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ONLY AWAITING EXECUTION.

That, in three words, is the psychological and actual position of the Bowser Government in Britiish Columbia to-day. The trial has been held—it has been going on for years—the verdict has been reached, on the indictment, which has long been complete—the recent plea of "not guilty" and attempts to obscure and befog the issue having only aggravated the offense—judgment has been pronounced, and only execution of the sentence by the people, at the ballot box, on the Fourteenth of next month, remains t close the most dark, sordid, and depressing chapter in the political history of the Province, and open the way to a complete new and inconceivably better and brighter order of things.

For what remains of the interval between judgment and execution, we must, with what forbearance and indulgence we can command, suffer the half pathetic, half amusing, but none the less wholly revolting, spectacle and experience of this condemned and deformed apology for an Administration, shamelessly oblivious to its deserts and its fate, practising upon our commiseration and contempt with ante-mortem appeals like the following from Premier Bowser, at the Conservative nomination meeting in Vancouver, last week. The Premier said, according to his organ, the Province, that, if the Government were extravagant, and he did not deny it, the people were as much to blame as they were. "We were as you made us," he declared. "We are men and like yourselves we are only human. If we had held back in this period and not done what you wanted done, you would have laid the charge at our doors that we were mere flies on the wall. But what have you done? On every occasion that we have appealed to the country you have endorsed the expenditure in this Province. In 1912 you unanimously endorsed Sir Richard and swept out of public life the Liberal party, leaving only two Socialists in the House. This is not the time for post mortems. What is the use of standing talking and using up valuable time? Let the dead past bury its dead. You have approved. It is the future we must look to."

If that isn't adding insult to injury with a vengeance? Under the shadow of the gallows, desperately tearing at the noose, which already is beginning to tighten, meanwhile affecting an impudent and brazen bravado, the chief political culprit has no more decency, no more sense of what is seemly or even politic to one in his position, than to include his executioneers in the same condemnation with himself. "On every occasion that we have appealed to the country you have endorsed." "You have approved." There is, of course, the half truth in the insulting suggestion. The people did endorse and did approve—which was not particularly creditable to their perspicacity. But not a hint of the means by which the Government obtained that "endorsement" and "approval." The studied misrepresentation; the deliberate deception and falsehood, in regard to their railway policies particularly; the wholesale debauchery and intimidation by the political machine, which permeated every organization and agency, not excepting school boards, as we have recently seen, in the Province, and made even the individual wherever possible feel the brutal knuckles of the Bowser-Tammany thug or withstand the ingratiating leer of the Government patronage fiend. Yes, the people "endorsed" and "approved," with Government blinders on their eyes, a Government carrot to their nose and a Government pistol to their head—much in the same way that the highwayman's or procurer's victim "endorses" and "approves" when he hands over his purse or his virtue on command.

What would become of the theory of responsible government, if an administration, after a long or short term of power, could charge the people with the evil and failure of all its policies—as has been exemplified so strikingly in the condition to which British Columbia has been reduced after thirteen years of Bowserism—if such a Government, with such a record, could go back to the people and say: "You were responsible, because you endorsed us; now forget the past; let the dead past bury its dead. You approved; we must look to the future. Endorse us again!" What would become of the theory of responsible government? Nay, what would become of the theory that we are men, possessed of ordinary horse sense—and not madmen or fools?

Yes, we (the people of British Columbia) will forget the past—not quite yet, but soon! We'll remember it long enough to bring down the great axe good and hard on election day, September Fourteenth, 1916. We are also exhorted to "Let the dead past bury its dead." We'll attend to that, too. With "the dead past" we'll bury a Government that belongs to "the dead past." After that, we shall cheerfully and hopefully "look to the future," and try to forget—it will take some time to erase the marks and effects—that there ever was such a baleful and sinister influence in the life of the Province as Bowserism and the Bowser Government.

WILLIAM THE MURDERER.

When the inevitable reckoning day comes, the German outragers of all conventions of warfare and civilization—all laws human and Divine—will have a terrible score to settle and expiate. To single out one case from the welter of Teutonic murder and outrage since this war began, the world was particularly horrified by the brutal and cold-blooded killing, by the direct sanction of the German higher command, of Nurse Cavell, some six months ago, in circumstances particularly revolting and atrocious. Determined, evidently, to store up for themselves "wrath against the day of wrath," the German murder-bund, with the Kaiser at its head, have now made themselves personally responsible for another capital crime of the same sort—the recent cold-blooded murder, after mock trial, at Bruges, Belgium, of Capt. Charles Fryatt, master of the British steamship Brussels, for an alleged attempt to ram a submarine that was approaching his vessel.

Captain Fryatt, it appears, had a record dating as far back as March, 1915, for having on more than one occasion, by his courage and resourcefulness, escaped the attacks of submarines. He was finally captured, with his steamship the Brussels, by German destroyers, last month, and his murder by court martial, confirmed by the Kaiser, naturally followed. The British Government has taken a very serious view of the crime, of which all particulars are being obtained through the American Ambassador in Germany. A league, it is said, has been formed in Great Britain which demands as one of the conditions of peace that the Kaiser and his accomplices shall be put on trial for this and other murders, after the war, and executed, when found guilty.

Significant and prophetic in this connection were the words of the proclamation scattered over Berlin, last week (instead of bombs, which he might have dropped), by Marchal, the French aviator, announcing the purpose of the Allies in this war: "We are fighting for the liberty of all nations against the tyranny of military caste. *We want to punish the guilty.* We desire that such slaughter as the present shall become forever impossible, *and this end will be attained when the people of Germany possess the right to decide for themselves on peace and war.*"

Not less significant was the commentary on this aerial message, of Gustave Herve, the noted French Socialist, regarding the punishment of the guilty: "England will know how to find the kind of punishment proper for the Emperor of Germany and some of his acolytes—a punishment proportioned to the crime. In these matters, England has had experience, and we can leave all to her."

THE APPAM RESTORED.

The United States Federal Court having jurisdiction has decided the libel proceedings in the case of the captured British steamer Appam, in favor of the English owners and against the German prize crew, under Lieut. Berg, which, on Feb. 1st last, brought the vessel into neutral waters of Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Va. A prize vessel, the court decided, cannot legally be brought into neutral waters without a convoy, so the "smart" German exploit of sneaking a "prize" into a neutral port under her own steam has resulted in saving the vessel for its lawful owners.

In the words of Judge Waddil's decision: "The court's conclusion is that the manner of bringing the Appam into the waters of the United States, as well as her presence in these waters, constitutes a violation of the neutrality of the United States; that she came in without bidding or permission; that she is here in violation of law; that she is unable to leave for lack of a crew, which she cannot provide or augment without further violation of neutrality; that in her present condition she is without a lawful right to be and remain in these waters; that she, as between her capturers and owners, to all practical purposes, must be treated as abandoned and as stranded upon our shores; and that her owners are entitled to restitution of their property, which this court should award, irrespective of the prize court proceedings of the court of the Imperial Court of the German Empire; and it will be so ordered.

The Hun pirates will be sorry they allowed their cupidity to get the better of their homicidal mania, in this instance, especially, as, besides losing their "prize," their personal liberty is forfeit as internes until after the war. German Consul von Schilling, who was in court with Lieut. Berg, said an appeal doubtless would be taken. "I never dreamed," he is reported as saying, "that any grounds could be found for taking the Appam from us." A reminder that there are a lot of other German "dreams" in a fair way for drastic revision presently.

HERE AND THERE.

The refreshing oasis in the desert of war graft as disclosed by the Davidson and Meredith-Duff Royal Commissions is contained in a recent news despatch dated at Hamilton, Ont.: F. W. Baillie, manager of the Canadian Cartridge Company, has returned to the Government $750,000, the firm's profits on war orders to date. It was announced that the firm had made a million cases at cost. The money returned is to be used for patriotic purposes.

A number of German cities, says an exchange, have taken practical steps to solve the milk problem, which still is very serious in the large centres of population. Twelve of the largest Prussian municipalities have bought 75,000 goats in Switzerland. The animals have been turned over to the owners of small farms in the suburbs of the cities on condition that they deliver 70 per cent. of the milk obtained from the goats to the relief stations, where it is distributed among poor families with small children. The goats furnish 200,000 quarts of milk a day.

The Grand Forks Sun turns a very neat one on Mr. Bowser in the following: "In one of his speeches in a town west of here Premier Bowser advanced as a reason for the return of the Government the plea that the business of the Government would be carried on after the election in exactly the same manner as it is on September 13. This is exactly what the electors want to avoid. On September 13 every Government official and employee, from Premier Bowser down to the humblest road laborer, will be out electioneering. It would make a pretty state of affairs to keep this up for five years."

The Prince Rupert News, referring to a speech made recently there by Mr. T. D. Pattulo, Liberal candidate for Skeena riding, in which Prince Rupert is situated, says: Mr. Pattullo delivered a great fighting speech in which he trounced the Bowser Government for its reckless extravagance. He said it was hard to pick out any one point for attack, as in every possible manner the Bowser machine had debauched the Province. Mr. Pattullo went on to deal with Liberal plans for the reconstruction of the whole fabric of government along sane, healthy lines, particularly in regard to land settlement, mining, and fishing.

I do not think that the people of this Province want technicalities half as much as they want business legislation and business administration, nor do they want post mortems nor pessimism in British Columbia. Now, let us look to the future and to future development.—Hon. W. J. Bowser, as quoted by the admiring organs. No, for goodness' sake, in other words, exclaims the wily Mr. Bowser, turn off the searchlight from our impossible past—forget that we are dead and have to be buried—and "let us look to the future," so that we may slip in again while you have that "far-away look" on, and exploit you in the future as we have in the past.

The onlooker, it has been said, sees most of the game. Here's the way the Bowser game, in getting the soldiers' votes in England by and with the expert assistance of "Soapy" Welsh, strikes the Calgary Albertan: So the Government picked out the person as just the man to go to Britain, and, with Sir Richard McBride, take a poll of the B. C. soldiers in England and at the rest camps in France. To send a man, seemingly discredited in a public investigation, to get votes of B. C. voters in Britain and bring them back to the coast, seems rather unseemly, but doubtless the British Columbia Government has some knowledge of its doings. Mr. Dooley, at the time of the trouble preceding the Boer war, concluded: "If I were Paul Kruger, I'd give the Uitlanders votes. But I'd do the countin' of them." Bowser has given the soldiers votes, but he will do the counting of them.

Commenting editorially upon the appointment of Mayor Stewart, of Victoria, to the portfolio of Finance, the Victoria Times says: "Mr. Flumerfelt was not buried beneath an avalanche of ballots because he was personally undesirable. On the contrary, he was preeminently qualified for the post of Finance Minister, which Mr. Stewart is not in any degree. It was because he was a Bowser candidate; he was carrying the black flag of political piracy; he allowed himself to be persuaded into joining an Administration whose records and methods were an offence to the nostrils of decent people all over Canada. As a member of the Bowser Government, Mr. Stewart becomes the servitor of Mackenzie & Mann; Foley, Welch & Stewart, and those numerous other corporate concessionaries far-sighted enough to retain Mr. Bowser as their solicitor."

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A HUMILIATING CONFESSION.

We ventured the prediction, last week, that it was a safe bet the Bowser Government wouldn't add to their thefts from the Liberal platform of all the measures they are "going to the country" on at this time, by stealing also the civil service reform, abolish-patronage plank of the Liberal platform, which enables Mr. Brewster to offer positions on the civil service to returned soldiers, regardless of political affiliations—our reason for considering the bet safe being, of course, that patronage and the spoils system are the very wallowing ground of the Bowser party.

The Government organs have hastened to confirm that prediction; but it so rankles in the Bowser bosom that the Government can't steal that plank also, without alienating the whole party, that the organs, as they are bid, try to conceal the party chagrin by misrepresentation and ridicule. Some 33,000 men have already volunteered in this Province, they say, and affect to believe that Mr. Brewster offered positions in the civil service to all the returned soldiers, and make that the excuse for pouring ridicule on the proposal, in the hope of covering their own confusion at being compelled to virtually admit that the Bowser Government dare not adopt a civil service reform, abolish-patronage policy, since patronage and spoils constitute the great bond that holds the party together.

Puerile lying added to theft is, of course, an easy glide on the toboggan shute to political perdition, but it will fool nobody—least of all the voters of the Province on election day.

CHAPTER OF CALAMITIES.

The unusually wet midsummer season, all over the coast section of the Province at least, has undeniably resulted in great loss to the farmers and the community generally, by rendering hay making practically impossible, with the season almost over.

So far as physical comfort and well being are concerned, however, our condition has indeed been enviable when compared with that of the people of the eastern and middle portions of the continent, who have been prostrated, and snuffed out like flies in hundreds of instances, by a heat wave of almost unprecedented protractedness and intensity.

For months, too, the same areas have been visited by a veritable plague of that dread and all but irresistible malady, infantile paralysis, which has taken fearful toll of the young life in New York and other American cities particularly.

And, within the week, hundreds of square miles of Northern Ontario, with small towns, villages, and farmsteads, have been converted to a blackened waste by forest fires, taking the lives of half a thousand men, women and children, and leaving thousands of others homeless and suffering.

What the loss of life was by the huge explosion of five carloads of munitions stored for the Allies on Black Tom pier, on a small island in New York harbor, Sunday, is not yet accurately known—several score probably, in addition to hundreds injured, and property damages of $25,000,000 at least.

And the world war, eclipsing and overshadowing all else, we still have with us—though the tide, which set our way from the first of last month, is yet running, strong and steady, on all fronts, to ultimate complete victory for the Allied cause.

HERE AND THERE

One of the speakers at the Vancouver Conservative nomination meeting, last week, compared the Bowser Conservative machine to an old fiddle that had some good music in it yet—only wanted tuning up a bit. The point is well taken. Same old fiddle that Nero played on when Rome was burning. Nero Bowser, who has pulled every string on the ramshackle old concern, will now accompany himself in his own swan song, to the tune that Price Ellison's cow died on.

More than ordinary significance is attached to recent utterances by M. Milyokoff, leader of the democratic party in the Russian Duma, who in the course of a speech in that legislative assembly affirmed the absolute necessity to Russia of the possession of Constantinople. Since, the same statesman, in a published interview, has gone farther in affirming that, as a result of the war Great Britain must have Mesopotamia. In other words, if Russia gets Constantinople, Great Britain must get Bagdad, with all that goes with it of territory. Politically, Mesopotamia is as necessary to Great Britain as the remainder of Asia Minor is to Russia. It is necessary to her safety in both India and Egypt, and to the continuance of her control of the Suez Canal.

We have all heard of the King of France who marched his men up a hill and marched them down again. They do things better in France now-a-days. But King Bowser is the modern embodiment, with frills, of the old comic opera, picture-book potentate of nursery lore. He marched his puppets up Convention Hill and down again, with a great blare of "democratic" trumpets and of giving the people a chance to revise their general election tickets, as at Vancouver and Vernon; but, when the hippodrome performance is over, it is found that not a cog has slipped in the well geared Government machine, and the same old "tickets" which marched up Convention Hill at the head of the puppets marched down again. The people have been treated to an improving spectacular display, with the up-to-date or down-to-limit "man on horseback," in cocked hat, blue "britches," red coat, and tin sword—and that is all!

Mr. F. C. Wade, editor of the Vancouver Sun, "called" another Bowser "bluff," just a week ago to-day. The evening before, at the Conservative nomination meeting, the Premier had indulged in a characteristically cowardly indirect insinuation in reference to Scott, whom the Liberals have been trying to get back from Seattle to give evidence as to the higher-ups in the "plugging" scandal. "They ought to have F. C. Wade bring Scott back," sneered Bowser. Mr. Wade came back with this challenge in the Sun, addressed to W. J. Bowser: "If you will withdraw your warrant against Scott and go with me to Seattle, I will join you in inducing Scott to return. * * * I will pay his expenses to return, and * * * leave him with you so that you can do all in your power to back up your foul and lying insinuations. Do you accept my offer or not? If you do not, you stand before the people of British Columbia, in all your moral depravity, as a confessed liar and coward." Up to the time of going to press, W. J. Bowser was still standing where F. C. Wade left him—he'd rather be any old thing, apparently, than get Scott back.

Apropos of the Agricultural Credits Act, one of the panic-inspired purloinings from the Liberal platform which the Government campaigners and press are now claiming so much credit for, the Omineca Herald, referring to the recent visit of Ministers to the Northern country, says: "The new Minister of Agriculture told the ranchers of this district that money on the Agricultural Credits is now ready for them. He did not tell them, however, that every man who makes application for a loan must pay at least $2.50 as an application fee. He never gets it back even if his loan is refused, and neither did he say anything of the other fees to be paid if the loan is made. Hon. Mr. Manson was not honest with the ranchers." He didn't explain either, probably, that the rate was so high—between 6 and 7 per cent.—that it could hardly be considered cheap money if a loan should be obtained—compared with what might have been secured if the Government had not waited, years after they were shown the way, to the very end of their thirteen year term—when they are, so to speak, disappearing through the drop with a rope round their neck.

One of the favorite bluffs worked by Premier Bowser in his recent "surveys" of the Province, has been the brazen assertion, in face of the record, that, in three months in the Legislature, the Opposition had not found anything to the discredit of the Government. At his McBride meeting, he specified the Hannington case and claimed credit for having dismissed that official for taking $2,000 commission on the Bowser Victoria Court House site deal—one of the minor crookednesses and grafts unearthed by the Opposition. Mr. Brewster, Liberal leader, at this same place, last week, "called the bluff" of Premier Bowser in this matter, as follows: "Mr. Bowser dared not come before the committee of the House and say he did not know Mr. Hannington was getting this commission, because if he had done so, we would have produced one of the most reputable men in this Province to prove him a liar. * * * The two thousand dollars which Mr. Hannington got was a very small part of the money which passed in this connection. I intend some day to put Mr. Bowser on oath and make him tell the truth about this example of grafting."

Hon. W. R. Ross, the rejected of Fernie and carpet-bagging wooer of Prince George, would appear to have been feeling lonesome of late and to have found it difficult to keep his spirits up, except by the reverse process—which has its disadvantages. The Minister of Lands, apparently not knowing what else to do with himself, strayed into a rousing Liberal meeting, at McBride, in the Northern country, last week (perhaps old associations suggested by the name overcame him), and, when given an opportunity to speak, addressed the audience thickly as "la'ies an' gen'l'm'n." He made a rambling and very inaccurate speech, and at its close Mr. Brewster remarked that Mr. Ross had done the Liberal party good service by stepping on the platform and making such an exhibition of himself. "If that is the class of speech you are going to get from a man who poses as a coming Premier, you had better leave him at home," said Mr. Brewster. "He's a beauty all right," cried some of the audience. Similar exhibitions, it will be remembered, were given in the House during the late session by prominent Government supporters, but Mr. Ross then posed with Premier Bowser as one of the "Heavenly Twins" who had experienced sudden conversion to prohibition.

Some one has discovered that every nickel "contains enough explosive to blow a man's head off," says the New York Evening Post. This announcement is based on the fact that nickel combined with picric acid produces a powerful explosive. The purpose of the alarming announcement, comments the Post, is not entirely clear. If it is intended as a warning to let nickels alone, a number of other common substances, quite as dangerous as nickels, should be included. Dimes and quarters are even more deadly than nickels. The silver fulminate that can be made from them is one of the most irritable and destructive of explosives. The fulminate side of it comes from alcohol, so that the nickel-avoider should keep away from that, too. Cotton batting, the basis of gun-cotton, is an equally dangerous substance, as is also glycerine, because it can be made into nitro-glycerine. The nitrogen in a lamb chop, combined with the necessary carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen to make picric acid, would probably blow half a dozen men's heads off. So we can see that the common or garden variety of bravery shown by every one of us every day in the calm handling of these potentially devastating substances—potatoes and bread are almost as dangerous explosives as cotton—is something to be moderately proud of.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Just two years ago to-day—Aug. 4, 1914—since Great Britain declared war.

Besides full Liberal and Conservative tickets of six each, Vancouver has six independents and a Socialist nominated.

Mr. Walter C. Brown, of Victoria, son of M. J. C. Brown, Warden of the B. C. Penitentiary, was visiting in the city this week.

W. A. Duncan, City Clerk, is away on two weeks' holidays. His placed is filled during his absence by T. J. Thomas, assistant Clerk.

Sir Roger Casement suffered the extreme penalty of the law, by hanging, for high treason, in Pentonville jail, London, yesterday morning.

Pte William Airth, of Mission City, who passed safely through the Dardanelles expedition, is reported to have been killed in action in France.

The first annual civic picnic of Mission City will be held on August 23, when the citizens will make an excursion to Chilliwack on the river steamer Skeena.

Kev. Father Murphy, principal of St. Louis College, is at present on a trip through the Upper Country. Mr. S. J. McIsaacs, former principal, has gone to Chicago.

During the month of July there were registered locally 94 births, 22 deaths and 32 marriages. In July, 1915, the registrations were 92 births, 38 deaths and 22 marriages.

Rev. George A. Ray, now of Minneapolis, Minn., but formerly connected with St. Mary's Church and Holy Trinity Cathedral, this city, is spending a week's vacation here.

The annual Langley flower show will be held at Langley Fort, Wednesday, August 9. A comprehensive prize list has been arranged and, granted fine weather, the show promises to be a great success.

The Liberal meeting in St. Patrick's Hall, last night, addressed by Mr. D. Whiteside, Mrs. Ralph Smith, and Mr. J. W. Weart, was a well attended and successful affair. A fuller report will appear next week.

Mrs. Annie Fraser, aged 95 years, died, Sunday, at the residence of her son, Mr. Norman Fraser, Heffley Creek, near Kamloops. She was the widow of the late William Fraser, a former old-time resident of New Westminster.

The 121st Battalion (Western Irish), now at Vernon, received nouification, last week, to prepare for an early departure overseas, and significant cancellation of leave notices were posted a few days ago on the order boards of the 131st Battalion, at Vernon.

The Deutschland has got away at last on her long dive from Baltimore to Bremen—pulling out Tuesday evening and going down Chesapeake Bay, where she remained hidden the next day, making an apparently safe get-away to the open sea Wednesday night.

We'll have a Bryson in the next Legislature anyway, if our Ald. J. S. Bryson is not going this time. A brother of the worthy Alderman, Mr. J. B. Bryson, is Liberal candidate for Lillooet, and it is freely predicted that his opponent, McDonald, won't save his deposit.

Gored by a bull he was leading, Mr. H. M. Marshall, formerly of this city but now ranching near Agassiz, last week sustained a broken leg in two places and was otherwise injured. He is under medical care and will be confined to his bed for some time.

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 insure with the office that reduced your rate. Alfred W. McLeod, the Insurance Man.

We are still doing business at the old stand. If there is anything we can do for you in the plumbing, heating or sheet metal line, 'phone 586. Mannering & MacKenzie will give your needs their immediate attention.

Mr. Justice Morrison, before whom application was made for judgment by default against Attorney-General Bowser, in the matter of the Brewster writ, finally decided, yesterday, to stand the case over till after the long vacation—which means no decision till after the general election.

Acting on the suggestion of Ald. Bryson, the City Solicitors will be instructed to press the Department of the Interior at Ottawa for a reply as to the undertaking of the B. C. E. R. Co. to clear the land around Coquitlam Lake to safeguard this city's water supply. Ald. Bryson contends that this work has been only partly finished.

Pte. Andrew Fraser, son of Mrs. Isabella Fraser, 227 Regina street, has been wounded in the hand, in action at the front for the second time (his first wound, in April last, also not being serious), and has been admitted to Middlesex Military Hospital, in England. He was formerly employed in the Schaake Machine Works.

Flight Sub.-Lieut. Stanley V. Trapp, now at the front with the Royal British Aviation Service, has written his father an interesting account of a recent flight from Dover, Eng., across the Channel to headquarters in France. A fine new machine lately assigned him, he has, according to the custom of army aviators in naming their machines, christened the "Salmonbelly" and painted the name thereon.

City Market.

There was an unusually large market to-day and brisk trading, poultry being an especially heavy item, with hens selling at 14c to 17c and springs 16c to 22c. Meats were in good supply, with no changes from last week's prices. There was a good supply of eggs, at 40c retail, 34c wholesale. New potatoes held at around $1.25; peas, 8 lbs for 25c. Early apples, for first time in any quantity, sold at $1.25 per box. Small fruits same as last week, raspberries nearly out.

A Straight Fight.

The nominations for the Provincial Legislature for the general election took place all over the Province yesterday, and Liberals were nominated in every constituency but Newcastle, V. I., where Parker Williams, the Labor candidate, will have the Liberal support.

In this city there will be a straight fight—David Whiteside, Liberal, against Thos. Gifford, sr., Bowser Conservative—which practically insures the return of Whiteside, who is a very strong candidate in every way. Ald. Bryson proved himself to be too good a Liberal, not to say patriot, to allow himself to be used by the Government gamesters, who plied him to the last, to pull Bowser chestnuts out of the fire that will leave neither root nor branch of the Bowser Government rookery by September 14th.

Mr. Whiteside's nomination papers contained the names of L. B. Lusby, proposer; L. Grimmer, seconder; and E. Mercer, James Anderson, J. G. Robson, Jos. Cameron, Jas. B. Kennedy, Abram James, J. D. B. McDonald, J. Graham, Jos. Dorgan, W. T. Reid, J. H. McDonald, H. Ryall, D. D. Wilson, assenting.

Mr. Gifford's proposer was A. R. P. McDonald; seconder, W. R. Gilley; with J. A. Calbick, R. A. Braden, R. A. Stoney and others, assenting.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

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permission to sell tea and coffee at the City Market, be not granted. Adopted.

Ald. Dodd, chairman of the Police Committee, reported, recommending that the application of the Vancouver Exhibition Association for permission to string a banner across Columbia street, be granted, under supervision of the Light Committee. Adopted.

Ald. McAdam, chairman of the Health Committee, presented the report for the month of July from the Medical Health Officer on the various dairies supplying milk in the city, giving butter fat and bacteria, with the exception of Booth dairy, from which no sample was obtained. City water showed 45 bacteria per cubic centimeter. The report was adopted, with instructions that Health Officer take steps with regard to one dairy, Erickson's, that did not come up to standard of butter fat, and another, Thomasson's, that went away over the average bacteria, up to 540,000.

The Mayor reported verbally the completion by committees having the arrangements in hand of the programme for the war anniversary commemoration meeting to be held at Queen's Park on the evening of Friday, August 4th inst. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper will deliver the address, the resolution will be moved by Mr. J. C. Brown, seconded by Rev. Father Beck, Canon Hinchcliffe also to speak, and a drumhead service will be conducted by Rev. J. S. Henderson, chaplain of the 104th Regiment. Other particulars were given by His Worship, and the report, on motion, was adopted.

By-Laws.

The Shops Regulation By-law, 1916, for reconsideration.

This familiar item on the agenda—it had been considered and reconsidered for a month and was now up for reconsideration again—had evidently "got on the nerves" of some of the Aldermen—in fact, to Ald. Jardine it acted like the proverbial red rag to the bull, with the doughty Alderman in the title role; for he sprang to his feet when the hardy weekly was announced, and snapped out, like a steel trap: "I move that this by-law be reconsidered this day six months."

Ald. Eastman, also with unwonted fire in his eye, promptly seconded, and the fight was on. No one would have dreamed that such an apparently tame, prosaic subject could have released so much latent forensic dynamite.

Ald. Goulet, in sauve, diplomatic phrase, but with firm, prehensile grip, came to the rescue of the unoffending—or rather offending—by-law, thus being hustled, without benefit of clergy, to an untimely grave, and moved an amendment in lieu of the "six months' hoist," making the by-law conform to the requests of the grocers and others, extending the daily closing hour to 6:15 p.m., instead of 6:00.

This brought Ald. Eastman again to his feet, on which, in a set speech, he denounced the terrors of the Privy Council, with legal expenses as long as your arm, against any Municipal Council temerarious enough to tell any storekeeper when he should open or when he should close. It was ultra vires, also contra bonos mores, likewise distinctly non pro bono publico.

Ald. Johnston then went to bat, and, after breathing hard and looking daggers through his glasses, metaphorically but industriously knocked down the wickets of the terrors of the law, as to be interpreted by the higher courts, erected by Ald. Eastman. "O, I don't know about that," gulped Ald. Johnston belligerently. He believed we had a perfect right to pass such by-laws. Vancouver City passed even more drastic ones, and would probably get into grips with the Privy Council before we did, and save us the trouble—and expense. He thought we should make the slight concession asked by the grocers and others, and pass this by-law as it was proposed to be amended.

Ald. Jardine again rose to remark that he held no brief for anyone, but the small storekeeper who employed no labor should be allowed to keep open as long as he liked. This, which was substantially Ald. Eastman's position, was also supported by Ald. McAdam, in a few spirited remarks.

Ald. Bryson was emphatically in favor of the Council passing the by-law with the amendments asked. The great majority of the merchants wanted these regulations. There were three or four places in the city that wanted to keep open as long as they liked—they nosed out bankrupt stocks and would stay up all night for a nickel—and there were some people among the higher-ups who would purchase at these Jew places at night, but were ashamed to do so in the day time.

Ald. Jardine, whose seat is next, uprose and, squaring his shoulders at Ald. Bryson, sternly demanded what he meant? Ald. Bryson said he didn't mean him, but, if the shoe fitted, he could put it on—and the two civic senators, who are both huskies, glared high potential disaster at each other for a deep breathing space.

The spell was broken and the situation saved—and incidentally the furniture—by His Worship the Mayor, who, turning with a quizzical smile to Ald. Dodd, the only silent Solon so far, remarked: "It's up to you, Ald. Dodd, you hold the balance of power."

Thus challenged, the "Minister for Labor" quietly arose and, with a whimsical grimace, oracularly deposed: "Any man has a right to work as long as he likes, so long as he does not compel any one else to work." Continuing, Ald. Dodd expressed the view that the Council had powers delegated to it which gave it the right to pass this by-law. And, as the great majority of the merchants wanted to close at a certain time, "we are here to give the people what they want."

After Mayor Gray had remarked that there was no doubt of the city's right to enact such a by-law, the vote was taken on the "six months' hoist" resolution, which was defeated on the following division: For—Ald. Jardine, Eastman, and McAdam. Against—Ald. Bryson, Goulet, Johnston, and Dodd.

On motion of Ald. Goulet and Johnston, the by-law was then amended, on the same division, extending the time of closing for any stores that wished to 6:15 p.m.

The following clause, on motion of Ald. Goulet and Dodd, was added to the by-law as a new section: "No person shall within the city of New Westminster, on any half holiday established under the 'Weekly Half Holiday Act,' sell any goods, wares, or merahandise which he could not then have lawfully sold if such goods, wares, or merchandise had been the only goods, wares, or merchandise kept for sale in such shop, store, or place of business."

Civic Employees Request.

After some other minor business, the Council adjourned, and resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to consider again the request of the Civic Employees' Association for an extension of the half holiday, with pay, to the outside civic service, over fifty in number, which was represented by a large delegation at the Council meeting.

After hearing the delegation, and thoroughly debating the question, the Council, in committee, decided that the request could not be granted for the remainder of the year, for financial reasons—Ald. Johnston and Dodd dissenting, and holding out for a half holiday for August and September or two hours or so Saturday afternoon for the remainder of the year.

Mayor Gray, in conclusion, intimated that the Council would be open to discuss with the Association, on some future occasion, any modified proposal, based on suggestions at that meeting, which the civic employees might; after consideration, desire to submit.

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THE CITY COUNCIL.

Shops Regulation By-law Releases Aldermanic Dynamite—Civic Employees Fail to Get Saturday Half Holiday at Present.

The City Council met at the usual time and place last Monday evening, with the full Aldermanic board present and His Worship Mayor Gray in the chair. In the absence of City Clerk Duncan, Assistant Clerk Thomas, on motion, undertook the duties of the office. An unusually long list of communications were presented and dealt with, but the chief interest of the session—and it was pretty warm at times—centred round the oft reconsidered but at last finally settled Shops Regulation By-law, which divided the Council sharply three to four on the drastic "six months' hoist" resolution, moved by Ald. Jardine and supported by Ald. Eastman and McAdam, but defeated on division by Ald. Bryson, Goulet, Johnston and Dodd, with His Worship, evidently, from his remarks, on the side of the majority. Another question which evoked considerable discussion and intereat—in Committee of the Whole at the conclusion of the Council meeting—was the final consideration, and denial for the present, of the request of the Civic Employees' Association, represented by a large delegation at the meeting, for the extension of the Saturday half holiday to the outside civic service.

Communications.

From Stuart Cameron, of the Pacific Dredging Co., Ltd., re agreement to lease the tug Hero from Taylor & McLaughlin to the end of the present year. Received and filed.

From the secretary treasurer of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, enclosing copies of report of Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, solicitor; also stating that the next convention would be held at the city of Vernon, on the second Wednesday of October, and that the membership fee for each municipality for 1916 had been fixed at $50. Received and referred to Finance Committee to act.

From the assistant secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, announcing that the annual convention would be held at Montreal, on August 21-23 inst. Received and filed.

From the City Engineer, re bonds in payment of Hassam Paving Co. Received and referred to Finance Committee to act.

From H. Morey & Co., asking that news dealers and stationers be allowed to keep open until 6:15 p.m. Received and filed, matter to be dealt with in by-law.

From the general supt. B.C.E.R. Co., to the effect that, while the company would, on account of special previous arrangement, bring its tracks to grade on Sixth street, at its own cost, this was not to be taken as a precedent, but the rule the company would adhere to would be that all alterations on account of change of grade by the city should be paid for by the city. Received and filed.

From the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, asking that a representative be sent to the convention at San Diego, Cal. Received and reply to be sent that Council does not see its way to send a representative on this occasion.

From A. J. Bowell, License Inspector, asking instructions as to renewal of restaurant licenses. Granted.

From Capt. Ford, Fraser River pilot, reporting soundings between Port Mann and No. 1 buoy, etc. Referred to Harbor Committee to be taken up with Harbor Board.

From the manager of the Ewen Cannery, presenting account of $40.40 for repairing damage caused by tug Hero on the 8th of June. Received and referred to City Solicitor.

From the secretary of the Royal Columbian Hospital, enclosing accounts of James & McClughan and D. A. McDonald, for improvements to heating plant at the hospital. On motion passed for payment.

From Building Inspector, re proposed office for new automobile line at 752 Columbia st. Referred to Committee of Whole for consideration.

Faom George Small and others, petitioning to have Seventh and Belmont streets graded and macadamized. Received and filed, on motion of Ald. Jardine, who explained that provision had been made for going on with the work.

From C. Vallieres, re discharge from Light Department. Received and filed, Ald. Eastman stating that discharge had been made for cause.

Reports.

Ald. Bryson, chairman of the Finance Committee, reported, recommending that the City Solicitar be authorized to apply to the Provincial Government for a crown grant to the Penitentiary Reserve; that the Clerk advise Union of Canadian Municipalities Council cannot incur expense of being represented at convention this year; that a crown grant had been obtained for Dock Square from Provincial Government, and City Solicitors are placing a value of $10,000 upon it for registration purposes. Report adopted.

Ald. Jardine, chairman of the Board of Works, reported, recommending that application of A. Ackerman and others for sidewalk on east side of Oakland st., estimated cost $140, be granted. Adopted.

Ald. Eastman, chairman of the Light Committee, reported, recommending that an 80 c.p. lamp be installed on Victoria street, at estimated cost of $35; that application of Mrs. Phyllis Preston for light service to her house, 1929 8th avenue, estimated cost of connection $161 72, be granted, conditional on security being given that at least $16 per annum be paid for light for five years; that City Solicitors advised C. Valliere has no claim for wages. Adopted.

Ald. Johnston, chairman of the Fire Committee, reported, recommending payment of following accounts: A. Roe, $26.60; R. Curnew, $9.70; also that Fireman Watson had sufficiently recovered from injuries at recent Sapperton fire to return to work. Adopted.

Ald. Goulet, chairman of the Market Committee, reported, recommending that the application of G. A. Slaney, for

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THE LIBERAL PICNIC

Liberals of Richmond Turn Out a Thousand Strong on Saturday to Make Merry and Hear Speeches.

The Liberal picnic held at Magee Park, Point Grey, Saturday last, under the auspices of the Richmond Liberal Association, was in every way an enjoyable and successful affair. The weather was perfect, the picnic baskets, overflowed with good things, supplemented with excellent coffee and ice cream served by the ladies, the programme of sports lent variety and interest to the proceedings, and the speeches furnished the necessary "feast of reason" to improve the occasion and round out the day for the thousand happy holiday-makers present.

At the speech making part of the festivities, the chair was taken by Mr. Frank Burnett, sr., president of the Richmond Liberal Association, who followed his introductory remarks by introducing to the audience Mr. Thos. Kidd, the first member of the Legislature for Richmond riding, who gave a brief but interesting address, partly reminiscent in character.

Mr. Gerald McGeer, the popular Liberal candidate for Richmond, was then introduced. He acknowledged the honor of "following that fine old gentleman, Mr. Thomas Kidd," whose "honorable career in the Legislature of this Province" he hoped to have an opportunity to emulate. Referring to the "plugging" scandal, Mr. McGeer said. "Mr. Macdonald, and all of us, can truthfully say that we have nothing to fear from the fullest investigation, and the fullest disclosure of all the facts. Let there be an investigation before a commission of judges of the Supreme Court, with the testimony of Scott, Annance, Clancy, Monty White and all the other thugs who were brought to Victoria from Seattle and smuggled back again because they could not or would not tell a story satisfactory to Bowser. But it is not these men, but the men higher up who should be severely punished. Now it is a recognized fact that Scott was not one of the higher ups, but Scott was and is to-day the man who can throw light on who the higher ups are. Scott is the one man who can tell a story worth listening to. Now, in view of the fact that Scott is willing to return, you would suppose that the Attorney-General and Premier of this Province would do everything in his power to bring Scott back. Yet it is a fact that the one man who is preventing Scott from returning is Bowser."

Mr. Ralph Smith, who was the next speaker, said they had gathered to pay their respects to the grand old principles of Liberalism. "I have always been a party man myself," he said, "for party politics are the machinery through which those principles have to operate, but I have more faith in the principles than in the machinery. This Province wants those Liberal principles put into practice, and the Liberal candidates are believers in those principles and will carry them out. The Liberal party sometimes has its squabbles and differences. I wouldn't trust a man who always agreed with me. We have to fight out our differences in order to arrive at correct principles. The Liberals will fight out their differences. but will come together to fight the common enemy. (Cheers).

"At the Conservative convention in Vancouver, Mr. Macgowan said that the good old Tory fiddle had music in it yet, and another speaker said they were going to roll the old chariot along. But Premier Bowser wanted to forget the past. 'Let the dead past bury its dead,' Mr. Bowser said. 'It is the future we must look to.' If a man on his trial went before a judge in a court of justice with that argument, he would be sent to the penitentiary. The public realizes that there is close relation between the present Administration and the operations of the Conservative Administration for the past 13 years. I would like to know what evidence the public has that the same sloppy, useless, dangerous administration is not likely to follow if the Government is returned to office. It's the same old fiddle, patched up a little, it's true, but it needs a lot of patching yet." (Laughter).

The chairman next introduced Mr. David Whiteside, Liberal candidate for New Westminster, a. the man who was "destined to redeem the constituency of New Westminster in the coming election."

Mr. Whiteside said he had listened with much pleasure to the arguments of the speakers who had preceded him. "It's no use arguing with the Bowser machine," he said, "the only way to deal with that is by an avalanche of ballots, but in addressing such a crowd as I see before me it is necessary to use argument." Mr. Whiteside then made a brief reference to the railway situation in British Columbia. "We all thought the Canadian Northern Pacific fiasco was the worst this Province would see. We thought it was the limit and we didn't expect to see it repeated," said he, "but we find that in 1912 the Government did the same old thing again. They incorporated the Pacific Great Eastern, and copied the C. N. R. act of incorporation and we had the same old thing over again. If a lawyer went into court and said he represented both the plaintiff and the defendant, he would only last as long as it would take a sheriff's officer to reach him, but Mr. Bowser is acting for both the people and the railways at the same time." The speaker referred to the patronage system, which he said was one of the greatest evils of the day. "It is a humiliating spectacle," he said, "to see every man and woman in a town forced to bow the knee to the patronage committee. The Liberals," said he, "would abolish the patronage evil. Another thing that needed changing was the law relating to the capitalization of companies. The Government had allowed the formation of companies to remain uncontrolled, with deplorable results. There were many things that would be changed when the Liberals got into office, and they would so adjust our natural resources that every man, woman and child would find a place in our economic system." (Cheers).

Mr. J. W. Weart, Liberal candidate for South Vancouver, who was the last speaker, referred humorously to the poor old Tory fiddle, which he said had been giving out discordant notes instead of harmonies for a long time. The staunchness and uprightness of the three Liberal candidates who had preceded him on the platform that day, were in strong contrast to the candidates on the Conservative ticket in Vancouver. If elected the Conservatives would be of little use to the Province, for, as Mr. Tisdale had said, everything was settled in caucus, and when the vote was taken in the House they all voted as they were told. The very independence of character shown by the Liberal candidates is the surest guarantee that the interests of the people of British Columbia will be safe in their hands." (Cheers).

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