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Labor Candidates are Sure Winners

TRANSPORTATION AND IMMIGRATION.

Chris. Foley made a rousing speech last Saturday night at the mass meeting in the labor party committee rooms. "The campaign is launched and you know what you are up against," he said. They had not that enthusiasm and fire the momentous occasion demanded. It is not this way with the business community, whose interests in the elections were vital to them. The man of capital knew his, but it appeared to the speaker that the workingman was too ignorant to see his. The rapid organizing of employers into associations meant lots of trouble ahead for labor, and when the next sharp financial crisis arrived, "if you don't awaken from your peaceful slumbers to a realisation of these facts, my friends, you will lose," said Mr. Foley. There are two important things that must be grappled by labor, namely, the promiscuous immigration which is now going on at a tremendous cost to labor and the question of rapid transportation. That the governments should be allowed to dump the industrial refuse of Europe and elsewhere in our midst is a huge injustice to labor. This must be protested against, because labor has got all it can safely bear and if its burdens are increased the ship will sink. This unparalleled immigration will bring wages down and down to the starvation point. If it is thought that this matter can be successfully met by the unions it is a big mistake, because legislatures must be resorted to. The C. P. R. are virtually in a position to control the wages of this country. This company can reduce the rates of travel and supply the demand of labor to its full. In this regard is a splendid illustration in Manitoba when the harvesting of grain is in full operation. The newspapers throughout the land announced that 25,000 harvesters were needed. The wages paid were from $50 to $60 a month. And the crowds went westward to the wheat fields from the east. While at Toronto he saw trains of people leaving daily by the dozen for the west. What was the result? When the harvesters arrived at Winnipeg they remained there for a couple of weeks. This caused an excessive supply of hands and so wages were decreased. This state of affairs was all brought about by misleading advertisements, which, of course, benefitted railway corporations. Mr. Foley referred to the arrest of a man by the C. P. R. last spring for distributing dodgers telling of labor conditions hereabouts, and added that "our laws make it a virtue to lie and a crime to tell the truth." In scathing terms he condemned the bill of Hon. Mr. Lougheed respecting the operations of officers of international unions in Canada. Every one understood how easy it was to have the militia called out. The reason for this was that the other fellows held the reins of government, as instance the Cripple Creek affair, which was a fair illustration of the military law of this country. Mr. Foley disagreed with many regarding arbitration. He said that he was in favor of compulsory arbitration, because eventually labor's only recourse would be compulsory arbitration. "oYu see," said the speaker, "every time the railways are against labor the companies bring in immigrants by the wholesale so that they can be used as a club against labor." And thus labor's safety only lies in arbitration. The labor market is rapidly becoming glutted, because the employers' associations have practically gone into the employment bureau business, and labor stands by and does nothing to protect itself. He was an opportunist and was not prepared to say that every man in the ranks of either the liberal or conservative parties were dishonest and unfriendly to labor. Let every supporter of the labor party get down and scratch gravel till election day and elect their candidates. Labor must realize that the hideous monstrosity called civilization must undergo a very radical change in the very near future, but this can only be accomplished by fair means and regard for those who may differ from us in their opinions. A campaign of lies and villification can't achieve success. He regretted the city hall episode when Ralph Smith was forced to leave the meeting. This kind of thing hurt labor and put it on the plane of the mob. Mr. Foley also referred to a statement in the Clarion, the socialist organ, that he had sold out the miners in the Fernie strike settlement. The author of this was not telling the truth. "We have been petitioning at the doors of government for centuries and have got comparatively nothing," and it is time labor helped itself. (Applause.)

A PIONEER SPEAKS.

In his speech at last Saturday night's meeting of the Labor party, Secretary A. E. Soper made a stirring address. He spoke from an old pioneer's recollections. Referring to the days of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway deal, when Hon. John Robson and his colleagues held sway, he said that they gave away $750,000 of the people's money and 2,500,000 acres of land as a bonus to build the railway and dry dock. Then the dry-dock was traded off to the dominion government for 3,500,000 acres more, making a total of 6,000,000 acres that went to the Dunsmuirs. No man knows the value of this land, for it is practically all mineral and coal land. Then to show what a family compact reigned at Victoria he mentioned the names of Henry Croft, Dunsmuir's brother-in-law; likewise Dryden, another brother-in-law; Louis Mount, an employee of the same gentleman; Joseph Hunter, superintendent of the E. & N. railway, and Hon. Mr. Pooley, who was Dunsmuir's agent. It was Dunsmuir's capital that elected and run the government. "Jerry" then referred to the "big four" who ran in '94, namely, Rithet, Turner, Helmcken and Braiden. So keen was this contest that the opposition candidates, Hon. Mr. Beaven, Cameron, Dutton, Dr. Milne, lost their deposits. "The people were again jobbed" on the cry of the Canada Western. It was pledged to the people of Victoria that this road would be built from Halifax on the Atlantic to Victoria on the Pacific. "Why, sir, you could hear the bells ringing on the locomotives coming into Victoria," added the speaker, "so worked up were the people." Fourteen days after the election the elected candidates held a big mass meeting and told the people that they could not build the railway this term, but they would build it if they would elect them for another four years. "You see, sir, how the workingmen got hoodwinked on this occasion." If the conservatives and liberals have been such good friends to labor why don't they join the labor party? The reason they don't do it is because they can't graft on it. The old parties are adepts at deceiving the workingmen. "Joe" Martin will tell you what a scoundrel "Dick" McBride is, and McBride will tell you what a rascal Martin is, and the workingmen heed this "hot air." Another gigantic deal was in sight, but Dunsmuir knew that he had to get out before it could be enacted, and didn't know what tool to get to act in his place as premier. Hall, who sells his coal, was mentioned, but finally he picked on Prior. How to work this scheme was the next dilemma. A member of Prior's own election committee, for he was now returned member to Ottawa, made a charge of corruption in the courts, and Prior resigned his seat. In about 60 days after the gallant colonel was elected as minister of mines in Victoria. Exit Dunsmuir and Prior becomes premier. "No sooner was this done than Prior had his arm in the boodle bag up to his elbow," said Mr. Soper. Hon. Mr. Tatlow then came forward with his Natal Act and sent to "Joe" Chamberlain for instructions as to what to do. "Joe" fixed the act plenty, and its usefulness so far as the workingmen were concerned was gone. Tatlow knew this, and the workingmen were accordingly humbugged. Chamberlain did not try to run Australia. He knew better. Another thing we need in British Columbia was a universal eight-hour law. The miners got the law passed by the legislature for themselves through the influence of their union, but the carpenters didn't get it through legislation. Teamsters put out to work at 5 a. m. on their horses, and 7 o'clock at night, after supper, started again, all for the princely stipend of $40 to $50 a month. The speaker asked if anyone ever heard of a member of parliament going into a shop and asking the workmen if they had any grievances. "You bet not."

CLASS LEGISLATION.

Francis Williams, labor nominee, spoke on "class legislation" last Saturday night before the party. "I am not one of those nice modest people," he said, "who say if you will kindly give us the light of a candle we will be satisfied. I say we must have the light of the sun and nothing less will do." Continuing, the speaker said he had no apology to make and had no hesitation in saying that he was out for class legislation and for nothing else. That was the doctrine of the other parties, as witness the remarks and actions of the candidates for Kootenay, Richmond, Dewdney and Victoria. A great hellaboloo was being raised by these gentry against class legislation. "We are out for class legislation. I reiterate the remark, we are out for class legislation, and we are never going to be quiet until we get it," added Mr. Williams. The whole of the legislation of the past, he went on, had been nothing else but class legislation. "What has given the landlord the great power he possesses but class legislation? He is king, absolutely king of the working classes. If you rent a house of him and fail to come up with the rent, he will seize your goods and can put you in jail." Continuing, he said: "From the dawn of the Roman empire, centuries before the Christian era, it has all been class legislation, and so I say again when a workingman makes an apology for wanting class legislation he is ignorant of the subject and should not talk about it." He had not sought the nomination of the labor party. It had been thrust upon him, he said, "but I desire to go to Victoria and meet the lions in their den." Said a conservative that day: "The deposit money of the labor candidates was all in one and two-dollar bills, and I suppose they have been saving it up." Class legislation had produced that, said Mr. Williams. Class legislation has given the power to a few to plank down any sum not in one and two-dollar notes, but in five hundred and one thousand-dollar bills. And class legislation again had enacted that a candidate must put up $200 before he can be voted for. That's the cruel sting of class legislation. It is adding insult to injury. It's a fight to a finish for class legislation—class against class. "See what that man Dunsmuir can do," he said. "He can shut down his mines and you can't get coal and can starve for it for all he cares." Dunsmuir has more power than the government He can put 50 cents a ton on coal, which is nothing more or less than a tax, and no government dare do that. The people would not tolerate it. "We are out to take the power from the capitalistic class," he added. "The present system of civilization is a monstrosity, and we are going to change it by working class legislation." Mr. Williams then went into the servant girl question at considerable length. "I know men who go to church who pay girls $2.50 a week." Class legislation was responsible for this, which he considered was a crying shame and a scandal. And working class legislation would change this sad state of affairs. The city council was considering the moral question, but didn't mean anything because the capitalistic class interfered. Let's be out and out for class legislation."

OPPOSED TO CLASS LEGISLATION.

As a contrast to the above principles of Francis Williams, the labor candidate, the following remarks, made at Tuesday night's meeting, by Clarence R. Monck, the liberal nominee, are herewith produced:

"I am opposed to class legislation; to every kind of class legislation. I am opposed to class legislation in favor of any particular few or section of the community. I do not believe in class legislation in favor of the capitalists, and I do not believe in class legislation in favor of the workingmen. I do not think that the workingmen want class legislation. It is fair legislation that they want—a fair field and no favor. The Dunsmuir government has always been the one of class legislation, as was the Turner government, and the McBride government is the natural successor of the Dunsmuir and Turner governments."

LABOR VS. LIBERAL PARTIES

A. G. Perry, labor party candidate, said last Saturday night at the mass meeting that it seemed very peculiar that workingmen did not know their own interests, and vote accordingly. They have certainly had some very dear lessons in the past in this regard. "What was the use of going on strike together, and on Labor day marching together as a unit, and then on election day dividing. This was one of the paradoxes of the times. The Vancouver Labor party was the creation of the Trades and Labor council, and was a thoroughly representative institution. "Joe" Martin told his hearers that two of the representatives on his ticket were as prominent in labor circles as the nominees of the labor party. That may be true, but labor in this city said that it did not want to unite with either of the old parties, and that was the reason that the labor party was formed. The labor party, when it got in power, wanted to be fair and just to all, and would have a great deal more consideration for those who were opposed to it than "our friends the enemy had for us," added the speaker. The senate is a reflection of the liberal party, and, that being so, why should that party expect labor to support it any longer. (Applause.)

ALIEN LAW.

John McLaren, the labor candidate, last Saturday night, during his address, said that he had been here for 22 years. He had been all through the big strike at Rossland, which was the worst on record. During that 11 months siege the alien law was practically useless. The attorney-general of the province could have put it in force, but he didn't. He appointed a solicitor to prosecute. This prosecutor was also the mine-owners' solicitor. Mr. McLaren had written to Attorney-General Eberts about the law, but the reply came back that the government didn't get any of the fine, and didn't see why the province should stand for the expense. This would have been different had labor been represented in the government.

WHAT M'LAREN SAYS.

"We should repeal all the laws of class legislation for capitlists and then labor would be on an equal footing with capital, at least as far as legislation goes."

"Workingmen should not sit on the fence to see which way the wind blows before dropping off on one side or the other for a little temporary gain. I have a family and want to provide for them and for those who follow after me."

John McLaren and James Wilks were the fathers of the miners' eight-hour law. Mr. McNeil, the lawyer, framed it, and Hon. Mr. Hume, the minister of mines, put it through the legislature.

The truck act also originated at Rossland in the same way, and Mr. Kellie, M. P. P., brought it in at the legislature. It applies to the cities and vicinity of three miles. This act is being violated every day.

Where does the money come from to run the elections of the old parties? From those who want something in return for their advances. Labor is different.

The liberals and conservatives will tell you what they have done for labor, but you don't hear labor telling what it has done for itself. Give it a chance.

Vote for your class and your interests on October 3rd next.

The labor party is a party for young men.

Our best lands are all in the hands of speculators.

Party government savors too much of machine politics.

The present fiscal policy is rotten to the core. Change it.

Measures, not men, should be the only prevailing issues with our legislators.

That the young men will stand for the labor party is a matter of congratulation.

The labor party is congratulated on all hands by the excellent showing it is making.

The labor party is full of hope, life and activity. Stand by Williams, Perry and McLaren.

The active interest manifested in the labor party by the young men augurs well for its future.

Election day should be labor's day, and if the workingmen of Vancouver are true to themselves it will be.

British Columbia is the best mining country in the world, yet our working miners have not prosepered.

The provincial government has no more control over the railway corporations than a rural debating society.

Workilngmen want to see this country prosper. How can it do so? By electing their own candidates on October 3rd.

An ideal form of government is not to be had from a party government run by boodlers, as we have it in British Columbia.

Our roads are veritable sloughs of despond, but the government has no money to improve them. The railway promoters get it all.

Fanaticism in the labor movement kills. Fanatics in all ages flourish for a time, but in the end they pass away like a huge nightmare.

By voting the labor ticket, workingmen are voting for the grand principle of self-help; that is, it is voting to control the means of production.

When a great issue comes up affecting the whole nation the question of partyism is generally ignored, as witness the federation of the provinces.

Why should there be good times and hard times, depressions and prosperity? The people's necessities are the same at all times. Vote for labor.

If there are people who want to keep what little is left of the province they had better steer clear of the tory-socialist outfit.—Nanaimo Herald.

If the means of production were at labor's command there would be no such thing as hard times. Vote for Perry, Williams and McLaren.

With all our rich tracts of land we must import vegetables and farm produce. The government has allowed the land grabbers to get control.

A vote cast in the interests of the old parties when a labor ticket is is in the field is a sang-bag blow at the head of justice and the neck of labor.

The commercial system under which we live is one of profit-making, and must be checked sooner or later, and why not start in now and vote for Williams, Perry and McLaren?

We would ask our readers to read carefully the utterances of the labor party candidates. It will repay those who have a capacity and a disposition for thinking.

The election of John Kirkland, the labor candidate in Atlin, is conceded by the old party candidates. Mr. Kirkland will undoubtedly be a strong man in the new legislature.

The old parties want a party government. What is really wanted is not a government of the party, for the party, by the party, but a government of the people, for the people, by the people.

With our vast natural resources British Columbia should be the most prosperous country in the world. But it is fast becoming the stamping ground for Oriental cheap labor and grafters.

Hon. Mr. McPhillips voted against Hon. Capt. Tatlow's Natal act. As attorney-general he will now have to defend it in the courts. Good-bye, Natal act, you were very useful in your day and generation.

Contemplating settlers, unless they are "well fixed," in which instance they don't need to come here, have not the ghost of a show getting any crown land worth taking. The speculators have got all that's worth taking.

Political fanatics as we have them in British Columbia are as much of a menace to the real progress of the labor movement as are capitalistic oppressors. Vote the straight labor ticket and try to help better labor's condition.

Chairman Whitesides, referring to the deposit money for the labor candidates, pointed out that the funds did not come from capitalists, corporations or grafters, but from "men of our own class." Can this be said of the other candidates?

"There can be no real freedom in any country as long as any portion of its citizens are denied their natural right to the use of the earth. The single tax will restore this right and usher in complete freedom to all men."—Fairhope Courier.

Joseph Martin says that Messrs. Tatlow and Garden have utterly failed in filling the positions of good representatives of the city. Captain Tatlow says that Martin was a dismal failure so far as representing Vancouver at Victoria goes. Who's the liar?

W. Davidson, the independent-labor candidate of Slocan, is putting up a grand fight. His election by a handsome majority is predicted in Slocan, his only opponent being W. Hunter, the tory nominee. R. A. Bradshaw, the liberal, resigned in favor of Mr. Davidson.

The most popular candidate at Victoria is J. D. McNiven, an old typo, who is running on the liberal ticket. As one of the printers says: "We don't care what ticket Jim runs on we will vote for him to a man." We wish Jim every success and are sanguine that he will head the polls.

Some of our workingmen, who are strong supporters of the old parties, say that they have nothing against the labor party, only they object to it as at present conducted. This is a good deal like the owner of a turnpike road, who said he had no objections to railroads if they would not run the trains.

We wish to say to our friends the enemy that the labor party stands for free speech and deny emphatically that it was in any way connected with the labor day episode. A good deal of capital is being made out of this unfortunate affair to the cost of the labor party, and we hope in all fairness that this matter will be let drop.

"To the so-called labor party, I would point out the fact that the liberal party is a labor party of itself."—Dr. Brydone-Jack. He might just as well have added: "Please, mister workingman, get off the earth." The worthy doctor may be a good physician to prescribe for sick people, but he is certainly a quack when it comes to politics. "So-called" labor party, forsooth.

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SATURDAY.. .. SEPTEMBER 26, 1903

Vancouver will hold civic half-holiday on Thursday, October 1st, to enable the public to attend the New Westminster exhibition.

John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, has about completed a book on the labor question. Those who have seen the advance sheets pronounce it a remarkable work, and a masterly defence of the rights of organized labor.

It makes one very weary to hear some mouthy individual, who never did anything but talk, denounce prominent laborites as fakirs, capitalistic tools, suckers, etc., etc. This is disgusting to men who carry their brains in their heads and not in their hands.

It is said that the manufacturers' association will smash labor unions. The fact of the matter is the unions will survive any combination that capitalists can invent. For 200 years organized labor has lived against the persecution of kings and nations and parliaments, and is still growing.

Los Angeles has organized a Free Speech League. This seems strange, seeing that the constitution of the United States says that the right of speech shall not be abridged. Vancouver will have to institute a free speech league, too, if any more attempts at gag-rule, like it witnessed here on Labor day, are made.

A. W. Puttee, M. P., is the latest laborite of any prominence to fall a victim to the socialist stiletto. He is now branded by the "class-conscious" saints as a fakir and liberal heeler. Arthur Puttee is the true stamp of a labor representative. He sees conditions as they exist, and acts accordingly in the best interests of labor.

A Victoria firm (Westcott Brothers) is nothing if not enterprising in its advertising. It makes the following unique announcement: "On Saturday, the Ladies' auxiliary of the Metropolitan Methodist church will hold a bazaar in our store, when our entire stock will be at their disposal. The ladies will receive a percentage of all sales for the day."

This cry for a party line government is a resounding mockery and a fake. The most blatant agitators for partyism in politics are the very individuals who manipulated the old grafter cliques which, in days gone by, have robbed this province, filched its lands and brought it to the verge of bankruptcy. Their nature is the same yesterday, today and at all times. They are pirates and hyenas on the body politic. To change the name under which they band themselves for purposes of plunder makes no difference at all in the men. Whether they are called Dunsmuirites, or Turnerites, or Davieites, or Martinites, or McBrideites, or whether they are called just plain conservatives and liberals matters absolutely nothing. When the criminal dons an alias he does not alter the fact of his crime, but merely adds one more reprehensible action to his category of wickedness. Just so with these politicians. Though they may change their name they cannot wipe out their record. It is the cowardice of a guilty conscience which leads them to seek to cover their tracks by accepting a nom-de-plume. If they were brave men and true, if their records were clear, their motives pure and their hearts right, they would not have to repudiate the parties under which they have served so long, and they would not seek by adopting new names to destroy the link of identity which connects in the public mind the old piratical gangs of days gone by with the self-seeking, soulless sycophants whose sole ambition is to get the reins of office that they and their friends may fatten on the emoluments.

BLACKSMITHS' STRIKE.

The blacksmiths and their helpers on the Pacific division of the Canadian Pacific Railway quit work on Wednesday, 16th inst., at 10 o'clock a.m. The trouble has arisen through the C. P. R. not being disposed to carry out their promise to the men, that is, concede to the terms of the schedule, as presented on May 1st, 1903, after their agreement had been consummated with the machinists. Formerly the smiths were getting a minimum rate of 30 cents per hour, 56 hours per week, but being discontented with this rate, when their old schedule had expired they put in a demand for 35 cents per hour. The C. P. R., to get the better of the smiths, let us suppose, gave the committee a raise of two cents per hour, with the understanding that at a future date their demands should be granted, and respected. When the time arrived that the smiths believed was opportune for their schedule to be adjusted in its entirety they gave the committee authority to interview the managment on the matter, and should the management be averse to a settlement, to force a strike. The committee met the officials, but they refused to give them two raises in one year. Of course, the company's duplicity will be readily seen when we say that the two cents raise was not in the way of a definite settlement, but as a concession until the machinists' difficulty should be settled. The Revelstoke Herald, in a recent issue, says:—"The company states the move was wholly unexpected, as there is an agreement between the C. P. R. and the union that 30 days' notice is to be given before any action is taken to change the present schedule of wages." Let us here state that the officials in Revelstoke are living in a fool's paradise, as they should know that through their smart work no schedule is in existence since June 1st, 1903. The smiths gave the officials ample time to come to a settlement, but of course the merest tyro in such disputes as this one, knows that the officials are adepts in playing the waiting game and shuffling dates so that the aims of the employees may be frustrated and organizations broken up. When the smiths saw this move they threw down their tools, walked out of the C. P. R. shops and are out until their just demands are granted. The helpers demand an adjustment of rates and as their present rates are very small and they only ask for one or two cents of a raise, the C. P. R. officials have not much ground for a grievance on their part. There is no settlement in view, but the blacksmiths and their helpers can afford to enjoy their "holidays" as they are a hard-working and honest class of men. They are firm in their demands for justice and harmony and good-feeling is a conspicuous feature in all their daily meetings.

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TO THE ELECTORS OF VANCOUVER:

Gentlemen,—In appealing to you for support in the forthcoming general Provincial election, the Vancouver Labor Party begs to make the following statement of its principles and policy:

For many years we have felt the want of a definite Labor Party in the House, whose specific duty should be to introduce and support measures for the amelioration of the condition of the workers. Hitherto, the workers, as such, have not been represented in either the Provincial or Dominion Houses. Our legislators, while always elected by the vote of the working classes, have always been chosen from the ranks of the lawyers (the professional class), landowners, leisure class, or large manufacturers (direct exploiters of labor), but never from the ranks of the workers themselves. Therefore, and almost of necessity, our laws have been made in the interest of the moneyed and luxurious classes and those who derive their incomes from them, viz., the professionals.

As long as this condition of affairs remains, we who from time immemorial have been called the working class cannot expect to have more than the merest fragment of justice accorded to us by legislative enactments.

In lieu of legislation in our behalf, we have to appeal to the "strike" because we have no other weapon to fight with.

We realise that the "strike" is clumsy, uncertain and always more or less disagreeable and annoying to the country.

The Vancouver Labor Party, therefore, puts itself on record as being in favor of legislative enactments to relieve the working class from the unjust conditions which now burden them. Ninety per cent. of the population of British Columbia have no direct voice in making or putting in force the laws of the Province. This ought not to be. That the trend of the workers' movement is in the direction of direct representation in Parliament by the workers themselves is evidenced by the fact that a number of working men have seats in the Imperial Parliament; that Mr. Puttee has been elected on this issue to the Dominion House, and Mr. Hawthornthwaite to the Provincial Assembly.

Working men of Vancouver, be true to yourselves and vote for the Vancouver Labor Party on October 31st, 1903.

(Signed) F. WILLIAMS, Tailor,
A. G. PERRY, Motorman.
J. EDWARDS, Machinist.

FUNERAL OF MR. BENJ. MITCHELL.

The funeral of the late Mr. Benjamin Mitchell, of Cemetery road, South Vancouver, who died on Friday last, took place on Monday afternoon from the family residence to the Mountain View Cemetery, the Rev. G. A. Wilson officiating. The funeral was very largely attended, amongst those present being a number of members from Vancouver Lodge, No. 58, Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America. There were no carriages used, owing to the proximity of the residence of deceased to the cemetery, the remains being carried to their last resting place by the pallbearers, Messrs. J. Yates, W. Witty, D. Law, G. Anderson, Thomas and Reid, assisted by 12 members of the lodge. There was a large number of beautiful floral tributes from the following among other friends of the deceased: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Twiddy, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hatch, Mr. R. W. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Robertson, Mrs. G. Anderson, Mrs. Jesse, Mrs. J. L. Durie, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nairne, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Nairne, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. Winskill, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough, and Vancouver Lodge, No. 58, B. R. C. A.

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J. A. Miller—608 Cordova street.
G. B. Smith—Atlantic hotel, Cordova street.
Gem—35 Cordova street.
Boulder—17 Cordova street.
City Barber Shop—Water street.
Terminal—Water street.
Sunnyside—Water street.
Oyster Bay—306 Carrall street.
Union—332 Carrall street.
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PROCLAMATION.

ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF VANCOUVER CITY.

To wit: Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the electoral district of Vancouver city, that in obedience to His Majesty's writ to me directed, and bearing the date the fifth day of September, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall on the nineteenth day of September, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of electing five persons to represent them in the Legislature of this province.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows: The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two registered voters of the district as proposer and seconder, and by three other registered voters of the said district as assenting to the nomination, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the proclamation and 1 p.m. of the day of nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be open on the third day of October, at the old Drill Hall, No. 109 Pender Street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Vancouver, the third day of September, one thousand nine hundred and three.

R. B. ELLIS,
Returning Officer.

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These are some of the articles that an advertisement can, at best do scant justice—they must be seen to be appreciated. Some of the subjects are: KING EDWARD, NAPOLEON, MARIE ANTOINETTE, MADAME LE BRUN, Etc.

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FROM VICTORIA.

It is strange how all the old members of the last legislature have suddenly discovered the intelligent qualities of the workers. They are telling us what they have done and what they will do.

Mr. Bolden, late president of the Trades and Labor council, in the course of his remarks at a meeting held in Creamer's hall, said that he was pleased to see that labor had come to recognize the conservative party as its friend and ally. Had not Mr. Bolden's character for sobriety been established his remarks would convey the idea that he had been travelling on the cocktail route. In union style he took a shot at his union friends, first by asserting that Mr. Fullerton ostensibly posed as a labor party man, while he was very close to the liberal party. This would convey the idea that Mr. Fullerton was sailing under false colors. But with all due respect to Mr. Bolden we would ask is there any more harm in the action of Mr. Fullerton than in his own action in posing as a labor man and hitching on to the conservative party, to be thrown down as was Mr. Fullerton? He also appears to be desirous of helping Mr. McNiven to loose the trail to the parliament buildings. While not laying any claims to the gift of prophecy, 80 per cent. of organized labor at least are willing to wager that J. D. McNiven heads the polls.

TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.

The president of the Trades and Labor council reported having received an invitation from the local government to attend the chambers of commerce excursion on the Princess Victoria, and that he intended contributing an interesting letter on the same.

Labor day excursion committee reported having concluded its labors in connection with the trip to Vancouver, which netted the council the sum of $150.

The civic committee reported having secured the appointment of Mr. T. H. Twigg on the hospital board. The secretary was requested to acknowledge the same.

The committee also recommended that the council pay two initiation fees to the agricultural board and appoint two delegates to represent organized labor thereon.

A motion to strike out section 5, article 2 of the constitution was lost.

V. L. P. UNION.

To provide work for its members during the coming winter the Laborers' union has organized an auxiliary for the purpose of doing a general excavating and sewer connecting business. It will not be long until work on the sewer extension is discontinued, thereby throwing many of its members out of employment. As hundreds of houses are to be connected with the mains an opportunity will be afforded for the union to carry out its plans. The object is to give employment, and not to accumulate money. Every member working will receive a wage equal to that paid by the corporation, and eight hours' work will constitute the day's labor. All employed will receive the same wage, no distinction being made between the ordinary diggers, pipelayers, foremen and superintendent. Weekly payments will be the order. Nearly 150 of the members are now employed on the sewers and many are experts in the business. A superintendent has been selected who is a practical engineer, and foremen of known ability will attend to the excavating and pipelaying. Only excavating and sewer-laying will be considered, estimates on plumbing being left entirely to the Plumbers' association, and the company will endeavor to work in perfect harmony with that organization. A licence has been procured and several contracts obtained, and when the pottery company is in position to furnish the pipe the work will go merrily on. Mr. J. E. Murphy has been appointed manager, and the head office is at the Empire Cigar Store, 105 Douglas street. A wellwisher has contributed a princely sum to help this commendable enterprise, and, together with a portable woodsawing machine, which the union contemplates purchasing, it is hoped that such conditions as prevailed last winter will be entirely overcome. All union men desiring work done will leave orders at Jones' Cigar Stores, when the manager will promptly make a call and arrange details.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

All the contesting forces are lined up for a brisk and exciting campaign, and the tongue of slander is commencing to wag in quarters least expected. It is anticipated that a great deal of green stuff will get into circulation during the next two weeks, and the experts are laying their nets to gather some of it in. On the other hand, the respectable element are forming themselves into committees for the purpose of preventing the market from becoming flooded. It is not thought that party lines will cut a figure in the campaign, and the consensus of opinion is that two members of both conservative and liberal parties will be elected, while there is a strong possibility of the socialist candidate reaching the goal.

Of the nine candidates running four were members of the last legislature, and in scanning the records it is found that they were opposed to measures introduced for the benefit of labor. The remaining five candidates, composed of business and labor men, namely, Messrs. Hayward, Drury, Cameron, McNiven and Watters, are well-known citizens of Victoria. Messrs. Hayward and Cameron have been members of the city council for years, and Messrs. McNiven and Watters have been for a long time connected with the Trades and Labor council, the latter gentleman being at present president of that body. Mr. Drury is a member of the school board of Victoria, and well-known by its citizens.

Organized labor has no special political affiliation, its members being at liberty to select such party as they see fit. But when representatives of labor are in the field, representatives such as any before the public to-day, whose character for honesty, integrity and devotion to the cause of labor and humanity, we feel that it is the duty of every working man who wears the union label, to throw party preferrment to one side and support the labor candidates, be they liberal, conservative or socialist. Having performed their bounden duty to their own class, we feel safe in assuming that voters will make no mistake in selecting from the gentlemen named the required number to make up Victoria's quota to the next legislature.

Labor, being in the great majority, is certainly entitled to a fair share of representation, and workingmen should make sure that labor's representatives should win out for they have the power to achieve success.

CIVIC COMMITTEES.

Finance—Ald. McQueen (chairman), Grant, McGuigan, Brown, Wood. Meets every Friday at 4 p. m.

Fire and Police—Ald. Brown (chairman), Grant, McQueen, Wilson, Morton. Meets second and fourth Tuesday at 4 p. m.

Board of Health—Ald. McGuigan (chairman), Grant, McQueen, Macpherson, Morton. Meets first and third Wednesday at 4 p. m.

Water and Market—Ald. Wood (chairman), Bethune, Cook, Wilson, Macpherson. Meets second and fourth Wednesday at 4 p. m.

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The principle that private rights must not be interfered with any farther than is really necessary for the greatest good to the greatest number, is also incontrovertible.

Where are we to draw the line between the rights of the individual and those of the community? Clearly the rights of the community are paramount; the community, therefore, is authorized by the individual (for convenience) to administer individual affairs collectively, in so far only as the community, as such, is hindered or promoted in its welfare. The community then is the guardian, not only of its own rights, but of the rights of the individual also. Now, what are the inherent and God-given rights of every man? Nothing less than life and liberty, which cannot be had without free access to earth, air and light sufficient for his every need, and as air and light are movable, as it were, and can be freely used, anywhere and everywhere, by all without hindrance to any individual or community, no legislation or human arrangements are necessary to the fullest enjoyment and use of those two elements, but with the earth it is necessary for the community to deal wisely and justly, in order that there may be no conflict of interests, and that no one individual should encroach upon the rights of another. The community then should allot to each applicant a sufficient area of land for his needs, and which he must occupy and use, or forfeit his claim thereto, and for the privilege of occupying any particular location to the exclusion of other applicants he should be assessed a yearly rental which would be a certain percentage on the actual selling or rent value of the land according to its location or its quality, or for the value of the timber or minerals which it contained, without regard to any human improvements whatever, as the improvements belong to the one who makes them. The yearly rental could be arranged, say, every five or ten years, in the same way as ordinary leases are now. While the population was sparse the rents would be low, and as the population increased, the rents would increase as they do now, for without an increase in population there would be no increase in the value of the land or what it contained, excepting where a railway or other road were built, which would bring the land in question more in touch with a populous place; but there is nothing like people for increasing the value of the land for occupancy. As the people make the value, to them the value belongs, and should be used for their benefit in supplying all the necessary roads, sewers, water and light, street cars, and even perhaps music halls, libraries, etc. The less expensive the management of the community, the smaller the percentage of rent value which would be levied upon each occupant.

Landed and other wealthy men declare that such a system would not work, and single tax on land values would be unjust to them. There can be no injustice in withholding or withdrawing a privilege which is not paid for according to its value, and how much easier it would be to settle and collect a tax on land, than upon the many things which it is now levied and which are so difficult to get at. And why should a man be taxed upon his industry and endeavor to beautify the town, while the one who holds the land without improvement is not taxed? That is not common sense.

Single tax may not be a cure for all ills, but it would go far towards removing the discrepancy between the wealth of the landlord and the poverty of the tenant. It is customary to call the landlord the taxpayer, but he never pays the taxes upon any property which he rents; his tenant always pays the taxes. He pays only on the property which he occupies or which is vacant, and in case of a vacant house a landlord gets a rebate on his taxes until he can get a tenant to move in, and pay the full amount again for him. We know also that a man who owns anything less than two acres is charged a higher rate of taxation than the one who owns two acres or more within the city limits. All these things are in favor of the rich against the poor. We wait for the single tax as the only way to kill land speculation which is not for the benefit of any but the real estate agent and a few favored ones in the community. But it is said we will never be able to secure such a system. Certainly not from the ordinary grit or tory, nor from democrat or republican; me must ignore the old party cries which seem to-day not to mean anything but subserviency to private and corporate aggrandisement to the detriment of the public. We must vote for a singletaxer and one in favor of public ownership against all other political names whatever, until we obtain what we ask for; and we know that the producing classes are numerous enough to elect whom they will (in spite of the privileged classes) if we will pull together and not be led by a few demagogues who sell their birthright for a mess of pottage to those who think that the people should be made a prey to them. Then let us pull long and strong and altogether, and our aim will be accomplished, but in the meantime our legislators, who are really our servants, and paid by us to do our collective political or municipal business, take upon themselves the role of masters and treat us with contempt, subsidising whom they will, and regulating what pay, we, their masters, shall give them.

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Conservative Platform

(Adopted at Revelstoke, Sept. 13, 1902.)

1. That this convention reaffirms the policy of the party in matters of provincial roads and trails; the ownership and control of railways and the development of the agricultural resources of the province as laid down in the platform adopted in October, 1899, which is as follows:

"To actively aid in the construction of trails throughout the undeveloped portions of the province and the building of provincial trunk roads of public necessity.

"To adopt the principles of government ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will admit, and the adoption of the principle that no bonus should be granted to any railway company which does not give the government of the province control of rates over lines bonused, together with the option of purchase.

"To actively assist by state aid in the development of the agricultural resources of the province.

2. That in the meantime and until the railway policy above set forth can be accomplished, a general railway act be passed, giving freedom to construct railways under certain approved regulations, analogous to the system that has resulted in such extensive railway construction in the United States, with so much advantage to trade and commerce.

3. That to encourage the mining industry, the taxation of metalliferous mines should be on the basis of a percentage on the net profits.

4. That the government ownership of telephone systems should be brought about as a first step in the acquisition of public utilities.

5. That a portion of every coal area hereafter to be disposed of should be reserved from sale or lease, so that state owned mines may be easily accessible, if their operation becomes necessary or advisable.

6. That in the pulp land leases provision should be made for reforesting and that steps should be taken for the general preservation of forests by guarding against the wasteful destruction of timber.

7. That the legislature and government of the province should presevere in the effort to secure the exclusion of Asiatic labor.

8. That the matter of better terms in the way of subsidy and appropriations for the province should be vigorously pressed upon the Dominion government.

9. That the silver-lead industries of the province be fostered and encouraged by the imposition of increased customs duties on lead and lead products imported into Canada, and that the conservative members of the Dominion house be urged to support any motion introduced for such a purpose.

10. That as industrial disputes almost invariably result in great loss and injury both to the parties directly concerned and to the public, legislation should be passed to provide means for an amicable adjustment of such disputes between employers and employees.

11. That it is advisable to foster the manufacture of the raw products of the province within the province as far as practicable by means of taxation on the said raw products, subject to rebate of the same in whole or part when manufactured in British Columbia.

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Muller, H., 103 1-2 Cordova street.
Rogers, Jonathan, Hastings street.
Ross, A., 135 Twelfth avenue west.
Spillman & Todd, Granville street.
Stanley, W., Hudson's Bay Co.
Whatmough, G., corner Seaton and Burrard streets.
Willson, W. T.

PLASTERERS.

Astel, James, Eveleigh street.
Adams, J., 737 Church street.
Barker, B.
Borland, J., 1934 Nelson street.
Coleman, J., Fifth avenue, Fairview.
Fuller, Geo., 305 Pender street.
Handy, L., Eighth avenue and Heather street.
Macey, Samuel, Seventh avenue, Fairview.
McLean, A., 339 Powell street.
Stebbings, A. R., 108 Harris street.

SHEET METAL WORKERS AND ROOFERS.

Burke, A. J., 334 Howe street.
Bell, Thomas, 717 Westminster avenue.
Flett, John A., 330 Hastings street west.
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To the Editor of THE INDEPENDENT.

Sir.—It seems to me high time that the union men of this city used a little discrimination in making their purchases in retail stores, and I wish to point out right here that the utter indifference shown by the majority of union men as to whether they should purchase from a union or non-union clerk is a matter upon which every union clerk has a strong kick coming. Union men are in duty bound to patronise union labor only. It is a very easy matter to ascertain if you are buying from a union clerk, and every time a demand is made for the card it puts a spoke in the clerks' wheel. Although this matter has been drummed into every member of the Trades and Labor Council and continually brought to the attention of every union in the city it seems to make little or no material difference to union men generally. The very best possible way for a man to assert his or have his wife assert her unionism is by complying with the request "Ask the clerk for his card," for although this may at times be somewhat inconvenient and mortifying to the individual, yet this is slight compared to the welfare of the whole. Reciprocity is the life of trade! It is ten times more so the life of trades-unionism. Ask the clerk for his card.

RETAIL CLERK.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 24th, 1903.

P. S.—Will a union man employ a non-union teamster, carpenter, plumber or any other tradesman when he can employ union men? No; but he will wear non-union clothes and boots and buy them from non-union clerks, when he does not have to go out of the way to buy union goods from a union clerk.

R. C.

CAMPAIGN NOTES

The Prior-Dunsmuir combination is out for blood and if it gets its own way the next four years will be like the past, with the "old gang"—"grafts" for the "boys" and "gifts" for the "boss."—Nanaimo Herald.

What the dickens have we to do with the Ottawa government that the liberals say we must return them to power in British Columbia? According to that line of reasoning whenever the federal government is changed we should follow suit. Not in your life. We are going to vote for the straight labor ticket and honest men.

The only real issue that seems to be between the tories and grits is one of a straight-party government. While it is true that there have been no party lines drawn heretofore, it is a fact that the conservatives have practically always been in power at Victoria. Workingmen should remember this and vote the straight labor ticket.

Charles Wilson, K. C., has the distinction of being the only candidate in the province in the present political campaign who opposed the Nanaimo & Esquimalt railway land grant deal. He lost his seat by taking this stand. This is to his credit. But look at the records of some of the members of the conservative party in the wholesale giving away of public lands since then.

We hear of vast crowds of settlers going into the Northwest Territories. British Columbia is kept in reserve by the railway corporations and land speculators as a future stampeding ground. We want settlers now and we want legitimate inducements held out to them to come here, not in the way of assisted immigration, but protection from the financial coyotes and buzzards that abound in this province.

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TEAM DRIVERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION, No. 409—Meets first and third Wednesday in each month in Union hall. President, Geo. Dunlop; vice-president, S. Cawker; secretary-treasurer, D. McIver; recording secretary, A. E. Soper, 539 Hornby street; warden, C. B. Higginson; conductor, T. E. Bugbee; trustees, C. B. Higginson, R. Heywood, A. Robinson; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, A. E. Soper, Geo. Dunlop, C. B. Higginson, J. J. Harrison, J. C. Kerr.

BUILDERS' LABORERS' FEDERAL UNION, No. 32, Vancouver.—Meets every other Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the large room, Union Hall. President, J. Sully; vice-president, W. Lyons; secretary, H. Sellers, Western Hotel; treasurer, J. Cosgrove; warden, H. Chapman; conductor, J. Gunderson; delegates to Trades & Labor Council, J. Sully, G. Payne, J. Cosgrove and H. Sellers; delegates to Building Trades Council, J. Sully and J. Cosgrove.

VANCOUVER TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION, NO. 226, meets the 4th Monday in each month at Union Hall. President, W. J. MacKay; vice-president, S. J. Gothard; secretary, W. H. Hunt, P. O. Box 66; treasurer, John Watkins; sergeant-at-arms, James Webster; executive committee, Ralph Wilson, A. W. Finbow, N. Cleland and P. Kellas; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, Robert Todd, George Bartley, Geo. Wilby.

STREET RAILWAY MEN'S UNION.—Meets second and fourth Wednesday of each month in Sutherland Hall, corner Westminster Avenue and Hastings Street, at 8 p.m. President, James McGuigan; vice-president, A. G. Elliott; recording secretary, A. G. Perry, 33 Seventh avenue, Mount Pleasant; financial secretary, Ed. Cozens; conductor, J. Badger; warden, A. J. Wilson; sentinel, A. M. Harris; delegates to Trades and Labor Council, J. McGuigan, A. J. Wilson, R. Brent, C. Bennett, F. C. O'Brien.

THE RETAIL CLERKS' INTERNATIONAL PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION meets in O'Brien's Hall, the first and third Tuesdays of each month. J. A. Murray, president; W. J. Lamrick, secretary, 248 Princess street.

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