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## THE DOMINION TRUST CRIME.

Replying evasively to the charge preferred by Alex. I. Fisher, Liberal candidate for Fernie, during the Premier's recent tour of the Kootenays, that Bowserism was responsible for the failure of the Dominion Trust Company, with all its attendant dire consequences to thousands of confiding depositors and investors, Premier Bowser is reported by his press bureau to have said: "If I was responsible for that, when I introduced legislation allowing the company to receive deposits, I was in excellent company, for every Liberal Attorney-General in Canada did the same thing."

How characteristically Bowserian is this reply. A whining attempt to justify an offense which he cannot deny, by trying to put it on somebody else as well, coupled with a dishonest attempt to convey the impression by implication that the passing of Provincial legislation allowing the Dominion Trust Company to receive deposits constituted the sole offense charged against the Government of which Premier Bowser was Attorney-General, whereas it was only one of the lesser links in a great connected chain of wrong-doing in this deplorable matter, so far as the Government of British Columbia is concerned—a chain binding this Government, of which Attorney-General Bowser is now also Premier, irrevocably to its doom, if there were no other count in the terrible indictment against it.

Dealing first with the paltry excuse behind which Premier Bowser tried to take refuge from the consequences of his own admitted misconduct, if he were cornered, he would probably confess that the statement about "every Liberal Attorney-General in Canada" was another of his "jocular" bluffs. It is proverbially difficult to "prove a negative," and we are not in a position to assert that no Liberal Attorney-General in Canada passed legislation affecting the Dominion Trust similar to that which Attorney-General Bowser admits having introduced and passed. From our recollection, we think it possible that the two Western Canadian Provinces nearest British Columbia, which had Liberal Governments, and also the Province of Manitoba, which was under a Conservative Government, may have passed such legislation, before the Dominion Trust sought and obtained a Federal charter. One thing is certain, however, that, *after* Dominion incorporation had been obtained by the Dominion Trust, *without* the power to accept deposits, Attorney-General Bowser undertook, in the legislation which he introduced and had passed, to give the Dominion Trust the right to accept deposits in this Province—the home and chief scene of operations of the concern—when that right had been denied by the Dominion Parliament.

But that was only the beginning of an unparalleled course of malingering in this scandalous Dominion Trust matter by Attorney-General Bowser, who throughout was also senior partner of the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, solicitors for the Dominion Trust! When, under threat of Federal disallowance, the McBride-Bowser Government had subsequently to introduce legislation cancelling the power to accept deposits, wrongly granted to the Dominion Trust, the cancelling legislation was evidently purposely introduced in such an obscure way, under such a title, that it was not observed by the public (there was practically no Opposition in the House), and the Dominion Trust, of course, kept on accepting deposits after the power to do so had been covertly cancelled. Furthermore, the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge, as solicitors for the Dominion Trust, drew up a form of agreement, which was inserted loosely in depositors' pass books without their knowledge, the purport of which agreement was to relieve the Dominion Trust of the penalties of the law for receiving deposits illegally!

But even that was not all. In 1911, the McBride-Bowser Government, of which Mr. Bowser was Attorney-General then as now, introduced and passed the Trust Companies' Inspection Act, and appointed a well paid inspector under the Act, who never, so far as the public is aware, fulfilled any of the functions of the office—made any inspection or report on the standing and operations of trust companies in the Province, two of which, at least, failed, as is known, with disastrous consequences to thousands. And all this time, the Dominion Trust (Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge confidential legal advisers, with offices in the same building) ostentatiously paraded in its advertisements, evidently the better to trap investors and depositors, that it was under inspection by the Provincial Government! When Inspector Runnalls finally did give Attorney-

## "PITY THE BLIND."

The Vancouver World would probably describe itself as in the "independent" class—in reality it is a "neutral," neither one thing nor the other. In a recent issue, it paved the way for its declaration of neutrality in the present general election contest in British Columbia by putting forward a fictitious plea for guidance by a troubled elector, in these words: "I cannot decide between the political parties; one side describes itself snow-white and says the other is jet-black. One politician says another is a liar; and the party of the second part says the party of the first part is ditto. Whom am I to believe?"

If that supposititious troubled elector, who apparently realizes that he ought to exercise the franchise, but can't make up his mind as to how and for whom he ought to vote, expected any help from that "great fireside journal" and "moulder of public opinion," the Vancouver World, he was doomed to bitter disappointment. The World can't make up its own mind. In view of the humiliating confession it makes, it evidently has no mind to make up. Hear it, to its make-believe correspondent: "We sympathize heartily with our correspondent. We know the feeling so well. But it is doubtful if we have more than sympathy to offer."

The remainder of the World's remarks on the subject is not worth noticing—just a weak, floundering effort to justify its spineless, nerveless, brainless attitude toward the greatest duty that a public journal has to discharge—to give some definite enlightenment and guidance to the electorate, called upon to exercise its sovereignty in the one appointed way, in the one rarely recurring opportunity, in the government of the country. And all the World has to say, when asked for such enlightenment and guidance (even if it's correspondent is a fictitious one, the honestly uncertain and inquiring attitude of mind doubtless exists) is: "It is doubtful if we have more than sympathy to offer!"

Consider the cowardly and dishonest superficiality of such a reply, of such an attitude on the part of a public journal, presumably informed on matters of contemporary and recent political history, which throw an interpretative and resolving light upon the inevitably clashing controversies and discordant cries of a general election campaign. If one had just dropped down from Mars, or otherwise were possessed of such a blank, treacherous, or imbecile mind that he was unable to retain or co-ordinate related facts of the past constituting record or history, he might be excused for standing helpless, slack-lipped and impotent, as the World confesses itself to be, in the din of the campaign, with no clue to unravel harmony out of apparent discord and nothing to offer similarly weak-minded and afflicted ones but a pale and vacuous "sympathy."

That any ordinarily intelligent elector, let alone a professed "moulder of public opinion," should really be possessed of the utter blankness of mind that the World affects, in any general election contest, at this stage of the game, and especially a contest of such vital interest and importance to the people of the Province as the one now on, is simply unbelievable, and argues either insincerity or imbecility. If the World is really in the state of mind it pretends to be, it ought to hire a wayside seat somewhere, with an old tin can and a decrepit pup, beneath the legend "Pity the blind!" And go to the polls behind a leading string and depute the pup to make "his X mark."

General Bowser a strong hint, so late as Aug. 4, 1914, that there was something seriously wrong with the Dominion Trust, it was allowed to continue in its nefarious business of deceiving and robbing the public for nearly three months afterwards, when exposure and the crash came simultaneously with the sudden and tragic death of its manager.

Criminal negligence and the studied absence of all control in regard to the operations of incorporated companies, as a matter of deliberate Government policy—which, as Mr. Whiteside has shown, has been the policy of the McBride-Bowser Government, with a long list of infamous abuses and wrongs to its discredit—is bad enough; but, when we have, as in this Dominion Trust matter and others, proved connivance and active co-operation by the Government, amounting to a criminal conspiracy to deceive and defraud the public—words fail to adequately characterize the offense or depict the punishment due. Political opprobrium and oblivion is at once the least and the most that the people can award—and the Great Assize of the People now sits!

## HERE AND THERE.

"It looks like Tom Gifford," exclaimed the Columbian, in large type, the other night. The local Bowser organ must have had a bad advance dream of itself as head of the Bowser Government stretcher bearers searching the political battlefield with a lantern after the smoke shall have cleared away on the night of September 14th, just one week hence.

Talking about "plugging," etc., read the record on another page of the only party in British Columbia—the real old Bowser machine—that has an old and well established record for that sort of thing, and then form your own conclusions as to whether the same party should not be given the benefit of any shadow of doubt that may remain as to whether it did not engineer the latest enterprise of the sort.

It is a favorite parrot repetition of Government speakers and papers, big and little, in this campaign, that the Liberal party of British Columbia has no constructive platform or policy, though the Bowser Government, in sight of all, is desperately clinging to four stolen planks from the Liberal platform as its hoped for salvation from the rising deluge of public disapproval. On another page will be found an outline of the constructive platform based upon principles which the Provincial Liberal party has advocated for years.

It is claimed that a freshly laid egg placed in a bucketful of water will sink to the bottom; one day old will sink nearly to the bottom; two days old about half way up; three days old will float not quite at the top; four days old just touch the top; five days and six days rise a little above the top, rising a little higher as it daily grows older. With such a cheap and convenient test—available to anyone who can buy the eggs—we might almost have dispensed with the great work of the last session incubated by Lieut. MacKenzie, to wit, the Egg Marking Act.

Thus, as the autocracy of Germany made the fatal mistake of thinking that Great Britain would follow the path of least resistance, has the autocratic machine of B. C. made the same mistake with regard to our country districts.—Armstrong Advertiser. This in reply to the insulting suggestion of a writer in the Bowser press that the rural voter, on account of appropriations, road work, etc., would think twice before daring to vote against the machine. A terrible surprise is coming to the Bowser Government from the country districts, no less than from the city constituencies, on Thursday next.

If Premier Bowser were an entirely free agent (that is, not controlled by corporate and other interests inimical to the public interests), asked Mr. Donnelly, one of the Liberal candidates in Vancouver, last week, Would he have over-paid Foley, Welsh & Stewart \$7,000,000—in violation of law? Would he have loaned them another \$6,000,000 without an investigation? Would he have allowed the promoters of the P. G. E. to purloin the \$25,000,000 capital stock, the proceeds of which should have gone into the road? Would he have sent Fred. W. Welsh to England? Can we believe he would have done any of these things if he were the free agent a Premier should be?

Imagine if you can, says the Armstrong Advertiser, the state of mind of the leaders of the party who inspired the following, an extract from a long inspired article in the Vancouver Province of an August issue: "Country districts are different from city ridings in that the country electors will hesitate longer than city voters in casting a ballot against the Government. The mere fact that public works appropriations mean a good deal to the country districts in itself deters many electors who might otherwise reject the Government candidate. No country district is enthusiastic about being lined up in the Opposition camp." The Armstrong Advertiser quite properly and spiritedly resents this veiled combined intimidation and insult of the rural voter, put forward with an evident purpose through the Government press, and warns the "machine party" that it has another guess coming if it is counting on servility, cowardice, or unintelligence on the part of the man in the country. "In all their recent extensive travels through B. C.," says the Advertiser, "the machine party have been most pitifully blind to the fact that the farmer and country dweller of the present day is just as much a business man and thinker as are any of the dwellers in our cities. Well able to see clearly the issues at stake, and, if need be, put party, self, and all other considerations aside, as his sons and brothers are doing in their grand fight for the good of our fair country."

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### HOW, WHERE, WHEN, FOR WHOM.

Although The Pacific Canadian will issue again before Election Day, on the eve of that day, it will not be amiss in this number to give some information for electors as to how, where, when, and for whom to vote on Thursday next, September 14th, General Election Day.

Voting is by ballot, of course, and the hours during which the poll will be open all over the Province are from eight o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening. Polling Day is by the Election Act declared to be a public holiday, and every registered elector who is an employee must be allowed by his employer at least four consecutive hours within the time for polling, on that day.

Prohibition is also the order on Election Day, "during the whole of the day up to the closing of the poll," on a "penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and costs," for "selling, giving or providing" "at any hotel, tavern, shop, or other place," of "spirituous or fermented liquors or strong drinks."

In New Westminster City there is just one polling place, the old Court House, entrance from Carnarvon street, which is being fixed up by Returning Officer MacKenzie with the necessary number of booths,



**DAVID WHITESIDE**

Liberal Candidate for New Westminster

alphabetically arranged and marked.

In the neighboring riding of Delta, Edmund T. Wade, R. R. No. 1, Cloverdale, Returning Officer, there are thirty-five polling divisions throughout the riding. Dewdney riding, which is also contiguous to this city, J. A. Catherwood, Mission City, Returning Officer, has, we are informed, twenty-five polling divisions. Full information regarding these should be posted throughout the ridings, and the same with regard to Chilliwack, Richmond, and South Vancouver-Burnaby ridings, and elsewhere.

All the preliminaries settled, the question of prime importance for the elector is: For whom to vote? Other things being anywhere nearly equal, this is not and should not be a personal question, but rather an inquiry that goes behind the candidate to what he represents, what he stands for. The Government of British Columbia (formerly the McBride-Bowser, now known as the Bowser, Government) is, in the strict sense of the term, on trial, on the defense, for its life, and on the dark record of thirteen years of power by which to judge it. That is really the issue, from which the electors should not for a moment allow themselves to be diverted—desperately as the effort is being made to divert them by the raising of all sorts of side, secondary, and relatively insignificant issues.

But you can only get at the Government through the candidates it has put forward—who avowedly wear the Government livery and tell you even more by their records than by their words that they will give that Government the same blind and slavish support in the future that they have in the past. Every can-

didate who accepts nomination and stands in this election as a Government candidate, by that act accepts responsibility for all the record of the Government and is on trial with it, and this is especially so in the case of the candidates for this city, Delta, and Dewdney, Mr. Thos. Gifford, Lieut. F. J. MacKenzie, and Mr. W. J. Manson, whose franchises as members of the Legislature have been absolutely controlled by the present and late Government for years.

As opponents of these gentlemen—full partners in all the black record of the McBride-Bowser and Bowser Governments for years—we have three Liberal candidates—Messrs. David Whiteside, A. D. Patterson, and John Oliver—much more than the peers, in every particular of personal qualification and fitness, than the Bowser candidates mentioned, and every elector, we submit, who is sincerely desirous of voting in the best interests of his constituency and the Province will have no hesitation in marking his ballot (of which the following is only a general resemblance, the space for the X being a circle) thus:

CITY OF NEW WESTMINSTER	
GIFFORD, THOMAS Watchmaker	X
WHITESIDE, DAVID Barrister	X
RIDING OF DELTA	
MACKENZIE, F. J. Druggist	X
PATTERSON, A. D. Farmer	X
RIDING OF DEWDNEY	
MANSON, W. J. Gentleman	X
OLIVER, JOHN Farmer	X

As E. D. Barrow, J. W. Weart, and G. G. McGeer are the Liberal candidates for Chilliwack, South Vancouver, and Richmond, they too, as well as the Liberal candidates generally throughout the Province, will have the potent X placed opposite their names in the ballot by every elector in their respective ridings who rightly prefers to entrust Mr. Brewster and his colleagues with the Government of the country than to risk another term of Bowser misrule.

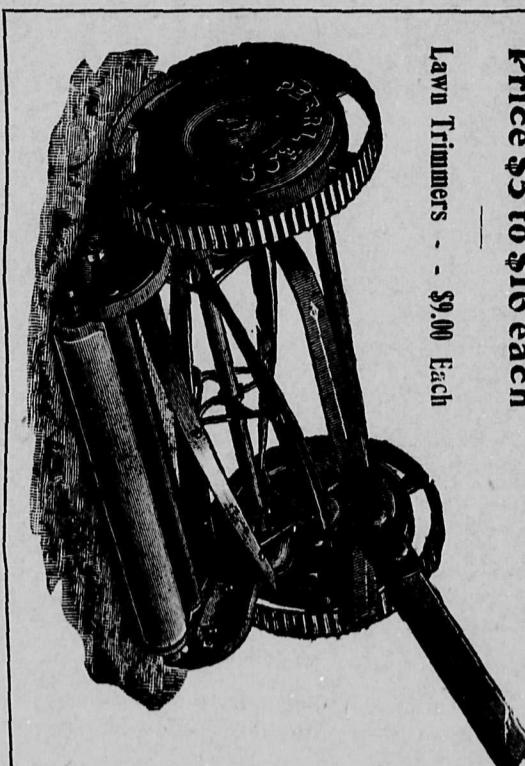
### THE BOWSER MEETING.

Owing to space being so nearly filled before the Bowser meeting, last night, we can only just notice it here. Passing over the other speakers altogether, Premier Bowser's speech was more significant for its eloquent silences than for its utterances: Not a word about the Dominion Trust crime; the P. G. E. \$7,000,000 illegal hand out; the prostitution of Attorney-General's office by acting as solicitor as well for all the great greedy corporations getting everything they ask from the Government; not a word about the colossal deficits and the reckless piling up of the costs of Government. On the other hand, the most unworthy and shallow misrepresentation of the Liberal leader and party, and in relation to their platform, and of Mr. Macdonald in regard to the "plugging," which it would take a column or two to properly expose. It is an impertinence to the public taking up so much time discussing this mere side issue at the best, when compared with thirteen years of every political crime in the calendar, including "plugging," by the Bowser party; but electors now owe it to themselves to hear the other side, on Saturday and Wednesday evenings next, at the Opera House.

### HERE AND THERE

Mr. Joseph Martin, in one of his interviews with the Canadian press on his return from England, recently, gave this interesting and true to life side-light on Sir Sam Hughes' notorious self-advertising proclivity: "Just before I left, Sir Sam arrived in England, and, though many of the men stationed at Bramshott camp were on their last leave, and were spending that leave in London, they were immediately called back to camp for a ceremonial inspection. I never heard such grumbling and kicking. The men were nearly riotous, and any that I spoke to very bitter, feeling that this was nothing else but a big scheme for publicity for Sam." Sir Sam's deserved bad odor among the soldiers (he has been nearly mobbed at soldiers' camps in Canada) is not going to get votes for Bowser; but then "Soapy" Welsh can fix 'em.

"The largest meeting ever held in Lytton," is the description by the Province news correspondent of a recent political meeting held at that place, addressed by Mr. Joseph Walters, Liberal candidate for Yale riding, and Mr. Ralph Smith, one of the Liberal candidates for Vancouver. A typical incident of this campaign occurred at this meeting, which is thus described



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by the Province correspondent: "Rev. Mr. Dawson, of the Anglican church, who was one of the delegates to the Conservative convention, presided, and explained that he had turned over in his political allegiance as a protest against the manipulations of Mr. Alexander Lucas at the convention, and the unsatisfactory interview with the Government over the irrigation system for the district. Rev. Dr. Dawson urged the audience to follow suit and oppose the Government as a protest against tyrannous methods."

The discovery by the Canadian Arctic expedition, headed by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, of a great field of native copper in the vicinity of Copper Mine River, in the neighborhood of Prince Albert Island, will prove of great value to the business world, says Dr. Chester A. Reeds, of the American Museum of Natural History. Dr. Reeds believes also that it will afford scientists an opportunity for displaying their ingenuity in finding an outlet from a region that is still unopened in a commercial sense. The work of the party, which arrived in Nome, Alaska, about the middle of last month, is expected to prove valuable in determining the direction of winds and the movement of tides in the Polar region. Dr. Reeds said this work might go a long way to prove or disprove the theory that an unknown continent exists in the great unexplored region north of Alaska and west and north-west of Greenland.

Bowser's "getting it coming and going," as Brewster would say. Col. T. O. Townley, one of the independent Conservatives in Vancouver, paid his compliments to "the machine," at a recent meeting. The outstanding reason for his seeking election, he said, was a protest against machine politics and Order-in-Council Government, and added: "Under the fostering protection of Bowserism the Conservative machine had become a political cancer and the time to apply the surgeon's knife was now. The whole country was honeycombed with paid servants of the Government nominally to fulfill certain duties but in reality to act as Bowser spies and heelers. Patronage controlled every dollar of public expenditure and a huge fund had been amassed to corrupt the electorate. Party politics had gone mad. The first and pressing duty was to smash the machine and send men to Victoria who could not be controlled by the party whip."

**LOCAL AND GENERAL POLITICAL MEETINGS**

Boost for Brewster and beat Bowser on September 14th, Thursday next.

During August a total of fifty-one cases were dealt with in the city Police Court, of which over one-third were charges of drunkenness.

Mr. C. J. Smith, son of the late ex-Ald. J. Carter Smith, has joined the motor boat patrol service and is now undergoing preliminary training in Vancouver for overseas service.

A number of Japanese fishermen were fined \$10 and costs each in the District Court on Saturday, by Magistrate Clute for fishing with nets longer than allowed by the law. Their gear was confiscated.

The Conservative Association of Matsqui, at a recent meeting, decided unanimously to support Barrow, the Brewster candidate, instead of Macken, the Bowser nominee. This is an absolute fact, remarkable as it may appear.

The fire brigade was called, Tuesday afternoon, to the premises of the Sun Kum Wo Company in Chinatown. The roof was completely destroyed as well as an upper storey, which appeared to be filled mostly with junk, while water damaged the stock in the store.

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.

Mrs. Frances Axtell, for two years a member of the Washington State Legislature, will speak at the women's suffrage meeting in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, next Monday evening. This evening Mrs. Agnes Wiggin and Mr. W. Martin will speak at St. Aiden's Church, Burnaby.

People from the district south of the river who may wish to attend the big Liberal meeting in the Opera House, Saturday night, will be interested to note that a B. C. Electric train leaves the New Westminster station five minutes after midnight Saturday, going as far as Jardine, which will give every one en route a chance to get home right after the meeting.

Evidently crazed with drink, an Indian tried to throw himself into the Fraser, here, Monday, and was only saved from self-destruction by Constable Armstrong, who subdued the man after a hard struggle. The Indian was chasing a white man when the officer interfered, and the Indian then turned to the river. An effort is being made to ascertain where he secured his liquor.

Though Friday is the usual day of publication, The Pacific Canadian is issued this week on Thursday and will be published next week on Wednesday, the day before Election Day. This change is made so that its several thousand readers in City and District—covering four constituencies and part of another—will have the advantage of two issues before Election Day, instead of one.

Mr. F. C. Wade, K. C., editor of the Sun, has entered action against the News-Advertiser, its proprietor, editor, etc., for libel, claiming \$10,000 damages. Mr. Wade is not a candidate or in any way personally connected with the election, but the News-Advertiser has been industriously libelling him, following the lead of Premier Bowser himself, in the hope of making Bowser appear less black.

City schools reopened Monday for the commencement of the autumn term, with a large attendance at both public and High schools. Beginners' classes for children six years of age, or who will be six years old by the end of September were opened in the various public schools. Vacation was this year extended one week on account of the prevalence of measles and whooping cough among the children.

The results of another conference between the Harbor Committee and the Vulcan Ironworks have been laid before the Council in committee and the rental for the lease of a portion of the new market has been agreed upon. The Vulcan Ironworks are pressing for a definite decision by Sept. 20, Mr. J. R. Duncan having intimated that the plant will be removed to Vancouver unless satisfactory terms are arranged by them.

T. O. Townley, one of the two independent Conservative candidates in Vancouver, has withdrawn from the contest. In a published statement, he says his only object is to beat the Bowser machine, and he has concluded, after hearing Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and discussing the situation with Mr. Geo. H. Cowan, ex-M. P., and other prominent anti-Bowser Conservatives of Vancouver, that the best way to beat Bowser is to back Brewster.

**TRAPPED AND BURNED TO DEATH.**

Philip John Thrussel, of South Westminster, employed as engineer in the boiler room of the Iowa Lumber Co. at Sapperton, was burned to death in the fuel bin of the plant, on Sunday afternoon. He had gone into the fuel bin to shovel fuel, and is believed to have been trapped there by the smoke and fire. The charred remains were washed out of the burning sawdust by water from the hose of the Fire Department.

The fire started about 1:45 on Sunday, and by the time the brigade arrived the boiler room and fuel bin were a mass of flames. Almost at once Thrussel was missed, but efforts to rescue him were frustrated by the intense heat and smoke.

The boiler room is connected with the fuel bin by a ladder and a hole in the floor. It is believed the unfortunate man had gone into the fuel bin to shovel sawdust to make it run more freely. While he was there the fire started, and he was caught in a death trap.

At an inquest held Monday by Coroner Dr. Walker, the jury returned a verdict of death due to suffocation and burning. They added a rider that in their opinion it was dangerous for the fuel bin to be connected with the furnace by direct heat. Thrussel was 36 years of age, single, and a native of England.

**Two Great Liberal Meetings in Opera House—Saturday, Sept. 9, and Wednesday, Sept. 13—Other Meetings.**

This is a busy week in the political arena, and the first half of next week will be like unto it—culminating on Election Day, Thursday, Sept. 14.

The great meeting of this week (Bowser's, like his Government, is now a back number) will be staged in the Opera House, Saturday evening next, Sept. 9, at 8 o'clock, when H. C. Brewster, the Liberal leader, and M. A. Macdonald, the Bowser machine smasher, together with David Whiteside, the Liberal standard bearer for New Westminster, will be heard from the same platform—a programme that ought to give every one his money's worth.

On Wednesday evening next, Sept. 13, election eve, the Liberals will again hold the boards at the Opera House, when Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, the great independent Conservative, will tell what he thinks and knows about the Bowser Government. No one should miss it. Mr. Whiteside will also have a final opportunity before polling day, at this meeting, to address the electors.

Not a few district electors, it is known, will take advantage of the opportunity afforded by these meetings to hear these leading speakers on the Liberal side. Although arrangements had not been completed when the Pacific Canadian was printed, it is expected that the important question of Woman Suffrage will be dealt with by one of the well known woman orators at one or both meetings.

Besides these star events, there will be a Liberal rally in the Liberal Club Rooms, Westminster Trust Building, this (Thursday) evening, Sept. 7, to be addressed by Mr. Whiteside and others, and a public meeting under Liberal auspices in St. Barnabas' Hall, West End, to-morrow (Friday) evening, the 8th inst., at which Mr. Whiteside will speak. Mr. Ralph Smith, one of the Liberal candidates for Vancouver, will speak at one of these meetings.

There will be a rousing Liberal meeting at Chilliwack, in the interest of Mr. E. D. Barrow, Liberal candidate, on Monday evening, the 11th inst., at which both Mr. Brewster and Mr. Macdonald will speak, besides the candidate. Tuesday evening, Sept. 12, the Victoria Theatre, Mission City, will be the scene of the star meeting in Dewdney Riding, which will be addressed by H. C. Brewster, Liberal leader, M. A. Macdonald, and John Oliver, the Liberal candidate for the riding.

**INFANTILE PARALYSIS AT KAMLOOPS.**

Kamloops reports a case of the dreaded infantile paralysis, the doctors being agreed that the death of the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ross, on Sunday last, was caused by that disease.

The case is a very peculiar one, and the attending physicians are at a loss to know how the lad acquired the infection. The little fellow, who is a grandson of Mr. Mitchell, manager in Kamloops for E. G. Prior & Co., came to town on Friday from a farm where the family had been holidaying. Saturday morning he staggered when walking across the kitchen floor, and within a few minutes he was unable to stand. The paralysis progressed until in a few hours all he could do was weakly shake his head. Then unconsciousness supervened, and on Sunday he died.

Rigid quarantine of the household, which included a young couple on their honeymoon, was carried out. Schools will remain closed, and any assembly of children in any public place is positively forbidden, while every feasible preventive measure has been taken by the civic authorities to limit the outbreak.

**TWO ROUSING MEETINGS.**

Mr. David Whiteside held a very successful meeting in the Strand Hotel, Queensboro, Lulu Island, Tuesday night. The attendance was good and the meeting evidently heartily in sympathy with the Liberal candidate, whose vigorous and pointed address was listened to with the utmost attention. Mr. B. Mercer, proprietor of the Star Shipyards, acted as chairman, and addresses were also delivered by A. Hardman, in favor of the woman suffrage referendum, and Mr. L. B. Lushby, Liberal campaign manager, in the interest of the Liberal candidate and the cause generally.

At the conclusion, Mr. A. Sprice, postmaster and storekeeper of Queensboro, moved a vote of thanks to the speakers, which was warmly endorsed by the audience.

The same evening (Tuesday last), Mr. John Oliver, Liberal candidate for Dewdney, had one of the most enthusiastic meetings of his campaign at Milliardville, near Fraser Mills. The whole town turned out, and cheered to the echo the forcible and inspiring addresses of Mr. Oliver and of Mr. Donald Downie, Vancouver, the latter of whom spoke in French. Mailliardville—and there is a good big vote there—will go practically solid for the Liberal candidate on general principles. Besides, the intelligent electors of that precinct do not forget that the Government disfranchised them wholesale by a trick, a little over four years ago. They have the vote now, and will put it where it will do the most good.

Premier Bowser might have given a few particulars, while he was about it, about that "carpet" scandal against his Government, which he impudently and foolishly referred to, last night, as a plan in the Brewster platform. Nail in the Bowser coffin would hit it off better. \$1,700 to a good Government supporter in Victoria, Spencer, for the use of some nice carpeting for a few days for a royal reception, though much more than the carpet bought outright was worth, is a small thing, of course, beside the big Bowser steals and deals, but it illustrates admirably.

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**THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**Short Session Last Thursday on Account of Monday Being Labor Day.**

On account of the regular Council meeting night falling on Labor Day this week, the City Fathers foregathered instead on Thursday afternoon last, when they held a short meeting, at which not a great deal of business was done.

Formal application was received from Mr. Henry Schaake, for a lease of a portion of the Tenth street waterfront site, for fitting up a modern machine, pattern and boiler shop, to cost \$20,000, with plant \$50,000 additional; to employ about 100 hands, mostly skilled. The application was referred to the Harbor Committee.

At a session of the Harbor Committee later in the afternoon, a tentative plan showing a location for the Vulcan Ironworks' proposed plant was submitted and discussed.

A communication was read in open Council from the Board of Investigation under the Water Rights Act pointing out that the city of New Westminster had never filed a statement of its claims to water rights on Coquitlam Lake.

As the city has been in enjoyment of these rights for probably twenty-five years, it surprised some of the Aldermen that there should be any necessity of submitting a statement of claim. It was decided to refer the matter to the Water and Finance Committees to report.

The Shops Regulation By-law No. 2 was passed and will come up for reconsideration at the next meeting. This measure is practically the same as the last one, with the exception that it exempts such goods as fruit, confectionery, ice cream and soft drinks, and photographic supplies from the closing hour provisions.

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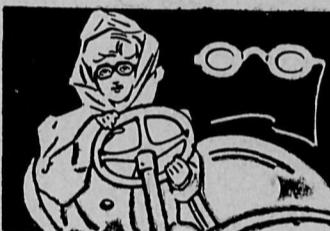
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The Treasurer was authorized to accept the Brunette Sawmill Company's cheque for arrears of water lots rental at the old rate, and an adjustment will be made on a new lease.

**Keep the Sheet Clean.**

Electors of British Columbia, you have a new and clean sheet to write upon on Thursday next, 14th. Don't allow anything old or dirty upon it. Give the country a fresh start! With a new, not a patched up, Government; a new treatment of the liquor evil, prohibition, as far as it goes—you can get more later, if you want to; and a new electorate, through woman suffrage. You can vote twice for woman suffrage—by voting for the Liberal party, who will give it anyway, and for the referendum on general principles.

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## THE LIBERAL PLATFORM

## SAME OLD MACHINE.

**Outline of Principles and Constructive Policy of the Provincial Liberal Party of British Columbia.**

With a fatuity that is phenomenal, though quite in keeping with the erratic and irresponsible course pursued generally in their campaign, the Bowser Government speakers and papers have developed the vicious and senseless habit of flying right in the face of the well-known facts of the case by asserting that the Liberals have no constructive policy—nothing but destructive criticism of the Government—when it is notorious that the Government owes to the Liberal platform the very planks (Workmen's Compensation, Agricultural Credits, Restoration of Alienated Lands unpaid for, and Referendum on Prohibition) by means of which, with the aid of its "plugging" conspiracy, it hopes to make the people forget it's long, worse than misspent past and give it a renewed lease of power.

Here are four very clean-cut planks of the Liberal platform, which have been before the public for years, and which, though in Opposition, and a numerically insignificant Opposition at that, the Liberals have compelled the Government, after being chastised in the by-elections, and confronted with a general election, to adopt, and in a manner enact.

Mr. David Whiteside, member to be for New Westminster, touched on three other planks, in his address at Sapperton, last week—two of them at least of first class and most vital importance, as he abundantly showed, to wit: The Abolishing of the Patronage System, and Strict Control of the Capitalization of Incorporated Companies. The third, while more in the nature of a departmental reform—making the Auditor-General an officer independent of the Government—was of very considerable importance, when contrasted with the present farcical situation, as was shown.

Mr. John Oliver, in the course of his speech at the same meeting, mentioned and to some extent elaborated on no less than six other planks or features of the Liberal platform: Sane and Economical, as opposed to wildly extravagant and wasteful, Financial Administration; Promotion of Production, instead of wildcat exploitation and "giving the speculator a chance"; Equal Suffrage to Men and Women, regardless of the result of the uncalled for referendum on that question; a Clean Election Law, making "plugging" impossible, which the Government refused to pass at the last session when introduced by Mr. Brewster, for significant reasons best known to themselves; Direct Legislation, the Referendum, and Recall, giving the people a direct voice in legislation at any time they might choose to exercise it; and Proportional Representation, by means of which every political party would have representation in the Legislature exactly according to its numerical strength, instead of the present anomalous situation which lent itself to manipulation so that a party having a decided minority of the popular vote might control the Legislature and dictate the policy of the country.

There we have no less than thirteen clearly defined and distinct lines of constructive policy enunciated and elaborated by the Liberals, based upon approved principles which they have maintained and advocated for years, in party conventions, in political campaigns, through the Liberal press, and on the floor of the House—though denied but an insignificant representation there, owing to the too great success with which an unscrupulous Government patronage machine manipulated the constituents during the times of the speculative frenzy and blindness, sedulously fostered by the Government, but now happily ended, the scales having fallen from the eyes of the long deceived people, who can no longer be led by the nose by the misrepresentations and falsehoods that availed in the past.

But the important and vital features of the Liberal policy above referred to by no means exhaust the constructive planks of the Liberal platform, every one of which directly controverts and impeaches the entire practice and record of the present Government and its immediate predecessor, of which the present Government is but the continuation. To summarize, as space compels, a few other leading lines: Free Homesteads for Actual Settlers—no land for speculators; and in connection with the land policy, Advances to Settlers on easy terms to assist in clearing, dyking, irrigation, and other permanent improvements; also surveys and all necessary information to be made easily available to the public. Effective Control by the Government of the Railways, instead of the reverse. In this connection, a thorough investigation of the reckless and criminal misappropriation of public moneys to certain railways as a condition precedent to further expenditure in the completion of necessary railway lines. Also seeking Federal aid to partly relieve Province from fearful guarantee burdens imposed. Further Alienation of Timber Lands to Speculators to be stopped. Public Protection in Respect to Price of Coal, by Government operation of coal mines if necessary. Educational Reform, in the direction of the extension of practical education and eliminating political partisanship from the Education Department. Under Taxation, the exemption of improvements on all lands paying taxes to the Provincial Government. Increased stringency in Immigration Laws to Exclude Orientals; Extension of Municipal Powers; Public Ownership of Utilities; Protection of Water Supply; and Non-Partisan Civil Service.

And yet we are told, by the big Government speakers and press and all the little echoes, with a hardly disregard of the truth that amounts to fool-hardiness, that the Liberal party has no constructive policy—that it has nothing to offer the electors but destructive criticism of the Bowser Government! Verily, whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad.

**That Price-Love Correspondence, Showing Conservative Machines of Victoria and Vancouver in Reciprocal Action.**

The following correspondence between Victor H. Love, secretary of the Vancouver Conservative Association, and W. H. Price (the notorious "Harry Price"), secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association, has been published frequently since, unfortunately for the high corresponding parties and their political associations, it became public property; but Pacific Canadian readers have not had opportunity of perusing it through this medium, which is sufficient justification for reproducing it here.

Though the characteristic political "work" naively revealed in this correspondence was pulled off in connection with the last Dominion general election, in 1911, the machinists, the machine, the methods bear a striking and suspicious resemblance, even to the "\$10 per," to the recent crooked election performances in connection with the Vancouver by-election, with which Bowserism is so inextricably linked up, notwithstanding its hypocritical affectation of innocence and impudent attempt to fasten the familiar dirty work upon others.

In this connection, it is more than significant to note, apropos of that particular species of dirty political work known as "plugging," that, well before the recent by-elections, the party in this Province represented by the Bowser Government was convicted of that political crime. It was committed at Cranbrook, in 1909, on behalf of the McBride-Bowser candidate, T. D. Caven, for whom one man, Ben Teed, voted seven times. It was done on a larger scale at Fernie, on behalf of "Hon." W. R. Ross, now a fugitive trying for a seat in Fort George. The arch "plugger" there, one Tom Whelan, "took sanctuary" before a "friendly" J. P., who let him off with a fine, when he should have been sent to jail, and thus the ends of justice were defeated.

If any doubts remain to be cleared up in regard to the Vancouver "plugging," the great preponderance of evidence and incriminating circumstances before and since, and all the presumptive probability in the case, point unerringly to the proved pastmasters in that sort of political work in the Province—the Bowser Government and party, as the culprits.

Here is the famous (infamous) Price-Love correspondence referred to, showing the Vancouver and Victoria branches of essentially the Bowser Conservative machine in loving accord in reciprocal action. (The \$10, same figure the Vancouver "pluggers" say they got, it will be perceived, was over and above traveling expenses—straight bribery):

Victoria Conservative Club,  
Victoria, October 6, 1911.  
Re Dominion Election, Sept. 11, 1911.  
Victor H. Love,  
Secretary Vancouver Conservative  
Association,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4, and like yourself, regret very much that any misunderstanding should have taken place in reference to Vancouver voters in Victoria. In reference to the amount we furnished:

53 men tickets at \$3.50

10 men tickets at \$2.70

22 berth money at \$1.00.

The above amounts to \$34.50. WE HAVE ALSO ADVANCED TO YOUR MEN THE AMOUNT WE ADVISED THEM THEY WOULD RECEIVE. SAME BEING, VIZ: \$10 each, this being \$70, and some fifteen men are persistently around the headquarters here demanding same amount.

In squaring up we would like to get a LIST OF THE MEN PAID BY YOURSELF, so that in settling up we shall not be called upon to pay over the amount thought necessary. A number have mentioned that they were going to write you demanding their expenses, and if this has been done kindly advise me.

It has been most unpleasant for us, a number of these men calling at my residence every evening when they could not locate me at the office.

However, I trust that we will be able to settle everything satisfactorily, and keep the members of the party in good humor.

With kind regards, I am,  
Yours respectfully,  
W. H. PRICE.

Vancouver Conservative Club,  
570 Granville Street,  
Vancouver, January 31, 1912.

W. H. Price,  
Honorary Secretary, Victoria Conservative Association, Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mr. Price,—

I enclose herewith my cheque for \$304.50, being amount of your claim against us for transportation of passengers.

I attach hereto your statement and payment is made according to same. If you examine your statement, you will find that where you have \$234.50, you added it \$340.00. By adding \$50.00 you get the amount covered by the cheque.

I regret that this matter has been allowed to stand over so long, but I have reason to hope that this settlement will be satisfactory to you and your association, and that the good feelings that have always existed between the two organizations will continue.

Yours truly,  
VICTOR H. LOVE,  
Assistant Secretary.  
Kindly return receipt and oblige.  
—V.H.L.

Mr. J. W. Weart, Liberal candidate for South Vancouver, has announced his intention of taking action for slander against his Bowser opponent in the riding, Rev. Mr. Boultton, who has been canvassing for votes with the argument that Mr. Weart "was a drunkard." A written apology is the only thing that will save the reverend libeller.

## Serious Collision on P.G.E.

Twenty holidays were injured, seven so seriously that they had to be removed to Harbor View Sanitarium, North Vancouver, when a head-on collision occurred at West Bay, two and a half miles west of West Vancouver, between two Pacific Great Eastern trains at 12.55 Monday afternoon. The accident is attributed by P. G. E. officials to a misunderstanding of orders by the crew of train No. 19, which crashed at full speed into train No. 22, the engines of both trains being badly damaged in the smash. All the injured were passengers with the exception of the engineer of No. 19, who sustained a sprained ankle when he with his fireman jumped for life when they saw that a collision was inevitable.

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Schram Tops, doz..... 25c  
Macaroni, 3 pkgs..... 25c  
Sewing Machine Oil, large tin..... 15c  
Skookum Furniture Polish, bottle..... 25c, 50c, and 75c  
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