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ALL SIDES AIR THEIR POLITICAL ARGUMENTS

Mr. Wolley, Liberal-Conservative Candidate, Tells Why His Is Apposed to the Laurier Government

W. W. B. Mc Innes and Socialist Accept Invitation To Speak on Their Sides of the Question

It was a large and well conducted gathering that attended the Liberal-Conservative meeting in the Opera house last night. Besides the speech of Mr. Clive Phillips Wolley, the candidate for the party, and of Mr. A. Haslam, of Nanaimo, in his support, Mr. H. McKinney for the Socialists and Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, for the Liberals, accepted the invitation of the chairman, Mr. F. W. Grieves, to take seats on the platform and speak for their respective parties. As a result there was a somewhat lively exchange between Mr. Wolley and Mr. McInnes, but all in good nature that amused the audience mightily.

Mr. Wolley, the Liberal-Conservative candidate, was the first to be called upon to speak and as preface said he wished to present an argument addressed to the reason of the electors. They had heard a lot about the magnificent surplus rolled up by the Liberals, but he wanted to point out the miserable debt with which the country was confronted by the action of that party. He was prepared to prove that a surplus was not always a credit to the finances, but often a sign of incapacity. The first plank in his platform was better terms for British Columbia. Mr. Smith had called this a red herring across the trail, but Mr. Borden, the Conservative leader, took a different view of the subject. He read a communication from that gentleman to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, saying that if his party were elected, the demands of British Columbia would be seriously considered and relief would be granted if the case warranted it. The terms of union he compared to a bargain between a father and half a dozen sons, dividing up the management of the peoperty between them, the father taking the place of the federal authority, the sons giving enough to carry out the management of the home, etc. If the father found himself in possession of a greater amount of money than was required for the things he agreed to do, was he to keep the surplus to give drinks to his friends on, or should he refund the surplus to his sons? Suppose one of the sons was away out in the mountains like British Columbia, and before he knew of the dificulties to contend with, made bad terms, was he to have no redress? For the past three years British Columbia was in that position. The province had asked for a commission composed of three men one from the province, one from the Dominion and one by the Imperial government to examine into her claims. British Columbia's offer was fair but it had never been taken notice of. By sending another Liberal government to Ottawa, it meant that British Columbia backed up a government that would not regard her claims. In alluding to the cost of bridges and roads in British Columbia it was four times greater than any other part of the Dominion. The cost of other great sources of outlay in administrations was far greater than in other provinces. This was due to the way the province was broken up by mountains. Under these circumstances British Columbia said to the Dominion that she had either to get more help or increase the taxes. The provincial government had raised the taxes 50 per cent. a year, because of the trouble to make both ends meet. Under present conditions British Columbia paid back to the Dominion three times the proportion of the other provinces and all they asked for was fair play. As to the Liberal surplus, it was the result of bad management in the balancing of revenue and expenditure. It was curious that though there was this surplus the national debt still went on increasing. In regard to the railway question he submitted it was a question whether they should have a railway built, nine-tenths paid for by the people and owned by a company, or a railway built, owned and run by the people. The whole stoey was one of cinching the West, who could not support the government with votes in order to give benefits to the people in the east where the votes were. The most of the officials in the Yukon were nearly all brought from the east instead of giving the places to Western men who knew how to manage such a country. Another plank in his platform was the cleansing of the Yukon. The maladministration today was almost as bad as it was years ago when Sir Hibbert Tupper asked for a commission of judges of the country to make enquiry and offered if he failed to prove the case, to lay down every honor he had received and retire from public life. But the government would not take up the gage. The Liberals had taken credit for all the prosperity of the country, but they were only reaping the harvest the Conservatives had planted. As for the Yukon, did the Liberals place that gold in the ground or did they put it in the right pockets now? These were the principal planks in his platform and he would not pay a little attention to Ralph Smith. That gentleman was too elusive. First he was an Independent, Liberal, Labor leader. He had some difficulty in knowing now just what Mr. Smith was. On the anti-Mongolian law Mr. Smith was too elusive. That gentleman had said he did not support the amendment proposed to the G. T. P. because it did not go far enough and because he was going to vote for a more inclusive one. In 1896 Sir Wilfrid Laurier called the U.S. anti-alien labor law a blot on the statutes of that country. This showed the spirit of the leader of the Liberal party. When the alien labor bill was going through the Commons Sir Louis Davies another of the Liberal government, said he had not much sympaphy with it. Even when it was passed, it was not enforced. The bill which Mr. Smith was going to support was brought in at the end of the session mutilated in the House and killed by the Grit Senate. Mr. Wolley remarked that for himself, they all knew how he stood on the Chinese question. He wanted this a whiteman's country, not a Chinese one. Mr. Smith had said he had opposed the Treadgold concession; but he found in the Herald, Mr. Smith's own paper, a statement saying the Treadgold concession was not such a bad thing for the country. "For heaven's sake pin that man to something" said Mr. Wolley. Mr. Smith did not carry out the mandate of his constituency in regard to the government ownership Mr. Wolley maintained in the concluding part of his speech. He received quite a hearty applause as he sat down.

Mr. H. McKinney, who came next, at once entered into the arguments of the Socialists, asking if the workmen could call themselves free sons of toil under the present conditions of society. He drew in impassioned language a picture of overflowing storehouses and of machinery invented by the ingenuity of men, but the worker was not allowed to enjoy the fruits of his labor by the aggregations of capital that gobbled up this wealth. It was a golden calf that the Christain world adored. Not till Socialism was triumphant would the wants of all be satisfied. They had nothing to hope from the old parties, but should elect Mr. Fenton to champion their cause.

W. W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., was received with great applause. There must be reason other than those given in the Conservative press and in Sir Hibbert's manifesto, before they should turn the Liberals out. But even after hearing Mr. W[illegible] "poet, pugilist and all-round educated gentleman" he was unable to see anything but wind in the arguments as brought against the Liberal party. He was confined to only 30 minutes or he could go more into the subject.

Mr. Wolley, "You can have all your time."

Mr. McInnes, "I thank you. He's a pretty good old sport, anyway," he remarked and the crowd cheered and laughed.

As to the matter of surplus was it not better to have a surplus than to have the deficits the Conservatives showed? The debt of Canada had not increased, but was steadily decreasing since the Liberals took power. He could refer them to the Dominion statistician for that. Capt. Wolley had gone into the subject of better terms, British Columbia was not a part of Canada when the confederation was formed, but entered four years after on distinct terms that were then considered very generous. If that contract was not good enough the Conservatives were to blame for it, as they made the bargain. He was free to admit that there were difficulties of administration that were not foreseen at the time. It was no party issue however, but brought up in 1901 when Jas. Dunsmuir was premier. He and Mr. Ebert had gone east to plead the case, and had sent for Mr. Lugrin, a Liberal, to appear before the government and place the case of British Columbia. Not only this, but there were Liberals in the cabinet. When Premier Prior and Mr. Eberts went again the speaker and Mr. Wells, both Liberals, were members of the cabinet. Col. Prior made an appointment with the government, but did not keep it, going instead to a banquet to Mr. Monk, the Conservative leader of Quebec in Montreal. When he got to Ottawa a few days later he naturally did not find himself so well received. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Green went next, sent by Premier McBride on the eve of election, intending if they got something, to use it against the Liberals. Indeed, they spent most of their time around the C.P.R. station in Montreal striving to get campaign funds. Better terms were not a questions before the parties at Ottawa. Mr. Borden had never said one word about this in the House. It was a trumped-up thing to make some issue to fight the election. They had sent a telegram to Mr. Borden: "For God's sake send something to fight the election on. C.O.D., P.D.Q." And of course Mr. Borden, an opportunist leader, rose to the occasion. But he never promised to give anything if the Conservatives were elected. It was not a party question, the circumstances do not warrant it. There was only one way for British Columbia to get better terms and that was to lift the question out of the arena of politics. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had said let it come as a public demand from the people of British Columbia and they should have better terms. The Conservatives were in power for seventeen years and gave very scant courtesy and poor treatment to British Columbia. Mr. Haslam had been unable to get anything in three years he was at Ottawa, and that was the reason he had been defeated. The Liberal government had looked after British Columbia far better than the Conservatives did. Touching on the lumber question he challenged the Conservatives to show any pledge before election day that a duty would be placed on undressed lumber. It was the Conservatives in 1894 that had taken off the duty. Mr. Wolley was insincere in the Chinese question because he was an employer of Chinese himself.

Mr. Wolley in answer to the last remark said he had never changed his opinion on the Chinese, and all the Chinese he employed was a Chinese cook, because he could not get a white one. Referring to Mr. McInnes he said he had allowed "this jester

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HEAVY RAIN CAUSES LULL IN FIGHTING

No Official Confirmation of Report That Kuropatkin Has Resumed Offensive Against The Enemy

But He Has Large Supply of Fresh Reserves on Hand To Use If Necessrry

—LEAD WAR,

With both armies exhausted by the long continued and desperate fighting and roads made impassible and streams bank full from recent torrents, there has been a lull in the active operations along the Shakhe River. Today's despatches say that yesterday passed quietly and the brief advices bearing on the situation as existing today indicate that the battle has not been resumed. A Tokio despatch says that no advice from the front was received last night or today.

FAIRLY QUIET.

London, Oct. 1 .—(5.30 p.m.)— A despatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio today says: "Field Marshal Oyama reports that on Tuesday the enemy seemed gradually decreasing his force in the direction of the right army, only aemall detachments continuing activity. The enemy, beaten at Bensihu, is retreating north eastwards.

"In the direction of the centre army the enemy last night made assaults, but they were all repulsed, and today there has only been occasional exchanges of cannonades. In frontof the left army the enemy is occasionally firing."

TEN MILES TO MUKDEN

With Gen. Oku's army at the front Oct. 17.—(3 p.m.) via Fusan, Oct. 19.—The Japanese advance is ten miles south of Mukden. The Russians have built heavy defences two miles south of the Hun River where they are expected to make a stand. There are no natural defences at that point. The Japanese report that the battle has been the most severe yet fought on the plains where the Russians forces consisted of the First army corps and the Fifth and Sixth Siberian corps. The only defence were infantry trenches which were hastily made.

HORRORS OF LONE HILL.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The correspondents are sending voluminous details of the horrors of the capture of Lone Tree Hill. The slopes and summit are covered with mangled remains. It turns out that in the twentieth and forty-first Japanese regiments which made the defense of the crest every Japanese officer killed had a compass on his person. The despatch from Gen. Sakharoff, dated noon to-day confirms the Associated Press previous Mukden advices, saying there was no fighting last night, The General reports that the Japanese are concentrating at Sinchinpu, but the most important information is the fact that the Russian right is being extended westward, the centre of the right now facing Sinchinpu. There has been a slight forward movement of the left upon the Bentsiputze roads from Mukden and Fushun. No big movement however, is possible pending the drying of the roads.

A LULL.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The flush of enthusiasm yesterday evening over the capture of Lone Tree Hill and Shakhe. the repulse of the attacks of the Japanese left and the hard drubbing given Gen Yamada, with the capture of fourteen additional guns, has give way this morning to a calmer and more sober appraisement of these partial successes. There is no official confirmation of the report that Gen. Kuropatkin had resumed a genuine offensive, rather the general Japanese offensive movement had exhausted itself and the position of the armies is now a sort of dead lock with the country rendered so sodden by the heavy rain as to compel a temuorary suspension of general operations. A complete veil hides the movements east, but both Kuropatkin and Sakharoff's reports say there were no collisions on that portion of the battle ground Monday or Tuesday. Field Marshal evidently considers Lone Tree Hill from which Kuropatkin could pivot a turning movement against his left to be of vital importance. On both Monday and Tuesday nights during a terrific storm he made desperate efforts to re-capture it. But all efforts failed. Neither Kuropatkin nor Sakharoff in the despatch as given out this morning send details of the defeat of Yamaga's column and the capture of the Japanese guns. Pitiful pictures are painted by the war correspondents are painted of the shelterless troops bivouacking in the cold rain, the roads conve ted into quagmires and the streams flooded. The military critics are not yet satisfied that Oyama is ready to relinquish the offensive, expressing the opinion that he may still try to break through the Russian centre in order to compel Kuropatkin to retire from the lin' of the Hun river, unless, as they believe, he has become convinced that the superiority of the Russian numbers and reserves makes his withdrawal to the lines of the Taitse river advisable.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.— General Geisman asserts positively that up to yesterday Kuropatkin had not brought anything like all the regiments of his reserves into action and the number of fresh units behind which his battered troops could reform accounts for Kuropatkin's ability to resume the offensive!

The line of battle thus far engaged counting westward from the east, Gen. Geisman says comprised Gen. Beldoling's Seventeenth European corps, parts of Gen. Skoboloff's Sixth East Siberian Corps, parts of Gen. Slouchevesky's Tenth corps, Gen. Meyenderff's First European corps and Gen. Zassalitch's Second Siberian corps. The extreme Russian left which essayed a turning movement and was meeting with successes according to Russian accounts until the situation at the right centre compelled its withdrawal, consisted of Gen. Ivanoff's Third corps and Gen. Zaroubaioff's Fourth Siberian corps, the third corps bearing the brunt of the assaults on the group of passes of the Tumin range.

Therefore two complete corps Gen. Stakelberg's first corps and Gen. Dembowski's Fifth Siberian corps, and parts of five other corps are still unused.

TWO MORE GUNS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—Gen. Sakharoff telegraphs at mid-day to-day that the Japanese are concentrating at Linchinpu, west of the road.

A detachment of Russian cavalry, reconnoitering last night in the vicinity of Shakhe, captured two guns with no losses to themselves.

The General adds that last night passed quietly, with the exception of the exploits of the Russian cavalry, and says the Russian left flank has advanced slightly.

KUROPATKIN REPORTS.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 19.—The Emperor has received from Gen. Kuropatkin, under date of Oct. 18, the following despatch: "During the night, the Japanese attacked our advanced positions at Lone Tree Hill, but they were repulsed. No reports have been received of another engagement. Everything was quiet at all our positions up to 10 o'clock this morning. Rain fell all night, and the roads have been greatly damaged.

ARE JAPS RETIRING?

Mukden, Oct, 1 .—Yesterday passed off quietly, and no firing was heard last night. The Japanese appear to be slowly falling back. A glare seen above their encampments indicate that they are burning theie stores prior to withdrawal. This morning broke chilly, but clear. As soon as the roads are drier, a resumption of battle is probably as the Russians are in close touch with the Japanese.

BALTIC FLEET.

Fakkeberg, Denmark, Oct. 19.—The remainder of the Baltic Russian fleet sailed this morning for the north

PREPARING TO RETREAT

Tokio, Oct. 19.—The Russian concentration in front of the armies of Generals Oku and Nodzu, (the left and centre remies respectively) on Monday reported by Field Marshal Oyama created the impression here that the Russians were planning to assume the aggressive and that another great battle was imminent, but it is now thought that Kuropatkin is merely seeking to protect his right and rear in order to gain time to withdraw his army across the Hun River, because it is believed that it will be impossible for him either to move aggressively or to hold his position on the Shakhe river.

HON. A. G. BLAIR RESIGNS

A report from Ottawa states that Mr. A. G. Blair has resigned the chairmanship of the railway commission for personal reasons. It is said that a more lucrative position offered him by a company is the reason.

DOG FISH FOR JAPAN

They Are Being Prepared On One of the Harbor Islands For Shipment

Out on one of the little islands in the harbor there is a camp of Japanese fishermen who are busily engaged putting up dog salmon for shipment to Japan. These dog salmon as everyone knows, who has visited bridge 103 below town, are exceedingly plentiful at this season of the year, for along the banks of the little stream emptying into the sea may be seen many of the dead fish which came up to spawn and died. The Japanese are using seines and already have a large quantity on hand. They intend drying fifty tons for shipment.

POLITICS IN THE DISTRICT

Tonight there are no political meetings in town, the various candidates being away to other parts of the district working hard for victory. Mr. Smith speaks at Cowichan station tonight and Mr. Wolley left to-day for Cobble Hill and Cowichan at both of which places he has meetings. Mr. Smith addressed the electors at Mt. Sicker last night.

A meeting of Mr. Smith's committee is called or to-morrow evening at half past seven.

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It has been estimated that an oak of average size, during the five months it is in leaf every year, sucks up from the earth 123 tons of water.

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A FAILURE.

Trouble has broken out once more in the colony on Malcolm island which was formed some time ago, chiefly under the leadership of Matti Kurikka; and it is understood that a number of the so-called colonists are going to seek a home in some other part of the province. This disruption was apparently brought about by pressure on Mr. Kurrkka to resign the presidency. The colony has had a somewhat hard experience. It was not long after forming the settlement that a number of people perished in a fire. Then later there was internal trouble among the members themselves and while Mr. Kurikka denied some of the reports that were made public in the press, the culmination seems now to have come. Such a fate, however, nearly always overtakes schemes like these to found communities separate from the rest of the world. While it is only natural that friends and people of the same nationality going to a country where the customs and speech are strange may desire to dwell close together, so as to maintain to a certain degree the old ties, these colonies in time break up, the newcomers assimilate with the people of the country and their children retain very little of the peculiarities or speech of their parents. Take for example, the Doukhobors, the most clannish and set in their ways of any class which has emigrated to Canada. Today we find that little by little their ideas broaden, they see the advantages of the free life around them, they are no longer driven by tyranny to herd together for support and protection, and like plants beneath a genial sun, they unfold and become more influenced by the Canadian spirit. By and by many of these Doukhobors will put aside their old ways and nobody will be able to pick them out as different from any other settlers. So will it be with the colony on Malcolm Island. The people will not be content to live apart from the strong current of life that surrounds them, and they willbecome assimilated; it is the inevitable. The great trouble about these colonies is that as a rule they expect greater privileges than the rest of the people, and are disappointed that the government does not do all for them that they ask. It is best for us that we become one people, not an aggregation of little groups, each with its own aims irrespective of the community at large. The more we are all united in our thoughts and sympathy, the better progress can we make. The visionary that tries to do otherwise will see his plans eventually fall to the ground.

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AN EARNEST NATION.

From the very intimation of war between Russia and Japan, Western people have been impressed by the earnest and effective manner with which the Japanese have gone about their task. They seem to be very thorough, and just as the cultured foreigner who learns English will use probably choicer language, free from provincialisms or slanging terms than does the ordinary English speaking person, so the Mikado's subjects have applied themselves to Western methods, not only in theory, but have in many ways improved the practice. They place great stress on education, which with them is not a smattering but something that must be well done. So much importance do they place on the advantages of learning, that according to a missionary just arrived in Canada from Kobe, no one engaged in studies of any kind has been called to the colors; it is one of the rules of conscription that no students are required to enlist. Apparently in Japan football and sports are not the chief end of university life; study is entered into as a serious thing, so weighty that even in time of national peril, the studekts are not interrupted in their work.

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Envelopes will be given with the card. Write down your guess, sign your name, put the card in the envelope and seal it up; either hand it to the canvasser or leave it at the Ledger office. All guesses must be in during October; none will be counted after that date.

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"Talk about your clever chauffeurs," remarked the Brooklyn man. "You should see Peckham."

"Why, he hasn't an automobile has he?"

"Oh, no; but you should see how he can guide his baby carriage through a crowd."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"What is coal worth now?"

"That has nothing to do with the case," answered the dealer frigidly. "The question is what you are going to be obliged to pay for it."—Washington Star.

OYSTER PLANTS IN PROVINCE

During the past year a company of Vancouverites has been quietly, unostentatiously and yet progressively working for the development of the oyster industry in British Columbia. This company is the Crescent Oyster Co., composed of Messrs. W. J. Bowser, G. I. Wilson, F. W. Burpee, J. M. Letson, and A. Lambert. The latter gentleman, who, is an expert in the oyster line acts as superintendent of the concern.

The company has secured possession of 400 acres of land under water situated between Boundary plant and propagate a superior varmake every propagate a superior variety of oysters to be marketed throughout British Columbia. The spot which they have secured is most favorable for the purpose, having a good bottom and the waters being in many parts shallow, so that the sandy bottom can absorb more quickly the warmth and keep the water at a higher constant temperature. this is of vital importance in the culture of the oyster and it requires a constant high temperature to insure successful propagation.

Upon the ground secured by the company there were many of the native oysters which are comparatively small in size. These grounds were gone over and the oysters scattered more generally, so as to increase the supply of them. But it was not the company's intention to cultivate these exclusively, the main object being to introduce and endeavor to propogate the oyster of the East in these waters.

These are much superior in every way to the native oyster, and last spring the company secured a carload of spat, ot the young oyster from New Brunswick. These were planted and the growth during the months they have been planted was fully up to and even exceeded expectations of the superintendent. The Eastern oysters as they are termed on the coast are now secured in this manner, by planting the spat and allowing it to develop for several years and then putting them on the market. It is the hope of this company to change this method and allow the beds to be self-propagating.

In addition to the beds planted this spring, a refrigerator car loaded with the spat of Connecticut oysters has been shipped and will be at once taken to the grounds and planted. They are of a superior variety, and it is hoped will show good results on the beds.

native variety. A shell n [illegible] en oyster was shown yesterday, which was literally covered with spat. Another curious indifference between the Eastern and the native oyster mentioned by Mr. Lambert is that the latter are sexless and sent forth their spat matured, while the Eastern variety are differentiated as to sex and their spat evolves though the medium of an egg. The spat of an oyster becomes fully matured in four years.

FROM HUDSON'S BAY.

After more than a year's cruise in the far North, Mr. A. P, Lowe, in charge of the government Arctic expedition in the steamer Neptune, has arrived back in Ottawa. Mr. Lowe, who is a member of the Geological Department, made a survey of Hudson's Bay and Straits and the far North generally.

Mr. Lowe had with him as captain of the Neptune the skipper who had command of the ship in which Lieut. Peary made his venturesome trip to the North. But Mr. Lowe succeeded in reaching a point further north than that reached by Lieut. Peary. One important point demonstrated by Mr. Lowe and the Neptune expedition is that the Hudson's Bay Strait is open for navigation for over four months in the year. The strait this year was open for more than four months, and the whalers met with in the north say that it was the worst season they had experienced for years. In Mr. Lowe's opinion the Strait is open at least four and a half months in each year. The Neptune expedition also discovered some of the relics of the ill-fated Sir John Ftanklin expedition.

HUNTER PRINCES.

Two princes of the House of Hapsburg, Austria, have just completed a hunting trip in the vicinity of Golden, B.C. They bagged half a dozen goats several deer and a mountain lion. They are travelling incognito in Canada, but haoe notified the C. P. R., which was instrumental in bringing them out here, that they are delighted with the scenery and sporting opportunities of the West and will return again next year.

DISLIKED WORK

The late Dean of Rochester was present at the Mansion House meeting on behalf of the Church Army some years ago, and told a story illustrating the disinclination of some of the criminal class for work which had been told him by the Governor of Bristol Prison. A card used to hang in each cell advising prisoners on discharge to apply for admission to the nearest Church Army Labor Home. The Governor overheard one of the prisoners expressing his dissatisfaction with this advice. "I never heard such a farce in my life," said the discontented malefactor, "they wants us to work—and they calls it charity." The Dean's comment on this anecdote was, "It is the greatest of all charities to teach a man that it is still possible for him to do justice to his manhood that he can still do something to earn his bread."

ROMANCE OF WAR.

Mail advices from correspondents at the front throw many interesting sidelights on the situation at the camps and garrison to wnsas well as on the battlefields. "The Japanese prisoners are great favorites, especially with the women," is the testimony of all the correspondents. The prisoners at Omsk and Perm, are cutting out their Muscovite rivals, not only in hair-cutting and photography, but also in the lighter pursuits of the court of Venus. Most of them were rescued from the steamers sent to bottle up Port Arthur by Admiral Togo, and the knowledge of their daring has led to more than one receiving proposals of marriage. The Japs, however, as a rule are already married.

An exception is lieutenant Tichoschima. This brave officer, looking exceedingly interesting with his arm in a sling, won the heart of Mdlle. Ludmila X., daughter of a retired Russian colobel. He claimed the girl's hand, but the grim father declared that the Japanese must first become a Christian and a naturalized Russian. Torn between love and duty, the Jap hesitated, and demanded a week to make up his mind. Before the term had expired the Russian received the following letter: "Your daughter has made me a Christian already, but a Russian I can neuer become. I renounce my suit." When the letter was shown to the girl, she remarked: "Then I will love him always. But if he had betrayed his country, I should have hated him. The father consented, and the marriage, it is announced, will take place as soon as the war is over.

U. S. DIVORCES.

Divorces in the United States are on the increase, according to figures published by the census bureau. The latest show that five out of every 1,000 men married are living in a state of divorce. The census returns disprove the theory that early marriage leads oftenest to divorce. A note of warning is also sounded to women who persist in marrying men of the roving class, who enter in matrimony late in life, and for the guidance of those who ought to know it is figured out in cold and passionless statistics of just what classes of employment men are most frequently seen in the divorce courts. Census figures on divorce reveal the relative fickleness of men according to their following in life. This table based on the number of those divorced out of every 1,000 married, showed some interesting comparisons:

Soldiers, marines and sailors, 24; hostlers, 18; actors, 17; agricultural laborers, 15; bartenders, 15; servants and waiters, 13; woodchoppers 12; stockraisers, herders and drovers, 10; photographers, 10; paper hangers, 10; barbers and hairdressers 9; clock and watch makers and repairers, 9; painters, glaziers and varnishers, 9.

HER MISTAKE.

The other day, says a Scottish paper, a big stalwart policeman led by the hand a very small girl, en route for the police station. For a moment or two, a motherly-looking matron, holding the ends of a shawl snugly under her chin, surveyed the incongruous pair; then in a rare burst of sympathy she crossed over and stopped Robert's further progress.

"Eh, the puir wee thing—the puir wee lam'. Looks sae cauld and femisht—fair starved like, and likely no been washed for a week. Some folks are no fit tae be trusted wi' bairns. Whaur did ye find it?"

"Find it, wumman?" exclaimed Robert, forgetting himself in his anger, "why it's ma ane bairn!"

Then it was evidently the good lady hersel' who was lost.

LADYSMITH CENSUS.

All subscribers to the Daily Ledger are invited to guess what are the returns of the census, as shown by our canvasers of the City of Ladysmith. $20.00, $10.00 and $5.00 in prizes will be given those making the best guesses. Make your estimate, write it down on the slip furnished you by the canvasser, or call at the Ledger office and obtain one if a subscriber and you had not made a guess. All guesses should be sealed, the writer's name and address given, and mail it, or leave it at the Ledger office. Mark "Guess" on the outside of the envelope. All guesses must be in this month—see page two of this issue.

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If the taxes and expenses of advertising as set out in said list are not paid to me on or before the day of sale, the claims may be sold to the highest bidder, and a conveyance executed to the purchaser of all right and interest in said claims legally alienated by the Crown by the Crown grants thereof.

In the event of there being no purchaser, or if the price offered shall not be sufficient to pay the taxes and expenses, the land shall absolutely revert to the Province, and the Crown grants thereof shall be deemed void.

LIST ABOVE MENTIONED.

NAME OF PERSON	NAME OF CLAIM	DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM	TOTAL TAXES UNPAID	EXPENSES & COSTS	TOTAL AMT DUE
Charles Hayward	Lorindale	Lot 146 Texada Island	$91.00	$2 00	$93.00
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Messrs. Blair and Adam have secured the agency of the Chrystal Laundry Co. to Victoria. All parcels and orders left with them will receive prompt and careful attention.

The Cambridgeshire sweep is run on the 26th of October. Tickets for the drawing on sale at J. Stewart's.

FRESH FISH—At the Ladysmith Fish Market, next to Opera House—open day and evening.

BEST BATH ROOMS IN THE CITY—Ladysmith Shaving Parlors, High Street.

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LOCAL ITEMS

Rev. R. Bowen went to Victoria by the morning's train today;

W. K. Leighton arrived yesterday from Nanaimo to attend Mr. Wolley's meeting last night.

Capt. Gaudin, agent of marine, returned today to Victoria from Nanaimo, where he was on business in connection with his department.

H. Dallas Helmcken, K.C., of Victoria, went to Nanaimo yesterday to attend the assizes.

Mr. Justice Martin, who is to preside at the Nanaimo assizes, was on the train from Victoria this morning.

AT THE ABBOTSFORD.
A. French, Vancouver.
A. Vaughan, Victoria.
H. W. Findley, San Francisco.
C. T. Hall, Enderby.

EVANGELIST COMING.

Ladysmith is to be visited within a few weeks by Rev. Mr. Shanks who has been requested by the Baptist Home Mission Board of British Columbia to conduct a number of special meetings throughout the province. Rev. Mr. Shanks is a speaker of great ability and extensive experience in the work in Australia and the Old Country as well as in Canada. Both he and Mrs. Shanks, who accompanies him are said to be delightful singers which is a great aid to them in the work they are carrying on. Rev. Herbert Piercy at present of Chemainus, will assist Mr. Shanks.

MARINE

Steamer Queen City was in port last evening with 110 tons of ore for the Tyee Smelter. It comes from the west coast, being from a mine owned by Hon. Edgar Dewdney at Sidney Inlet.

Schooner Otto, Capt. Searle, arrived in Victoria yesterday from Behring Sea, where since the first of August she has been engaged in sealing. She brings home a catch of 227 skins, representing her season's work in the northern sea. No incident of interest happened on the cruise. The schooner was in company with the Ida Etta, which vessel was reported from the coast on Monday,

An accident occurred in the Royal Roads on Saturday, says the Victoria Times, which served to indicate some admirable features of the French shipping laws governing the protection of sailors at sea. The French ship Descaix was being brought into an anchorage in the Royal Roads on Saturday when a sailor named Doujen fell from aloft to the deck, sustaining very painful injuries. No sooner did the accident occur than a doctor was sent for and examination revealed that both legs had been broken. Hospital accomodation was then sought, and a place for him was secured in the St. Joseph's. A nurse was also secured, and even for the removal of the man from the ship to the launch which brought him ashore a physician was engaged to see that the undertaking was properly carried out. The man had to have the best treatment, as before many French ships sail, their crews are insured, and this insurance provides for every comfort in case of accident.

The 22-ton bell at the Sacre Coeur church in Paris is tolled by electricity. A single choir boy can do the work which formerly took five men.

SPORTS

CHAMPION GAME TONIGHT.

This evening the basketball fives of Ladysmith and Nanaimo Seniors, meet in battle array at the Opera House. Both have strong teams and the game promises to be most exciting. The teams will line up as follows.

Nanaimo —Guards, A. Stewart, C. O'Brien; centre, A. Aitken; forwards, C. Rosewall, J. Bennett.

Ladysmith—Guards, J. Eno, A. Morrison; centre, J. Adam; forwards, E. Leahy, S. Morrison.

Before the great match, the Thistles and Red Devils will play off the draw of last week, the teams being somewhat different than at first arranged. They are:

Red Devils—Guards—H. Manuel, E. Thomas; centre, E. Clarke; forwards, C. McMillan, S. Kerr.

Thistles—Guards, J. Sanderson, A. Hailstones; centre, C. Hewlett; forwards, S. Dodd, A. Sanders.

Admission is fixed at twenty-five cents and the strains of the band will enliven the time between games and fire the spirits of the players to doughty deeds. Play begins at 7.30 sharp. Seats have been reserved for ladies and their escorts.

A TERRIBLE SITUATION

"I think old Kreezus has the queerest way of teasing his wife I ever heard of."

"I thought he was fond of her."

"He is, but he likes to get a joke on her. You know she is sensitive about her age. Well, he has let everybody know that when they were married he gave her a magnificent necklace of diamonds, each diamond representing a year of her age, and he adds one to the string every time she has a birthday. Imagine how the poor woman is torn besween her desire to display the necklace and the fear that when she wears it everybody will be counting the diamonds."—London Tit-Bits.

A PICKANINNY PROTEGE

Mrs. Gazena Lightfoot, of Montgomery, Ala., has in her menage, a pickaninny protege who has been taughtto recite the words from the master, "It is I. Be not afraid." When the little fellow came before the negro Sunday school, where he was to do his part, he was ashy with stage fright, but with his small voice full of tears, and trembling like calves' foot jelly, he managed to say: "'Taint nobody but me. Doan' get skeared."—Argonaut.

FULL MEASURE.

"I always remember in my college days," recalls a well known scientist, "paying a visit with a couple of friends to an eccentric old pork butcher at Oxford.

"'How much is pork a yard?'" asked one of us. (This was a joke)

"'Ten shillings,' promptly replied the old fellow.

"'Then I'll take a yard.'

"'Where's your money?'

"Half a sovereign was laid down. The old man quickly pocketed the coin, and then produced three pig's feet, with the quiet remark: 'Three feet make one yard.'

"We marched out in silence."

A CONNOISSEUR.

"Charming! Exquisite! Perfectly delightful!" she exclaimed, peering through her pince-nez at the young artist's latest picture.

"I am glad you like it," he said, with becoming modestly.

"Like it? Could anybody help liking it? So original! That queer little animal with the funny long legs in the right-hand foreground! What a delicious conceit! How can you imagine such impossible things, Mr. D'Aubre?"

"Um—er—you mean this?" he asked, pointing to the strange thing in the lower corner.

"Yes, of course."

"Er—h'm—that is my signature."

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

George McCrae, M.P., for East Edinburgh, has not only no difficulty with regard to old age pensions, but is preparing a scheme of his own. At a meeting in Edinburgh he stated that he did not see why it should be beyond the power of this country to formulate a workable scheme. It was a question, he remarked with charming naivete, about which the most difficult part was the funds. He thought, however, he saw a way by which a feasible scheme might be introduced without being a burden on the state, and he expects to be able to evolve it in tangible shape later on.

Hans Richter, the eminent Wagnerian conductor, left Austria and settled in England some years ago because he could make five times as much money in England as in Vienna, he has a large family to support and launch in the world. Last month he presided once more over the Bayreuth festival.

"You seem to think a lot of that fellow."

"Yes, me deah fellah, he once saved me life."

"Indeed! How?"

"Give me a cigarette when I was ten miles from town."—Houston Post.

ALL SIDES AIR THEIR POLITICAL ARCUMENTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

to jest for your amusement in the same spirit as I would allow a monkey to play for you, but I had no idea that after allowing him three extensions of time, that like the monkey, he would bite the hand that patted him." (laughter.) He would not answer Mr. McInnes because that gentleman was insincere. That gentleman was an advocate. He had at one time bitterly denounced Mr. Smith and was now an advocate for him. Mr. McInnes might not be driven out of public life.

Mr. McInnes, "No. you could not drive me out."

Mr. Wolley, "But he could be bought out." (Laughter.)

Mr. Andrew Haslam said if he were in Mr. McInnes' place he would be very sorry to endorse the action of the Liberal government in the Yukon, in the treatment of British Columbia, or as exemplified through the courts of Ontario. The Liberal government was not worthy of support by any honest British Columbian with the interests of his province at heart. Taxation is the basis of contract and the legitimate expenditure of taxation for the benefit of the people was the duty of any government. When a government collects money from a people more than they expend it was not right. He denied Mr. McInnes' statement that the public debt had decreased. It had increased $8,500,000 since the Liberal party came into power.

Mr. McInnes—Thatjs not true.

Mr. Haslam retorted that it was a fact. When the Conservatives had a surplus they found that the affairs of the country could be run for less money, so they too off the duty o tea and coffee. No such evidence faithlessness had been shown by the Liberals when they came into power He agreed that better terms was not a party issue, but the Liberals had ignored every effort made by the united efforts of both Liberals and Conservatives of British Columbia to get better terms. Mr. McInnes had admitted that. They had exacted of the greatest amount from the people and given the least for it. He believed that when the province entered Confederation, Alex. McKenzie was Premier and he was not aware that he was a Conservative.

Mr. McInnes—He only came into power in 1874?

All this province asked for was justice and Mr. Borden's statement, was if any injustice could be made it would be immediately relieved if the Conservative party were in power.

At the time the Conservatives passed the act taking the duty off lumber, there was the Wilson bill before the United States house which provided that if any country took the duty taken off any product going from the United States, the United States would reciprocate. The Conservatives put that act through on the understanding that the bill was only to go into effect if the Wilson bill came into effect. The Conservative government went out soon after, and the Liberals used the bill to purchase votes in the Northwest.

"It was two years after that before the Liberals were in power," said Mr. McInnes.

Mr. Haslam denied this and the altercation was stopped by Mr. Wolley crying, "Break away, gentleman,

Mr. Haslam said it was only to break away." (Laughter.)

retain votes in the Northwest that the Liberals refused to come to the relief of the British Columbia lumber industry.

The Liberals had put coal oil on the free list and yet the price of coal oil was higher than before the duty was taken off. The only persons to profit by taking the duty off was the Standard Oil Comoany. That being the case, it was a question whether the Liberal campaign funds had not also been benefited. On the Grand Trunk Pacific, Mr. Haslam said the Liberals proposed the people of the country should provide seven-eighths of the funds, and then hand it over to a company. On the other hand the Conservatives proposed to supply all the money, and own the road and build it, both from east and west. If built as now proposed without any intention of beginning at this end, it would be a great menace to the working people. The anti-alien bill did not keep out the poorest class of European labor, and these would overrun the country. This was the last speaker and the meeting broke up after singing "God Save the King.

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