cultivating and cherishing the worst and meanest, elements in his own party, for years, to pander to his own inordinate lust for aggrandizement and power.

The stamp of men who are seeking the suffrages of the electors under the aegis of the Liberal party is strikingly different, on the whole, from the great majority of the known and proved Bowser candidates. A goodly galaxy, including such well known names in the public life of the Province as Brewster, Macdonald, Oliver, Ralph Smith, of experienced, able and principled men, who can each and all more than hold their own, either in the Legislature or on the platform, against even the one redoubtable man of the Government. For the rest, really representative and leading men in their own constituencies, mayors, reeves, farmers and working men, business and professional men of the highest standing.

In the front rank as to qualification, character, ability, and general fitness, only lacking Legislative experience, as yet, which it is ours to supply, is the Liberal candidate for this city, Mr. David Whiteside, who for the first time in many years will give New Westminster the standing in the Legislature, and in the Government if need be, which its position and importance demands, and of which it has long been deprived, to its great loss in prestige, influence, and respect. No patriotic citizen, apart from party, should fail to take this opportunity to put the Royal City on the map again politically and give it standing and influence in the councils of the country.

SHRAPNEL.

Smash the machine!

It's *time* for a change.

Let's have a new deal.

Bow Brewster in and Bowser out.

Knock the bung out of the barrel.

Both Bowser and booze must go.

Give the women the vote.

Boost Brewster and "bust" Bowser.

Bury the "dead past," and bury it deep.

And the political dead beats along with it.

The People are King to-morrow, and you must Bow-sir!

The "rubber stamps" are out of date. Junk them!

Election Day Sept. 14. Junk Day Sept. 23. Just in time!

We want men, not things, to represent us in the Legislature.

Public office is a public trust, not a private spree.

The Punch and Judy show at Victoria has lasted long enough.

The day of automatic government—one man to pull the strings, forty puppits to jerk their thumbs—is done.

"Thirty years and still on the job."—Columbian on Thomas Gifford. Isn't it about time we had a change?

Their thirteenth year of power—the thirteenth Legislature of B. C.—the thirteenth day of September—will be their last. To-morrow's judgment day.

When you cast your ballot, to-morrow, remember Bowser's full responsibility for the criminal Dominion Trust failure, that ruined thousands.

As Attorney-General for the Province and solicitor for the Dominion Trust, he betrayed the people's interests shamefully.

He has played the same double game with the C. N. R. and P. G. E., and robbed the Province, even in violation of his own laws, for his private clients' benefit.

He handed over $7,000,000, in violation of statute law, to the P. G. E., secretly paid $316,000 defaulted interest, without Legislative authority, and allowed the railway promoters, contrary to express enactment, to privately pocket all the capital stock of the company, $25,000,000.

No wonder Attorney-General Bowser, Premier and Attorney-General Bowser, curses, misrepresents, and tries to ridicule Mr. Brewster's writ, which will yet drag him to court for these public crimes, despite his struggles to escape. No wonder he concocts "plugging" conspiracies to try to throw dust in the eyes of the people.

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THE DAY OF DECISION.

A vast volume of evidence and argument, by word of mouth, by printed word, has been laid before the electorate of the Province, in the past two or three months particularly, bearing upon and influencing the decision which rests finally with each individual elector as he goes to the ballot box, to-morrow. Behind all this marshalling of evidence and argument, to which the capstone will be added for the electors of New Westminster, in the Opera House, to-night, lies the record of the Government, like an open judgment book—a record of thirteen years of power, embracing the best and fattest years in the history of the Province—during which this Government, which is now on trial for its life, had the making or marring of the life of the Province, under peculiarly favorable circumstances and conditions, absolutely in its hands. That it wust stand condemned in its discharge of that trust, both the record and the present condition of the Province overwhelmingly shows, and there can not be the slightest doubt that the People will so find.

The electors have before them also for decision in this election two questions submitted for referendum vote—Prohibition of the liquor traffic and the extending of the electoral franchise to women, which will carry the right, of course, to vote in Dominion as well as Provincial elections. These are measures of great importance, which have also been well and exhaustively argued by able champions. The subject of one, the liquor traffic, has also behind it a dark record which condemns it, and every elector who values the true interests of his country, economically and morally, and especially of its coming citizens, will not fail to endorse the measure of prohibition presented, which will abolish public drinking places and customs —the great recruiting ground for the evil. As to woman suffrage, there should not, as Mr. Brewster said at the meeting, be a dissenting voice. The return of the Libersls will insure women the vote, but the referendum should be endorsed as well.

SOME CONSIDERATIONS.

The very audacity and brazenness of Attorney-General Bowser, in openly holding solicitorships for corporations getting charters and concessions from the Government, and at such a notoriously terrible cost to the people, would seem to have almost paralyzed the public conscience, or he would have been driven from power, disgraced and execrated, long ago.

On this one count alone, in an indictment bristling with scores of others—that he, as Attorney-General, has dared to accept retainers from and give advise to corporations doing business with the Government, getting privileges and concessions from the Government—and even without the evidences of the terrible wrongs he has committed in specific cases since launching upon that course—Mr. Bowser ought to go down and out of public life, with no possibility of return, at the stern command of the people at the ballot box.

In this connection, Mr. M. A. Macdonald, who will almost certainly be Attorney-General in the new Government that will be formed as a result of the election, admirably voiced the position of the Liberal party in this important matter, in a recent public utterance, as follows: "The Liberal party have placed themselves on record on this question, both in convention and in numerous public utterances, that no Attorney-General under a Liberal Government will have directly or indirectly, remotely or otherwise, any connection with any firm of solicitors doing business with the Government or with any department of the Government."

These words which, we believe, express the spirit of triumphant Liberalism in this Province, have the true ring, and Mr. Macdonald, in courageously and patriotically uttering them, does so, evidently, with a full realization of their meaning, and that he personally and his party will be held to them, both in letter and spirit, in every Department. There is no reservation there, but a whole-hearted declaration that public office is a sacred public trust, with which there can and must be no trifling and no compromising—no back-door influences—no double-dealing—no trying to serve two masters, which inevitably and invariably results, as it has with Mr. Bowser, in heeding the voice of Mammon, rather than the Vox Deii or Vox Populi.

A little over four years ago, the McBride-Bowser Government boasted that they had a surplus of nine millions in the treasury. Now, the Province is about thirty millions in the hole, counting the ten million just borrowed (six million of which is for the P.G.E.) and the ten millions borrowed two years ago and spent, besides other liabilities, including $80,000,000 for railway guarantees, bringing the total liabilities of the Province up to the colossal sum of $121,573,300—an increase from $13,534,440 when the McBride-Bowser Government took hold. And this reckless, joy-riding, drunken-sailor crew have the nerve to ask us for leave to go it again—at our expense!

Under their Administration the Provincial revenue has fallen off more than half in the last four years—from $12,510,215 in 1912 to $5,944,015 (estimated) for 1916. During the same four years, they have piled up deficits aggregating over $23,000,000—from $5,475,865 in 1913 to $9,408,000 (estimated) in 1916. And, knowing the way things were drifting, with a falling population to bear the burdens (at the rate of $40 per head now), they have been recklessly increasing the expenditures under "salaries" head from $360,000 in 1904-5 to $1,700,000 now, and under "miscellaneous" from $161,000 to $3,900,000! And lavishly throwing away money, with both hands besides on Agent-General's office. Strathcona Park (glorified German-American timber preserve), and Royal Commissions galore (nearly $300,000 under this head), and "commissions" royal in amount—$75,000 and $80,000 respectively on two dirty Indian reserve deals, for "greasing" Indians and others.

No wonder Mr. Bowser says: "Bury the dead dead past, and look to the future." We will, but we'll bury them with it—so deep that not even the smell will be heard.

MORE SHRAPNEL.

Premier Bowser, at the meeting in the Opera House, Wednesday night, patted Mr. Gifford patronizingly on the back, with the intimation that he had only just discovered that he (Mr. Gifford) could make a speech. What have they both been doing for the past thirteen years? Isn't it funny?

The Columbian, true to the Bowser breed, has had to import an American newspaper man from Bellingham to run the local Bowser publicity campaign on behalf of Tom Gifford and Lieut. Mackenzie, and tell the people of New Westminster City and District how to vote. This genius gave us a sample "American Eagle scream" from Kansas, the other day.

Have you seen the sunburst of prosperity that the Columbian says Mr. Bowser says is "breaking brightly over the whole Province"? "Breaking brightly" is good. The only thing that's "breaking brightly" for the Province just now is the Bowser Government. On the 14th (to-morrow), it will be broken into small fragments and will disappear. After that the sun will begin to shine.

The electors of New Westminster have been very indulgent. They have kept one man "on the job"—for his own benefit, certainly not for theirs—for thir— call it thirteen years. It's about time now they gave the town a turn, especially when we have a man offering, David Whiteside, who is in the very first rank in every particular, and will make the Royal City a power in the House, instead of a laughing stock.

The poor old Columbian is furiously busy these last days of the campaign in work that seems most congenial to it—misreporting and misrepresenting everything of a political nature that comes under its ken. The Saturday night meeting at Ladner it outrageously misrepresented, judged by the report of the same meeting in the Vancouver World, and, as the World is so "independent" that it don't know how to vote in this election, it may be taken for granted that its report is a good deal nearer the truth than the Columbian's, which probably was taken uncensored from a very much interested source.

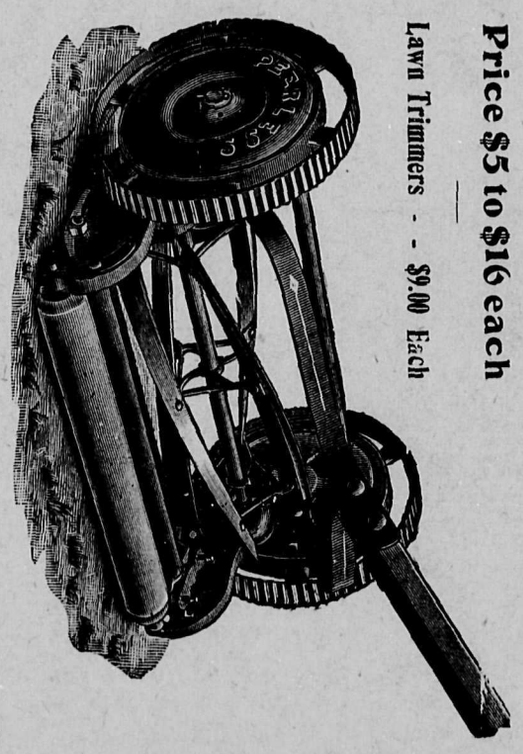
When Premier Bowser was telling us, the other night, about his great election-eve shipbuilding policy that was booming just now elsewhere but here, with Government backing, and declaring that it would never cost the country a cent, how memory irresistibly reverted to the same buncombe assurances given by the same promising politician, a few years ago, with regard to the booming railway construction that carried the last two Provincial general elections—and for which we have already begun—and only begun—to pay painfully for through the nose. It won't go, Mr. Bowser; the game is played out. Twice bitten, thrice shy.

The Columbian meanly suggests that Mr. Whiteside was chosen as candidate by the Liberals of New Westminster because they wanted "a safe man who could be depended upon to serve the men who brought him out * * * when the gang began to loot the treasury." Passing over the impudent insult to a man of Mr. Whiteside's character and standing in the community, is it not a shameless proclamation of the ruling passion and controlling political motive of the people who have imposed Mr. Gifford upon the Conservative party and the people of New Westminster all these years, because, as the Columbian told us, in strikingly similar phrase, a week or so ago, he could be "depended upon" by Ministers and his fellow members.

Delta and New Westminster audiences were told with much unction and bated breath (we don't know what particular brand of bait), weeks ago, by the smaller Bowservative fry that Lieut. MacKenzie was just dying to get away to the front and mix it with the Huns—that, in fact, he would have flown overseas before polling day, and every meeting was a sort of affecting farewell. The gallant "man in khaki" didn't deny the soft impeachment himself, but

His eyes had all the seeming
Of a demon's that is dreaming,

and he is still "on the job," and plainly visible to the naked eye, pursuing votes instead of Germans—and election day is here. Tne only thing the electors of Delta can do is to turn him down so hard that he won't think it worth while hanging around another month to wait for the counting of the soldiers' votes. In the meantime, the whole Battalion is apparently being held back at Vernon.



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"You've got to be fair to me; you backed my policy at two general elections, and you can't go back on me now!" declaimed Premier Bowser to the electors of New Westminster, Wednesday night. Just fancy a managing director talking that way to the shareholders of a company whom he had persuaded by arguments and even by misrepresentations to adopt a policy which had turned out disastrously. Wouldn't the shareholders be likely to smile and think him "bugs," and elect a new managing director and entire directorate without leaving their seats?

Not content with tapping the till and squandering all the cash, including over twenty millions of borrowed money, and tying us up with railway guarantees of over eighty millions, on which we are now paying between two and three millions a year, the Government has further impoverished the country by giving away the collateral and assets as well, including millions of acres of arable lands, besides timber limits, coal measures, and oyster beds. They have done their worst to debase and terrorize the people through their iniquitous patronage system, which is productive of waste and extravagance as well, and meanwhile have neglected the main duty of government—building up the country on a sound productive, industrial basis.

The Government press, with the Province leading, has been enlarging, the last few days, on the big soldiers' vote said to be coming in everwhere—at Vernon, in the Old Country, all along the line. We are informed that it is over three thousand at Vernon and will amount to between twenty and thirty thousand altogether, and moreover that it is about seventy per cent. for the Government, and will be the determining and controlling factor in the elections. It is obviously impossible to know any or all of these things at this stage, even if the taking and handling of the vote were done more crookedly and dishonestly than the darkest imagination could suggess. All this big talk, therefore, at this time, is, of course, just impudent bluff to try to influence and intimidate the regular Provincial electorate.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Hear Tupper and Whiteside to-night.

The Bowser Government:—B 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0.

Vote for Whiteside and give the women the vote.

Polling to-morrow, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Old Court House, Carnarvon street.

Prohibition to-morrow till polls close. Make it unanimous and permanent.

As under the new Elections Act every voter must sign his name, polling will take a little longer. Vote early.

Uphill, Conservative, is reported to have found the Fernie climb too steep and to have retired from the contest.

A prohibition parade was held through the principal streets of the city this afternoon, led by a large number of children.

Election Day is by law a public holiday, and every employee is entitled to at least four hours between 8 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Don't miss the final great rally for good government at the Opera House, to-night. Speeches by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and David Whiteside.

Mr. Bowser's reply to the question why he didn't withdraw the warrant against Scott, was that he couldn't. That's doubtless why he had it issued.

When you buy merchandise for your home, you patronize the merchant who reduces cost and gives careful service. Buy your insurance on the same principle and place it in one of the best companies available at a reduced rate. Alfred W. McLeod, the Insurance Man.

After announcing a second big meeting in the Opera House for last (Tuesday) night, the Bowser party called it off. They knew it would be worse than the last. They had fired their one big gun, and had nothing but pop-guns for the come-back. Wise guys!

In response to the earnest solicitation of J. E. Thompson, the Liberal candidate for Grand Forks, Mr. David Whiteside took a run up to his old home town, and was the principal speaker at a meeting at Grand Forks, Monday night, in the interest of the Liberal candidate.

The central span of the huge cantilever Quebec bridge over the St. Lawrence, while being raised into position from pontoons, on Monday, collapsed and fell into the river, where the depth is 200 ft. Eleven workmen on the structure lost their lives. The cause of the accident is being investigated. It will cost about $1,000,000 to replace the span.

As per schedule, the Bowser bunch held a meeting at Queensboro, Monday night. That is, they held down the meeting place, but nobody came. About 8:30 they came back over the bridge to town, met two or three, and returned, mustering six in all, opened up and heard Tom Gifford and an imported fire-eater for a few minutes, and went home. For full report of triumphant success, see Columbian.

At the Bowser party meeting at Sapperton, Thursday night last, which was very far from being the triumph pictured by the Columbian, Thos. Gifford, cornered by Fred. Ogle, made at least two interesting public confessions. Notwithstanding that he said he was in favor of woman suffrage, he confessed he had voted against the Place Woman Suffrage Bill in the Legislature, and, when pressed, candidly blurted out that he had done so because the Bowser caucus had so ordered.

Arrangements are being made for holding "junk day" in this city on Saturday, Sept. 23, under the auspices of the Voluntary Aid of the St. John's Ambulance Association. Householders are requested to lay aside household junk for collection on this day. The junk—which includes even old papers, magazines, "busted" tires, etc.—will be sold and the proceeds used for patriotic purposes. A committee will confer with the civic authorities regarding dividing the city into districts for collections.

There's no man in this election who is more entitled to receive the hearty endorsement of the electors than John Oliver. He has been nobly fighting the battle of the people for years, greatly to his own inconvenience aud loss, and besides is one of the best qualified public men in the Province to take a leading hand in the great reconstruction work that the new Liberal Government will undertake after the elections. Dewdney will honor itself by honoring Mr. Oliver, and he will honor Dewdney as one of the strong men in the new Government.

They are Sorry He Spoke.

Gosden, perjuror, etc., and Bowser Government man-of-all-work, told a Vancouver audience, in the Labor Temple, Monday night, that he voted 1400 "pluggers" in the election. He'd doubtless confess to murder if Bowser paid him enough and granted him immunity. By way of variety, just to show what he could say Gosden "electrified" the audience, as the Province has it, by declaring that Mr. Brewster had offered him $1,000 to jump his bail! Gosden evidently missed his calling; he should have been political reporter on the Columbian.

It would have paid the Bowser party to have paid Gosden to have kept off the platform. The people see now on what sort of foundation the Bowser "plugging" conspiracy rests. "Poor fellow," remarked Mr. Brewster, when told of Gosden's big talk in the Labor Temple. "Gosden is a man who lives by his wits, and, as a matter of fact, is probably insane."

Bowser Shows White Feather.

Mission City was a hot place last night. Brewster, Macdonald, and Oliver had a grand final rally, advertised in the Victor Theatre, and Bowser and his bunch held down another hall. When Mr. Oliver found out, over a week ago, that the Premier was to be in Mission City the same night, he promptly issued and published a challenge to the Government side to make it a joint meeting, but Bowser funked and declined to accept.

Time—Between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. tomorrow. Place—The Old Court House, entrance on Carnarvon street. The man—David Whiteside, Liberal candidate.

Another good independent, Robt. McBride, of Richmond, has withdrawn from the contest, the better to insure the defeat of Bowserism—leaving it a straight fight between McGeer, Liberal, and Baird, Conservative.

No man is doing a better or more patriotic work in and for his adopted Province, in assisting to get rid of Bowserism and the Bowser Government, than Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. Do not fail to hear his great speech in the Opera House, to-night.

A GREAT MEETING.

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The Liberals were confident, however, of winning a splendid victory on the 14th, and they had every reason for that confidence. Mr. Brewster and himself had just returned from a thorough tour of the country, and they found the people everywhere with them in the fight they were making for better government. Throughout the Province the Liberal candidates represented the best type of citizenship. Mr. Whiteside, the Liberal candidate for this city, was of that type, which the electors would not fail to appreciate by returning him on the 14th. (Applause.)

This Government, which had been in power for thirteen years, had utterly failed to live up to its opportunities. It had not developed the Province industrially. The Conservative party had a good platform in 1902, but this Government, which pretended to be a Conservative Government, had not carried out that platform, indeed it had gone contrary to it. The platform had declared for Government ownership of railways. The Government had substituted railway ownership of Government. (Applause.) There used to be a great cry by the Government of "A White B. C."—a cry as empty as the treasnry now was. They used it for a while to try and embarrass the Liberal Government at Ottawa, and, when the Conservatives got in, we heard nothing more about it.

After a reference to Premier Bowser's famous oyster beds, purchased by him at 50 cents an acre, instead of $1, the regular price, Mr. Macdonald touched on the Government's "railway policy," and the solemn promises by Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Bowser that the C. N. R. and P. G. E. guarantees would never cost the people of the Province a cent. Now we were paying between two and three millions a year on those guarantees, and the danger was not ended. Acts passed by the Legislature, hedged about with restrictions for the protection of the people, were openly violated by the Government. "We charge this Government with a criminal breach of trust, and, when Mr. Brewster hailed the law-breakers before the courts, he is charged with tying up the Province. Not at all, he is tying up Mr. Bowser—and it is high time he was tied up." (Applause.)

The Liberal leaders, continued Mr. Macdonald, were asking the people all over the Province to cast their votes irrespective of party. "The Government are simply trustees for the people, and as Sir Hibbert Tupper says, will be adjudged false trusteees. Mr. Brewster, the leader of the Liberal party, will do what he says. He will institute the reforms he promises. We are appealing to your good judgment as Provincial ratepayers and as interested in the industrial development of the Province, and we have every confidence that the vast majority of the ballots on election day will be cast in favor of the Liberal candidates, including your candidate, Mr. Whiteside." (Enthusiastic applause.)

Liberal Leader Speaks.

When the chairman introduced Mr. Brewster, the Liberal leader, who appeared for the first time before a New Westminster audience, he received a welcome which for heartiness and enthusiasm could not have been exceeded. After a sincere expression of his pleasure at speaking for the first time in New Westminster to such a magnificent audience, Mr. Brewster said he had just completed a tour of the Province, during which he had travelled between four and five thousand miles and spoken at over one hundred meetings. And everywhere, as here, he found that the women were taking a great interest in the discussion of public questions. After two years of this terrible war, during which the women of the Empire, including this Province, had nobly stepped into the breach to do everything they could in support of the men at the front and to fill the places which they left vacant, Mr. Brewster continued, he he did not believe you could find a man in British Columbia who would say that the women were not entitled to the ballot.

"Here's one who will say so!" came a voice from the audience, in the inimitable drawl of Billy Handcock, which upset the gravity of the house for a while.

"We have great questions," continued Mr. Brewster, "that must be seriously and soberly considered, cnd which will be with us after the election. When you have your ballot in your hand, and are about to mark and deposit it, you will realize that these great issues are the one which count." Mr. Bowser apparently could not rise to a discussion of these great and serious issues, as Sir Richard McBride, the former Premier, whom he (Mr. Brewster) had had the privilege of opposing, had been able to do. Mr. Bowser, he understood, had addressed a meeting here the other night. What did he say about the Provincial finanees?

A voice—nothing!

Of course not, said Mr. Brewster. He was too busy discussing petty side issues. But the Provincial finances was a rather important subject. In 1903, when the McBride-Bowser Government came into power, the Province had a bonded indebtedness of between nine and ten million dollars. In 1912 they claimed a surplus of about nine million and a sinking fund sufficient to wipe out all the debt; and yet, in 1913, all that had gone and they had borrowed one and a half millions on treasury certificates, and immediately afterwards borrowed ten millions more, getting about $91 for every $100 of bonds. The "late" Hon. Price Ellison, then Finance Minister, in introducing this $10,000,000 loan bill, four days after the Vancouver Province had printed a great speech prepared for him by the press gallery which was accidentally delayed in delivery and never was delivered at all, said he was proud to introduce this first big loan bill of the Government, and predicted, with a flourish, that it would prove to be the first link in a chain of big loans! (Laughter.) He (Mr. Brewster) would never forget the look of consternation and disgust that passed over Sir Richard McBride's expressive countenance. But Price Ellison's proud prediction was more than justified, with the result that British Columbia now had a bonded indebtedness of over $30,000,000, in addition to $80,000,000 of railway guarantees and other liabilities.

After quoting comparative figures of population and liabilities of the other Provinces, which told greatly to the disadvantage of British Columbia, Mr. Brewster examined at some length into the economy. or otherwise, and productivity of expenditures. In the last four years, $16,4000,000, he said, had been expended on roads, bridges, and trails, for which we had got nothing like value, citing an instance where $21,000 a mile had been expended on an ordinary wagon road, Up Country, and another where four or five roads had been built where one wonld have done. The vicious patronage system ran all through the Government work. Strathcona Park, which you had to get a permit from a timber owning concern before you could visit, had absorbed $300,000 (the American engineer pulling down $15,000 a year, as compared with $10,000 for the engineer of the Panama Canal); a lot of expensive Royal Commissions accounted for about $300,000 more; then there was the scandalous over expenditure through patronage on what might be called the lean-to of the Parliament buildings, which had cost $1,220,000, as compared with $749,000 for the original buildings. Mr. Bowser's "carpets and brooms" was a comparatively small item, $2,600 odd rental had been paid for a carpet for the Duke of Connaught's reception at Victoria. Enough brooms had been sent up to Colony Farm to sweep the Province. (Laughter.)

Mr. Brewster then touched on the P. G. E. matter, which he described as the last great railway steel in the Dominion of Canada; referred to the alienation of some six million acres of the arable accessible lands of the Province; told of the grievous conditions in the North country caused by the high prices extorted by speculators for those lands, the scattered remote settlements, and the base, debasing and most costly patronage system that was the curse of the country from one end to the other. To remedy this state of things, the Liberals would first make it unprofitable to hold land out of use, and would then devise a common sense settlement policy, together with an honest Agricultural Credits Act, honestly administered. (Applause.)

Mr. Brewster concluded with a splendidly clear and convincing refutation of the "plugging" charges by Premier Bowser and his followers against Mr. Macdonald, which confirmed the impression in the public mind that the really guilty parties were Mr. Bowser and his co-conspirators. Owing to the exigencies of space, we are unable to report this portion of Mr. Brewster's speech, which would take a column or two. Mr. Brewster's concluding sentence, which was enthusiastically applauded, was: "If you return the Liberals to power, we will put the men really responsible for this thing behind the bars."

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A GREAT MEETING.

Liberal Meeting in Opera House Saturday Night a Record One—Speeches by Whiteside, Brewster, Macdonald, and Others.

The meeting Saturday night in the Opera House was a splendid climax to the Liberal campaign in this city. It was more. It waa a great spontaneous popular demonstration and earnest of victory by the citizens of New Westminster and many representative people of the Fraser Valley on behalf of the Liberal cause, in honor of the Liberal leader, Mr. Brewster, and his lieutenants who were present, M. A. Macdonald, David Whiteside, and J. W. Weart. When the meeting opened, at a quarter past eight, every seat in pit, balcony, gallery, and boxes, as well as on the platform, was occupied, every available inch of standing room from flour to ceiling packed, with an eager, expectant, enthusiastic throng of men and women. The atmosphere was electric, "the swing of victory," as Mr. Macdonald said, in his brief but inspiring battle cry, before leaving by motor to address a meeting at Ladner, was in the air. The Mackness urchestra admirably interpreted and expressed the spirit of the audience. The contrast to the meeting addressed by Premier Bowser, three nights before, in the same place, was startling—and unmistakably significant.

One Lone Kicker.

Mr. L. B. Lusby, manager of Mr. Whiteside's election campaign, made a model chairman. He was brief, pithy, pointed, and pungent in his necessary remarks and introductions, and kept things moving. From start to finish, there was not a hitch, or an interruption —except from Billy Handcock, who was the sole audible representative of the Bowser's party's dissent and dissatisfaction with the proceedings, and doubtless expressed his leader's real sentiment toward woman suffrage when he "brought down the house" with his inimitable solo: "Here's one who don't believe in giving women the vote!"

Strong Points by Weart.

Mr. J. W. Weart, Liberal candidate for the South Vancouver-Burnaby riding, officially known as South Vancouver, was the first speaker introduced. It gave him great pleasure to speak a word for Mr. Whiteside, whose ability, earnestness, and integrity well qualified him to act as a representative of the people. He asked the electors of New Westminster not only to elect Mr. Whiteside, but to elect him by a large majority, because of the uncertain factor of the votes which were being taken by the Government, and at the mercy of the Government and its agents, "all over the face of the earth." He believed he could speak confidently for his riding and that of Richmond, also contiguous to this city, that both would elect Liberal representatives. (Applause.)

As he was filling the role of curtain raiser at this meeting, Mr. Weart said, he would refer briefly to a matter about which we heard a good deal of Government bragging, the Agricultural Credits Act, which had been taken from the Liberal platform and the principle of which was introduced in the House, seven years ago, by the present Chief Justice of the Appellate Court, Mr. J. A. Macdonald, then Liberal leader. The McBride-Bowser Government, which had been in power for thirteen years, ought to have introduced that act and pnt it into effect long ago, when money could have been got at half the present rates. Now, on the eve of an election, when they had brought this measure down, and money was between 6 and 7 per cent., they were not administering it honestly, but for political effect. One glaring instance of this sort was in the case of a man, not a farmer, who had received a loan of $9,000—more than his property was worth—and that man was working in this campaign for the Bowser Government.

Woman Suffrage Champion.

Mrs. J. O. Perry, Vancouver, was then introduced, and spoke briefly, but eloquently and wittily, for woman suffrage, convulsing the audience more than once with her sallies and withal making a moving and effective appeal in favor of giving women the vote. She admitted that women desired the franchise in order that they might overturn things, and the audience evidently agreed with her when she said they needed overturning. This was the great child saving age, said Mrs. Perry, and that was peculiarly woman's work, and they needed the franchise to enable them to do it effectively and completely, as she had found out in her five years of social service work in Vancouver. Other periods had had their great movements—the abolition of slavery was one, but that was comparatively localized. The woman suffrage movement of the present time was universal, world wide, which proved that it was the Divine plan of the ages, and could no more be stopped or turned back than could the tides of the ocean.

In conclusion, Mrs. Perry held up a map showing the whole of the western third of the North American continent, from California to Alaska inclusive, and including the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, in white (having given woman suffrage), except British Columbia—and we prided ourselves on being "British!" "There is only this dirty little black spot of B. C.," exclaimed the speaker. "Will you not remove the reproach and whitewash that, too, on September 14th?" (Laughter and enthusiastic applause.)

The chairman then introduced Mr David Whiteside, the Liberal candidate for New Westminster, and orchestra, audience and platform simultaneously struck up: "For he's a jolly good fellow," followed by three-times-three "and a tiger!"

Masterly Speech by Whiteside.

When the hearty cheering had subsided, and Mr. Whiteside could make himself heard, he modestly observed that he had not often been accused of being a "jolly good fellow" (laughter), but the demonstration was doubtless a tribute to the position of Liberal candidate which he filled, and more still a tribute to our leader, Mr. Brewster, who, with courage and persistence had fought a splendid fight, which we had every reason for saying would result on September 14th in a complete vindication of his work for years on behalf of the Province. (Applause.) Mr. Bowser had told us at his meeting here, the other night, that if his Government was defeated the whole machinery of the Province would stop. This splendid welcome to the Liberal leader was an answer to that. (Renewed applause.)

Reviewing generally the policy and record of the Government, and in the light of its results, Mr. Whiteside said the Government had no right to claim credit for its long period af administration, but quite the reverse. Under proper conditions of government, every deserving man, woman, and child should find a place in our economical development. The actual situation, as every one knew, was very different. A standing condemnation of the Government was the position with regard to our fisheries. The annual harvest of the sea was virtually in the hands of the Japs and Chinese. We used to hear a great deal from Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Bowser about a "white British Columbia." There had not been a single intelligent step by the Government in that direction. When they could not make any more political use of the cry, they had dropped it, with the excuse that it would embroil Great Britain with Japan. The Liberal party will find a solution of that problem which will not offend the susceptibilities of China or Japan nor embroil Great Britain with either. (Applause.)

Premier Bowser had said, the other night, that Mr. Brewster's policy was one of "carpets and brooms." That is about all we could expect of Mr. Bowser. But Mr. Bowser overlooked some things. He might well have told us something about Dominion Trust matters. His supporters say he had no responsibility for the failure of the Dominion Trust and its deplorable consequences. In 1911, Mr. Bowser brought in an act for the regulation of trust companies, which provided all the machinery, in his own hands as Attorney-General, for protecting the people doing businrss with these companies. He also appointed, at a good salary, an inspector of trust companies, who did inspect that particular trust company, but his report was not heeded and the public never heard anything of the report. Responsibility for that miserable fiasco, with all its terrible consequences, lies at the door of the Bowser Government, and he must answer to the people for it. (Applause.)

Control of the capitalization of companies was then touched on by Mr. Whiteside, who dwelt particularly in this connection on the notorious exploitation by MacKenzie & Mann of the Vancouver Island collieries, which they bought at $11,000,000, capitalized at $35,000,000, floating the stock in the Old Country, set aside only $3,000,000 for working capital, and pocketed a rake-off of $21,000,000 on the transaction. It was impossible to make dividends on such an inflated capitalization, with the inevitable result that the consumer was compelled to pay high prices for coal and the safety and interests of the workers in the mines were sacrificed. The deplorable coal miners' strikes of a few years ago, on the Island, were a direct outcome. "Is it any wonder," asked Mr. Whiteside, "there is trouble between labor and eapital, when such outrageous frauds are committed, and our Government, to say nothing worse, sits looking stupidly on? If you want these things set right, all you have to do is to elect sufficient supporters of Mr. Brewster." (Tremendous applause.)

Continuing, Mr. Whiteside referred to the barefaced Port Mann railway terminus fraud, perpetrated by the same concern, one of the particular proteges of this Government, which had resulted in loss and ruin to hundreds. He also touched on the abolish the patronage plank of the Liberal platform, which he assured his hearers would be carried out, if the Liberals were returned to power, notwithstanding that Mr. Bowser says it can't be done—that Borden couldn't do it, Laurier couldn't do it, and so forth. The institution of an Auditor-General at Victoria independent of the Government was another reform that the Liberals would inaugurate, said Mr. Whiteside, who cited instances where the present Auditor, Mr. Allison, who had tried to do his duty in checking illegal and extravagant expenditures, was promptly overruled and overriden by the Treasury Board—aa iuner circle of the Government—making the position of Auditor-General a farce.

Workmen's Compensstion, another plank in the Liberal platform, was being used as an argument, said Mr. Whiteside, why the Bowser Government should be returned to power. It had been in the Liberal platform for seven years, and had only been adopted by this Government on the eve of the present general election. Proportional representation was another splendid plank in the Liberal platform, which would do away with the present unfair and anomalous situation, making possible such a scandal as recent Legislatures in this Province, where tens of thousands of Liberal and other voters were deprived of any representation in the House, and it was possible for a party having a minority of the popular vote to control the Legislature. Under proportional representation, which Mr. Whiteside lucidly sketched in outline, every political element in the country—Conservative, Liberal, Socialist, Labor—would have its full representation in the House proportioned to the number of its adherents in the electorate. Mr. Brewster was the first man who had had the courage and good sense to put that measure forward. (Prolonged applause.)

Macdonald Gets Ovation.

M. A. Macdonald, the man who made the first great breach in the Bowser machine, and who has been specially hounded for that exploit, got a veritable ovation when introduced by Chairman Lusby. Mr. Macdonald, who had come in late, having spoken in Vancouver and having an auto waiting to take him to Ladner to speak again, lost no time in getting into action, and his address, while necessarily brief, was a most vigorous and inspiring one. After referring to the magnificent audience as another evidence that "the swing of victory is in the air," and that this Government, which had been masquerading as a Conservative Government without practicing any of the virtues of that party, would go down and out on the 14th of September. For the short time that remained of the campaign, every extraneous issue would doubtless be more than ever advanced and every effort continued by the Government to make the people forget the vital issues.

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