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RANCHERS ARE WROTH

AT MARA AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR UNFAIR TREATMENT.

Even Their Improvements Not Safe—The Last Attempt to Trick Them—No Titles Yet—Mr. Mara as a Land Speculator—Settlers can get no Satisfaction.

The long standing grievance of the ranchers in this vicinity has, at last reached a crisis, and, with ejectment staring them in the face, they hardly know which way to turn to save the labor of years.

These men, legitimate settlers, anxious and ready to make homes for themselves—thus adding to the general welfare—spent from two to eight years to perfect the title to their land, and now find that they are no nearer accomplishing their purpose than when they started, some of them eight years ago and the latest two years since. Not only that, but they have no guarantee that even their improvements—their work for all these years—will be respected and compensation given therefor.

As everyone hereabouts knows, this is no new question; it has been agitated for years; the Minister of the Interior was interviewed when here and promised relief, promised that titles would be issued. There have been reams of paper used in correspondence with the department and its officers; Mr. Mara has been importuned times out of number, certainly every time he has come to town for years back, to use whatever influence he possessed, as our representative, to obtain a settlement of this question. All this agitation has proved fruitless and to-day these settlers are in the same position as when they first entered upon the land, as far as a title is concerned. Who is responsible for this condition of affairs?

While all this has been going on While these men have been struggling to secure the property which they have made valuable by their labor, their rights in which they have been led to believe—by the Minister of Justice himself—would be respected, other deals were taking place. This is the reverse side of the shield:

Mr. Mara has, during all this period, been an M. P.; he has also been the principal owner of the Steamboat Co. During this period the company has secured 26 acres in the townsite for the building of a dock, which was only used for a few times; is not used now; will not be used in the future; and which is rapidly falling to decay. Apart from this dock there has not been a dollar spent in improvements on this 26 acres. During this time, also, Mr. Mara admits having secured possession of 103 acres in the vicinity of the smelter, upon which there has never been even one cent spent in improvements.

Not having improved his property he has added no value to it. But Mr. Mara is too keen a business man to long hold onto a losing investment. He must expect this land to become valuable. Not through his own efforts surely, because he has made none. What then will make it valuable? There can be only one answer and that is: The growth of the community. Land will and must become scarce in this vicinity, and then the man or men who must use land will have to buy from Mr. Mara at an enhanced price, a price created by the community, thus giving him a profit to the creation of which he has not contributed even one cent's worth. In other words, in this matter Mr. Mara is merely a real estate speculator.

Now what is the logic of all this? What conclusion must one come to. There is no alternative, there is but one: That while legitimate, *bona fide* settlers have been unable to secure land for the purposes of making their homesteads thereon; land which they have spent years in improving; Mr. Mara has been able to get land for purely speculative purposes; land which he is holding, unimproved, in the assurance that the growth of the community will greatly increase its value. Does not the logic of events prove this? Is it not a fair conclusion that, while he has been our representative, while he has occupied the position of a trusted employee, John Andrew Mara has benefited himself at the expense of his constituents.

No later than a few weeks ago Mr. Mara was here electioneering. He was interviewed on this matter by some of the parties most vitally interested, and promised to do something to arrive at a settlement. He sent away a number of telegrams and in response to one Mr. Pearce, the land agent at Calgary, wrote that he would be here on the 10th inst. He did not come then but arrived Thursday night. The ranchers had been expecting him and turned out in force, 20 or 25 of them being on hand to hear what he had to say. They had been led to believe that he would and could settle the matter, and when they found that he merely came to "investigate," that he had no authority to do more, they were, to say the least, disgusted and disappointed. What was there to investigate? The grievance is not a new one, the facts are well established. So well that Mr. Pearce did not consider it necessary to go over the ground; he was perfectly acquainted with it, and only stayed over night leaving for Calgary again Friday morning. He merely stated that he would hear their statements as to improvements, etc., and write or return soon to further confer about the matter.

Mr. Pearce, no doubt, is doing what he is expected to do. He is a servant of the Government and, as such, must obey his employers and no blame attaches to him, so far as the MAIL is aware. But what shall be said of those who have hoodwinked these ranchers—men who have worked hard and honestly to make homes for themselves for years? Either Mr. Mara, or the Government, or both, is responsible, and this fact will be remembered by those settlers next Tuesday when they are asked to pronounce upon the conduct of the man and the government who have tricked them so long; aye, cheated them with fair promises, and who at the eleventh hour even still says "Wait! To-morrow!"

THE ELECTION RETURNS.

The Mail Has Made Arrangements For Full Telegraphic Reports From all Over Canada.

Recognizing the keen interest taken by the general public in the present electoral contest, and in pursuance of their purpose to furnish their patrons, as far as they are able, with an up-to-date, enterprising newspaper, the publishers of the MAIL have made arrangements for a special telegraphic service for next Tuesday, thus affording their patrons, and the public generally, a full, accurate and prompt report of the contest, not only in Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo, but in every constituency throughout the Dominion that has telegraphic connections.

The returns will be received by wire at the MAIL office, where they will be bulletined immediately. It is expected that they will commence to come in about 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and continue until about 1 a. m. Wednesday.

The MAIL has been assured that the service will be as speedy and complete as that furnished to the largest newspapers in any of the big centres, and will leave nothing undone that will add to its efficiency, if possible.

Noah Abrahamson, of the Queen's, Trout Lake, was a visitor to town this week.

A good cigar after dinner,—what luxury! Buy from Borthwick and you will smoke no others. Order early. *

Eastern papers announce the Bond Brothers' Shows the best ever organized. The big shows will be at Revelstoke, Thursday, June 25rd. *

Rev. C. A. Procunier, of Kaslo, preached morning and evening services in the Methodist church last Sunday. The attendance at both was large, particularly in the evening when he preached a special sermon to his Masonic brethren.

The first strawberries of the season—of local growth—which we have seen, came from the garden of P. R. Peterson, on Tuesday. Pete is an expert horticulturist.

A new four-horse waggon went down river Wednesday to Thomson's consigned to Craig & Hillman. It will be put on the route between there and Trout Lake.

A party of friends "surprised" Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Wood at the Methodist parsonage, Wednesday night, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Geo. D. Scott, of Vancouver, arrived from the coast, Monday. He has gone into the Lardeau to start development work on his Fish Creek properties.

Andy Craig came up from Trout Lake, Sunday, he reports the waggon road to be in a very bad condition. As the appropriation for repairs thereto only amounts to $200 it does not seem likely to be much improved, this year at least.

REVELSTOKE FURNITURE FACTORY—Crowley & Co. supply dealers and storekeepers with bedding, couches, bed lounges, spring beds, etc., at figures below importers. Send for price list. Opposite Central Hotel, Revelstoke.

TWO DAYS SPORTS.

A Big Celebration at Revelstoke July First and Second.

The programme committee for the grand Dominion Day celebration have been hard at work all week, and have prepared a bill of fare that will extend over two days.

The committee on subscriptions have met with the most gratifying success, and, as the result of their labors, over $500 will be distributed in prizes.

The first day's programme will consist of a base ball match between Donald and Revelstoke, athletic sports, and a grand ball in the evening.

The second day's bill will consist of a tennis tournament, rifle and trap shooting, bicycle races, and horse races.

The details of the programme will be published next week. It is expected there will be a large attendance from neighboring towns. Everyone who comes to Revelstoke Wednesday and Thursday, July 1st and 2nd, is assured of a hearty welcome and a good time.

Absolutely a Secret Ballot.

The Dominion ballot is absolutely secret. It is utterly impossible for any man to know how another votes in Dominion elections; it is absolutely impossible to trace the vote after it is cast. There is no white upon the ballot except the space for the names and marks. When the voter gets the ballot, there is a counterfoil attached. Upon that counterfoil are placed the initials of the returning officer and a number. There is no initial, no number, no mark of any kind, put upon the ballot paper proper. When the voter receives his ballot it is folded so that the initials and number upon the counterfoil are outside and can be seen. The voter takes his ballot into the secret compartment, and there marks it, putting a cross in the white circle opposite the name of the candidate for whom he desires to vote. He then refolds the ballot as it was, with the number and initials on the counterfoil outside and in plain view. He hands the ballot to the returning officer, who looks at his initials and number to see that it is the same ballot he gave to the voter. He then tears off the counterfoil, with its number and initials, and destroys it, and then, "immediately and in presence of the elector" places the ballot paper in the box—the ballot then having neither number, initial nor any mark whatever by which it can afterwards be identified.

The Dominion ballot is absolutely secret, and it is utterly impossible for any person other than the voter himself to discover how a man's ballot has been marked.

The Mammoth Shows.

The greatest of tented expositions, and as the show bills call it: "A Modern World's Fair and Canopied Wonderland," will exhibit at Revelstoke, Thursday, June 25th.

We refer to the far-famed and justly celebrated Bond Brothers' Colossal Shows. The performances in their Great Three Ring Circus is said to excel that of any other show on the Continent. Their Hippodrome most realistic and attractive, while their Menagerie of rare wild animals possesses many fine specimens not usually seen with other shows, and the performances and feats of the Educated Horses have no counterpart and is entirely new to tented amusement patrons. Its extraordinary Ethnological features come in for no small measure of praise. Railroads grant cheap round trip excursion rates on day of exhibition as above, and a vast concourse of people from the neighboring towns and country is looked for to witness these unparalleled shows. *

A Cash Mining Deal at Illecillewaet.

Word was received to-day of a big cash transfer at Illecillewaet. Alex. McKinnon has disposed of his whole interest in the Maple Leaf for a lump sum of $40,000. The original price was $50,000, three thousand of which had been paid, but in consideration of get-$10,000 in cash, the owner discounted his first figure $7,000.

Crowley & Co. makes cushions and trims carriges. Opposite Central Hotel.

Wm. Flemming lost a valuable horse at his ranch this week. It was drowned in a branch of the Illecillewaet.

A strawberry festival will be held on the base ball grounds, July 7th. Particulars next week.

Rev. J. A. Wood will preach a political sermon at the Methodist church to-morrow evening, on men, money and politics.

Geo. Laforme, Gus Lund, Mark Hyatt and Mr. Powers returned from the Bend yesterday. Geo. L. Hill, R. Joslyn, John D. Boyd and A. W. McIntosh arrived down to-day.

Gold Commissioner Graham was "called" this morning. It was a very handsome, gold-headed one and the donors were Chas. Holton, Tom Downs, Pete Walker and Lauchie Macdonald.

CONTEMPTIBLE ELECTIONEERING.

Here is a Sample of Mara's Local Canvassing Tactics.

Some months since, a petition was circulated here, and very largely signed, praying the Governor-General to pardon a young man named Doyle, who was, at that time, undergoing a term of imprisonment in the Westminster gaol. In the ordinary course, the petition was forwarded to Mr. Mara, as our representative at Ottawa, for presentation to the proper authorities and in due time the prayer of the petitioners was granted and the young man released.

In obtaining this pardon Mr. Mara had no hand or part, save as a paid servant of the people, he being their representative, and, as such, the proper channel through which to forward such a document. The initiative was taken by the friends of the young man in question and Mr. Mara merely presented the petition as was his duty to do, and it is extremely probable that his name does not even appear amongst those of the petitioners. However that may be, he was merely asked to do his duty and present the petition, and it is to be presumed that he did so. At least the conclusion has been satisfactory, and the friends of this young man have the pleasure of knowing that their efforts were not in vain.

Thus far everything was well and as it ought to be. But the matter was not to rest here. Mr. Mara is a candidate for re-election, and as such he loses no opportunity to gain the sympathies and good-will of the electors. This he is perfectly justified in doing, so long as he does so fairly and legitimately. But here is an instance which shows to what incredible depths of meanness a man can sink who, driven at bay, is compelled to resort to all or any means in his endeavor to justify himself to his constituents, and furnish some tangible proof of having been of service to them.

Yesterday afternoon the following letter was handed to the MAIL by Mr. W. M. Brown, who is chairman of Mr. Mara's committee in Revelstoke, with the personal request that it be published; the letter having been forwarded to him by Mr. Mara. Here is the letter:—

Ottawa, 2nd June, 1896.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 27th February last to the Hon. the Minister of Justice, enclosing a petition to His Excellency the Governor-General, with covering letter, addressed to you by Mr. Wm. Brown, of Revelstoke, B. C., praying for the pardon of one Wm. Doyle, I am directed to inform you that His Excellency is pleased to order that this convict be released from the New Westminster gaol, and that the sheriff at New Westminster has been instructed accordingly. I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant, JOSEPH POPE,

Under Secretary of State.

J. A. Mara, Esq., Kamloops, B. C.

Now, what think you of this, you electors? Here is a man seeking your suffrages who does not scruple to publish to the world this young man's misfortune; that he has been the inmate of a prison cell; that he has been a convict; if by so doing it will catch a few votes. What a poor, mean, ignoble, small-souled object this man Mara shows himself to be by stooping to such tactics. In his endeavor to obtain endorsation from constituents whose interests he has notoriously neglected during his whole parliamentary life, he does not hesitate to make the misfortunes of a fellow creature a stepping stone to Ottawa. Here is a young man who makes one misstep and for that Mr. Mara and (with sorrow we say it) his friends go trumpeting it through the riding in the hope that there may be an elector who has not heard of it.

Is it not an unmanly act; a base act; an act which makes every honest, manly man loathe the perpetrator and cry "shame" at him. Is Mr. Mara such a saint, or are some of his friends such saints; so untainted, that he or they can afford to stand upon their pinnacle of worldly goods and throw stones at their fellow men? Their own consciences and old time associates may be able to answer. But, however it is; even though they are fit candidates for beatification, it gives them no license to thus insult a man who whatever his offence, has been has at least paid the penalty of it; and the MAIL very much mistakes the men, or of this community, and this young man's friends, if they do not take the very first opportunity of resenting the insult, by serving notice upon John Andrew Mara that, for a representative, they want a man with manly instincts, not one who will descend to the level of the mere party heeler or ward politician in his endeavor to influence a few votes.

Send in your order for a home cigar to G. Borthwick & Co., Kamloops. They make the celebrated Interior, La Morena and Pride of Kamloops cigar. *

Republican Choice for the Presidency.

The Republican national convention convened at St. Louis last Tuesday. The first ballot was taken Thursday afternoon and resulted in the nomination of Major McKinly for President, and Garret Hobart for Vice-President. The metal question resulted in 817 votes for gold, and 100 for silver.

Where and When to Vote.

The poll will open Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock, at the government office, and continue open until 5 o'clock p.m. The ballot is, as explained elsewhere in this issue, absolutely secret, and no elector need be afraid to vote according to the dictates of his own conscience. J. D. Graham is is the deputy-returning officer for Revelstoke.

MARA'S RECORD IN NAKUSP.

Why the Workingmen of that Vicinity Will Oppose Him.

Politics are quiet here, but from a Bostock point of view satisfactory. Although visited by railway officials of high degree, who promised many improvements, and spoke about the Crow's Nest Railroad staying around here, we are still in favor of Bostock.

If there is a place in the country that has seen more of Mr. Mara's intentions of keeping "Canada for Canadians" than Nakusp, it has not been, as yet, heard from. Here we have seen men imported to do work that thousands of men at home could do, yet not a tap of anything but of a foreign hammer is ever heard on his boats. These Americans are not the men who have been opening up the country, but men who are here to-day and gone to-morrow; and Canadians with votes must sit by and see the Americans come and go. There is a day of retribution at hand, and our Canadian workmen, better than whom there is none, will everywhere, on railways, steamboats, and in other spheres of life, resent with their ballots the foul wrong done them and their fellow workers by Mr. Mara and his company. There is another class of men, too, who will *not* vote for Mr. Mara—the stalwart wood cutters who supply his boats with wood. These men stand the solitude of the woods, work in rain or shine, and do the hardest of labor, chopping cordwood, for $1 per cord. What a magnificent sum to offer these hardy French Canadians who love Laurier and Quebec, and who will not go back on Bostack, Laurier's follower, on the 23rd.

Cariboo Creek is going ahead splendidly. The Promestora owners are preparing to ship ore, and it is said to be of high grade.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeil gave a reception at the Madden House, Tuesday night, to the friends who would have given them a reception, and a warm one, had they been married at home. Jim stole a march on the chivari boys and they only consent to forgive him on condition of his not doing it again.

Nakusp, June 18. HORATIO.

From Down River Points.

ROSSLAND.

The new strike on the St. Elmo is continuing to improve.

The new north vein on the Le Roi is now being opened up by a drift on the ore body. Where it was crossed it proved to be a little over 22 feet between walls. The ore continues to average a little better than $40 to the ton.

The No. 2 shaft on the Iron Mask is now down 25 feet below the level of the No. 3 tunnel and shows over three feet of solid ore which averages $60 in gold and 13 per cent. in copper. This is practically the highest grade copper ore in the camp.

The first ore to be shipped over the Columbia & Western consisted of two cars from the Mayflower, which went down to Trail en route to the Tacoma smelter.

W. A. Ritchie, representing the Ohio Syndicate, has purchased the Enterprise for $25,000 cash. This is the fifth property near Rossland that has been purchased for cash by this syndicate within the past two months.

GENERAL.

Workmen are engaged in putting up a matte crushing room on the left end of the main building of the Trail smelter.

The miners on the north fork of Salmon river have started a new town called Craigtown, 7 miles from Salmon Siding on the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway. The town already boasts one hotel, one assay office and numerous residencies.

Two new steamers are being built on Slocan Lake.

The weight of the water flowing over it has broken the big cable of the Trail ferry, and the ferryman is now transferring passengers from one shore to the other in a rowboat.

SIGNS OF A CHANGE

LAURIER'S WELCOME IN TORONTO ONE OF THEM.

What was Once a Government Stronghold Gives the Opposition Leader a Great Reception—The Nominations—B.C. Candidates—Acclamations Favor the Opposition.

From all accounts received, the Laurier demonstration at Toronto on the 12th inst.—both in numbers and enthusiasm—eclipsed any political gathering heretofore held in Canada. It is estimated that between 20,000 and 25,000 people struggled and crushed and jammed one another in their efforts to get into Massey Hall and the Auditorium (the two largest halls in the city) to hear the Liberal leader. This is what the press of Toronto says of the gathering:—

Toronto *Telegram* (Independent Conservative):—The reception given the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier in Massey Hall was indeed a flattering one. The immense building was packed! So great was the crowd that tried to obtain entrance to the meeting, after every available bit of space was occupied, that it was considered advisable to hold an overflow meeting in the Auditorium.

Toronto *News* (Conservative):—The two halls were not big enough. A tremendous throng of men and women turned out to hear Mr. Laurier at Massey Hall. By 7:30 o'clock every inch of seating capacity had been taken up and the aisles were filled as well. But the 5,000 people inside the hall were more than matched by the immense throng that fought and struggled about the doors for admission. When the leader came forward the audience literally rose at him and cheered for two minutes.

Toronto *Star* (Independent):—There never was a Conservative meeting in Toronto like that one last night. The doors were closed shortly after 7 o'clock and the crowd was infuriated. They fought to get in and some tried to scale the windows. An overflow meeting was decided upon and the people, or a portion of them, passed over to the Auditorium. The balance remained outside to see the leader when he left, and they sent up a mighty cheer when he appeared. The enthusiasm wasn't one that could be measured by time or space. The reception which Mr. Laurier received could not be mistaken. Every person in that large audience rose to greet him. Then came three mighty three times three, the tiger, and after this applause of three or four minutes the audience settled down again and listened most intently.

Toronto *Globe* (Liberal):—Mr. Laurier enjoys the unique distinction of having filled the two largest halls in the city and still leaving outside enough citizens for a magnificent gathering.

Further comment to show the great change in public opinion, is unnecessary when it is remembered that, for the past 18 years, Toronto has been solidly Conservative. No wonder the Liberal leader opened his oration with these words: "Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, is this Toronto? Is this the great Conservative city of the Dominion?" and the answer he received from that vast audience was "no, no; not now."

The official returns of nominations made last Tuesday shows 207 Ministerial and 200 opposition candidates in the field. There were five elections by acclamation, four in Quebec and one in Ontario as follows:—Bagot, Que.—Dupont, Conservative; Berthier, Que.—Beaubien, Liberal; Dorchester, Que.—Vaillancourt, Liberal; St. Hyacinthe, Que.—Berliner, Liberal; Frontenac, Ont.—Rogers, Patron.

In West York, Samuel Platt was nominated as the Ministerial candidate against N. Clarke Wallace.

Mr. E. King Dodds when here recommended his hearers to read the Montreal *Star*, because it was, he said, the only reliable, independent newspaper in Canada. Here is a sample of its reliability and independence: The issue to hand to-day contains a political article with the scare head "New Brunswick is solid. The province by the sea is Conservative," the article referred to says, "The Liberals have no straight candidates in several constituencies." What is the fact from the official returns. It is this, that there is a straight Liberal candidate in every constituency in that province except two—Albert and Kent. Mr. Dodds' newspaper friend don't appear to be any more "reliable," or "independent" than he was himself.

British Columbia nominations were as follows:—

Burrard—Cowan, Conservative; Bowser, Ind. Conservative; Maxwell, Liberal.

New Westminster—McBride, Conservative; Morrison, Liberal.

Vancouver district—Haslam, Conservative; Haggart, Conservative; McInnes, Liberal.

Victoria—Prior and Earle, Conservative; Templeman and Milne, Liberal.

Yale-Cariboo—Mara, Conservative; Bostock, Liberal.

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REVELSTOKE, JUNE 20, 1896.

THE nominations made at Kamloops on Tuesday leaves a straight contest between John Andrew Mara and his opponent, Hewitt Bostock, thus affording the electors of Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo their first opportunity of expressing an opinion, at the polls, of the course pursued by their representative at Ottawa during the past nine years.

Public office is a public trust. When a man who has occupied a representative position for a number of years seeks the endorsation of his past acts and asks for a continuance of the confidence reposed in him by his constituents, his public record should be carefully considered by the electors.

Judged by this standard; by the standard of his record in the past, John Andrew Mara is sadly deficient. It seems almost incredible that a man could occupy a seat in the federal parliament for nine years, representing a constituency where the opportunities are so great and numerous, and yet not have done one public act for the benefit of his constituents.

But this is the condition disclosed by the campaign. Mr. Mara has been heard on a number of platforms, presumably in his own defence. We heard him here. What did he have to say for himself? What account did he render of his stewardship? Is it not a notorious fact that the whole burden of his appeal to the electors was that, in the past, he has been a supporter of the Government, a slavish supporter, who endorsed everything from the public scandals to Tupper's coercion policy. Local issues were entirely ignored or overlooked by him. Questions which affect the prosperity of every resident of the town and district received no consideration from him. He did not even offer an excuse for his neglect of the people's interests throughout the whole course of his parliamentary career.

This utter disregard of the public welfare by our ex-representative has been so pronounced that, until the party standard was raised a few weeks ago, John Andrew Mara could not have been elected to the most menial position in the gift of the electors of Kootenay. Many of those who are supporting him to-day, particularly in Revelstoke, have been cursing him for the past five years. This is a fact which cannot be gainsaid. What is their motive? His effort to secure election as a representative of the great Conservative party will, we believe, prove a failure. He is not the representative of that party, he is only a Tupperite. The members of that party owe him nothing. In all his career he has done nothing to advance its interests, but, on the contrary, his actions have only tended to bring it into disrepute. Amongst his strongest opponents in this campaign are to be found lifelong Conservatives, men who still cherish their convictions, but who refuse to endorse a do-nothing member and a bulldozing premier.

These are a few of the reasons why John Andrew Mara will not be successful at the polls next Tuesday. The people of Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo want a change and they will have it. That this is true is evidenced by the reports from every part of the constituency. Everywhere there is but one opinion that our ex-member has been a failure from a public point of view, and the result is that his opponent, Mr. Bostock, has a magnificent organization composed of Liberals and Conservatives, who have sunk their party differences and are working with a will throughout the riding to defeat a man who has proven himself unworthy of the trust reposed in him. It is time for a change. That is admitted by almost everyone. Then let us have it on Tuesday next by electing Hewitt Bostock to go to Ottawa to attend to our public business, and John Andrew Mara to stay at home to look after his private and corporate affairs. The former has no private interests (at variance with those of the public) to prevent him making a good representative, the latter has too many.

BEWARE of Roorbacks. There is nothing in campaign methods more utterly unscrupulous and contemptible than the election roorback. Rumors, without foundation, and even pure inventions, are adopted and published as facts, in the expectation that neither contradiction nor proof can overtake the lie. The object in every case is the pitiful gain of a few votes, which the lie may influence. Already two, or more, have been sprung during this campaign by Mr. Bostock's opponents, but too early to serve the purpose of his detractors, and have, in one case at least, proved a boomerang. Again we say, beware of roorbacks, particularly at the eleventh hour of the contest.

THE national campaign for good government and the clean, honest, earnest and patriotic administration of public affairs is almost over, and on Tuesday next the electorate—the highest and last court of appeal in the nation—will be called upon to decide who shall rule the destinies of Canada for the ensuing five years. No campaign since confederation has developed such a breaking away from old party ties and, unless all signs fail, the Tupper government is doomed to defeat.

From the Maritime Provinces to British Columbia there has been a revolution of popular feeling against the misrule which has obtained at Ottawa during the last few years, and nowhere is this more pronounced than in the Province of Ontario, where the Government's majority is greatest. Mr. Laurier's tour through that province amounted to almost a continuous ovation which culminated in the wonderful demonstration at Toronto on the 12th inst.—which in numbers and enthusiasm is unparalleled in the political history of Canada.

The spirit of unrest and the general and widespread desire for a change is further shown by the number of defections from the government ranks. Scores of men prominent in commercial and professional life in every province of the Dominion have withdrawn their support from the ministerialists, and ranged themselves in the ranks of the opposition, either as Liberals, McCarthyites or Patrons. To such an extent is this true that, in many cases, party walls have been broken down entirely and the opposition is really a fusion of Liberals and Conservatives against the ministerialists. 'Tis the cause of The Nation vs. Tupper.

Sir Charles Tupper's arrogant and overbearing attitude towards Manitoba is in a great measure accountable for this condition of public feeling. The lovers of fair play and even handed justice who constitute the great majority of the electorate sympathize with Manitoba. They have made her cause their cause, and on the 23rd day of June it is safe to predict that a great thinking element will declare in the ballot box that Manitoba must not be coerced, but on the contrary that the abuses of power by her own officials without federal interference.

The public seem to have played no small part in shaming support from power men which, not only condoned the offences committed, but encouraged them. There are tens of thousands of people in Canada who believe in Mr. Laurier's maxim, "The public treasury is as sacred as any private safe." That when a charge of robbing is proved against a man, be he high or low, rich or poor, he should be punished as he deserves. In a word, that the law should be no respecter of persons, and the fact that the criminal happens to be a member or supporter of a government is no excuse for it interfering with the course of justice.

The general desire for a change is so manifest that even the blindest partisan cannot help but observe it, and when we consider that it only requires a change of 23 votes to defeat the Government it seems probable that Ontario alone will give [illegible] which is being waged in [illegible] opposition on account of the Remedial Bill, Mr. Laurier expects a majority from his native province, and British Columbia will no longer send a solid delegation to Ottawa and the probability is that the Government will only secure two of the six seats in this province. The Government's representation from the Maritime provinces will probably be reduced by six, while the Territories will divide evenly; Manitoba giving a majority against the Government. This would place the Government in a minority of about 25.

There is going to be a change, and the electors of Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo should get into line for it by casting their ballots for Hewitt Bostock, an advocate of clean methods and honest administration, an opponent of Tupper's coercion policy which Mr. Mara is pledged to support, and a gentleman who has no private or corporate interests which can in any way hamper him in the discharge of his duties as a representative of this important constituency.

'Tis time for a change, and the change is not more urgently required anywhere else in this broad Dominion than in the representation of Yale-Kootenay-Cariboo at Ottawa.

Inland Sentinel:—The "Nelson *Tribune* has apparently suffered somewhat in its morals since Editor Houston sold his interest in that paper, as witness the following clipping from it:

"The coast Liberals are endeavoring to crowd the Crow's Nest supporters to the wall to advance the interests of the rival enterprise, and Hewitt Bostock is hand in glove with his colleagues on the coast. Kootenay must choose between the Crow's Nest and British Pacific. The scheme which secures the wind is sure to blanket the other for a time. A vote for Hewitt Bostock is one in favor of the British Pacific as against the Crow's Nest Pass road."

If the *Tribune* knows anything about it at all, it knows that it is stating an untruth in the paragraph we have quoted. Mr. Bostock has both opposed the British Pacific Railway and supported the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. He opposed the former, not because of an aversion to the idea of a railway running into the heart of the province along the lines laid down by the British Pacific Railway—for that, so far as we have heard, he has never spoken a word against—but because of the entirely improper and unbusiness like proposal that was made to obtain aid for its construction at the last session of the Legislature. He has favored the Crow's Nest Pass Railway, because he believes it to be a work of necessity in getting a coal supply for the smelters of Western Kootenay. If the *Tribune* believes that it will be able to mislead the public mind as to Mr. Bostock's position with regard to these railways, it makes a mistake. Mr. Bostock has made his views perfectly clear on this railway question on almost every platform where he has spoken in Yale, Kootenay and Cariboo. He was to have addressed the electors at Nelson last night. If he has done so, doubtless he will already have replied to the *Tribune's* article most effectively.

"Nelson *Tribune* (before the change): Just imagine the people of southern Yale and southern Kootenay taking a day off to vote back into office a member of the family compact. The family compact is made up of John Andrew Mara and Frank Stillman Barnard.

"It will be remembered that during the last provincial election, the opposition was charged with trying to arouse the Canadian-born electors against the English-born. It will also be remembered that John Andrew Mara took up his hatchet as if to bury it and appeared to be one of the strongest of the pro-English party. He is very positive as an anti-Canadian. Canadians who are so loyal to Great Britain that they cannot be induced to vote for a Yankee. There is no more loyal man than the Canadian-born. Yet the Conservative party in Yale-Kootenay thought that John Andrew Mara was the man to whip the Canadians into line. Yale-Kootenay is a Canadian country. The Canadians are the backbone of the province. Yet the Conservative party in Yale-Kootenay thought that John Andrew Mara was the man to whip them

THE CAMPAIGN.

The most strenuous opposition to the protective policy of the Government comes from within the ranks of the Conservative party. For instance Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., speaking at Creemore, July 20th, 1891, said: "I was, as you all know, a National Policy man, and now I tell you that I am for as much free trade as we can get. We should be all the better if we could have it as it is in England. But that is impossible, and so I say that what this country needs now is to get down to a tariff for revenue."

Says the Ottawa *Free Press*: The McClary Manufacturing Company have given a striking proof of the value of the N. P. as a "prosperity maker." They have issued a circular in which they allege that their pay sheet is $1,000 a week and their collections much below current expenses, and that in consequence they are forced to reduce their expenses one half. They regret the necessity of this reduction, but the "depression" forces them to do so. Such a circumstance is a better proof of the fallacy of the pretension that the N. P. brings plenty for the workingman than all the talk in the world. The discharged men at McClary's are afforded an argument against protection that will be convincing.

Mr. Raymond, sewing machine manufacturer, spoke at Mount Pleasant, Ont., on behalf of William Paterson, the Liberal candidate, the other night. The sneers of high tax candidates at British trade freedom were cleverly turned to account. He wished, he said, for the great and growing trade as they had it in England; the surpluses as they had them in England; the honesty and integrity in public places as they had them in England, and the independence of Parliament and the high tone of public life as they had it in England. The speech was loudly applauded.

WHY THEY HAVE CHANGED.

Prominent Conservatives Who Will Not Support Tupper.

Something of a sensation has been created by Thos. B. Smith, ex-M. P. P. for Hants, publishing a letter explaining why he resigned the presidency of the Hants County Conservative Association. Briefly stated, he sees no hope for Nova Scotia or Canada under the Tupper Government, and calls upon Nova Scotians to call the baronet down. Under the Tupper regime he sees no present hope for any reformation in the Conservative ranks, and having small faith in most of the men who constitute the Government of the country, I feel that I should be doing wrong to Nova Scotia and the country, to support what they term their principles." Mr. Smith's denunciation of Tupper's tyrannical treatment of Nova Scotia in 1867 and of his recklessness, extravagance and nepotism is plain and vigorous.

The Belleville *Ontario* says: President LeSueur, of West Lambton Conservative Association, to use the vernacular of the day, has "flew de coop." Mr. LeSueur says that he is and always has been a Conservative, and that the Government has forsaken it. He will vote against Tupper.

One of the most important defections from the ranks of the Government in Ontario is that E. E. Sheppard, editor and principal owner of the Toronto *Star*. Hitherto, Mr. Sheppard has been a Conservative of Conservatives, but, like so many members of that party, he refuses to swallow Tupper and coercion. Here is what he says: "It seems utterly impossible that there will ever be born or bred a historian who will be able to deal patiently, or apologetically with the performances of the present Government. Their programme with regard to remedial legislation has been devoid of patriotism, honor, or the commonest sort of every-day sense. That members of Parliament have been corrupted, coerced, and coaxed into a course which they do not themselves approve of, and which they are well aware the constituencies condemn, is bad enough, for it means the complete destruction of the idea that we have a government—Canada is now convinced that she is being governed by conspirators—but the greatest sorrow that can be felt is that our noblest men, the remnant of what was once a great parliamentary body, are suffering the torments of political crucifixion in order that Barabbas may live."

Again, speaking editorially, he says: "Sir Charles Tupper is a false Protestant, a recreant Canadian, a corrupt politician, a man who is willing to make any promise, endorse any crooked proposition, in order to obtain power. There is no national policy, no appropriation, not a single opportunity to increase the national debt or political degradation of the country that would be safe or unused with such a man as Charles Tupper, Bart., as premier. As complaint. The matter was carried along for five years. It was so serious that any time that was necessary should have been given to its adjustment. Instead, in their haste, the Government put Manitoba in a hostile attitude. That was done erroneously, to use a very mild word. What was the reason behind that action? It was said that the Government intended to go to the country, and that the remedial order was meant for use in the contest. Was that the position? If they stood on the order firm and strong they could carry the country by getting the solid Catholic vote added to the old line vote. Was that what was meant? If the issue was used in that way the Government of the day was in the position of the man who sees a fire start in his or the fire of race and religion—and looks on while the wind is blowing the fire on his neighbors fields; looks on until he can no longer control it, and then the fire comes and sweeps him away. If that is the position, if the logic of events shows that this is true, and that the Government utilized that race and religious cry in the manner stated, there is not an honest Catholic in this Province that should not say that Government will not get my vote. (Applause.)

The negotiations carried on by Sir Donald Smith and Senator Desjardins with the Manitoba Government showed that the men of Manitoba were prepared to remove the grievance in any reasonable way. The whole coercion business was unnecessary, and before anyone was returned in any riding of the Dominion he should be pledged that before coercive legislation was introduced one year or two years' effort should be made to bring the parties together and settle the question. (Cheers.) There had been no serious attempt to settle the question, except by coercive legislation. His complaint was, and there was why he could not support a Government pledged to coercion was, that the Government had not taken up the question in a broad statesmanlike way, but had added fuel to the flame and made this race and religious issue one on which to ride back into power.

An Object Lesson.

As a sample of how the duty is imposed under the N. P. look at the protection granted to two mills at Victoria, B. C., and at Montreal, engaged in cleaning or hulling rice in Canada. For the benefit of the owners of these mills a duty of 14 cents per pound, equal to 55 per cent, was placed on hulled rice, while uncleaned rice is admitted at 17½ per cent. The duty of 55 per cent. upon cleaned rice was now imposed for purposes of revenue, but to enable the owners of rice-cleaning mills to compel the people to purchase the product of their factories at a price fixed by themselves. These two factories employ 75 men. The tariff of 14 cent a pound on cleaned rice costs the people of Canada not less than $175,000 a year. Every one of the 75 persons who have employment in the rice-cleaning mills could be pensioned off at $2,000 a year, and the people be not a cent the worse off, and still have a handsome margin to the good.

Will Operate in Kootenay.

A despatch from Montreal says that Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato are said to be turning their attention to the mining regions of British Columbia, and have now an expert at Rossland, who is said to have declared that there are 10 times more wealth in the Trail district of this Province than in the whole of South Africa. Barney Barnato has alone expended over $15,000,000 in developing mines in the Transvaal, and if he comes to Canada big means may be looked for.

The London *Chronicle* of June 11th, says: "The great South African mining kings, Cecil Rhodes and Barney Barnato, have turned their attention to the newly discovered gold fields in the region lying west and southwest of Lake Kootenay in British Columbia. They have sent their own expert out to investigate the prospects and report. He declares that the richness of the Rossland and Trail Creek mining regions far surpasses anything that South Africa could ever have dreamed of. This report will doubtless be followed by the investment of a large amount of capital in that country by those mining magnates and other wealthy Englishmen who follow their lead in such enterprises."

Lord Kelvin (formerly Sir William Thomson) the famous electrician and man of science, says fifteen minutes quick-fire gunnery will be sufficient to reduce a sailor on a man-of-war to a state of imbecility. A naval battle would soon resolve itself into a contest between lunatics.

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OPPOSED TO COERCION.

A Great Lawyer's Opinion on the Course Pursued by the Government.

In declining the nomination as an independent candidate in Halifax, the acceptance of which had been urged upon him several times by joint deputations of Liberals and Conservatives, B. D. Lor, the great Queen's counsel, in an address delivered at Dunville, Ont., while referring to the Government's remedial policy is—

"The critical point and the fault was here, that when the judgment of the Privy Council was received in January, 1895, the Government had taken a certain course. What did they do? They had a question of race and religion, a distracting element difficult to handle, requiring nice judgment. Their first duty was to stop the race and religion cry, to parley, to negotiate, to confer with Manitoba, saying here is the judgment, which we say there is a grievance; we will leave it first to you. That should have been done. What was done? Before the formal judgment of the Privy Council was received, before the document came to hand, the Government were shaping the remedial order as a measure to Manitoba, and on the 21st of March Manitoba was ordered to correct the complaint. The matter was carried

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DAVID FERGUSON.
Trout Lake City, May 28, 1896. 6-11

TABLE

Showing the Dates and Places of Courts of Assize, Nisi Prius, Oyer and Terminer, and General Gaol Delivery for the year 1896.

SPRING ASSIZES.

Nanaimo	Tuesday	5th May.
New Westminster	Tuesday	12th May.
Vancouver	Tuesday	12th May.
Clinton	Monday	25th May.
Victoria	Tuesday	26th May.
Kamloops	Monday	1st June.
Vernon	Monday	8th June.
*Nelson	Monday	15th June.
*Donald	Monday	22nd June.

*Special Assizes. 51-9t

ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
June 10th, 1896.

NOTICE.

DISPUTED LANDS IN RAILWAY BELT,
Kootenay District.

Lot 6, Group 1, Townsite of Farwell. Original grantee, Arthur Stanhope Farwell.

Lot 7, Group 1. Original grantee, Gustavus Blin Wright.

Yale District (Kamloops Division).

Lot 513, Group 1. Original Grantee, George Bolam Martin.

Lot 526, Group 1.—Original grantee, Gustavus Blin Wright.

Lot 527, Group 1. Original grantee, Gustavus Blin Wright.

Lot 527, Group 1.—Original grantees, James McIntosh, William Bell Wilson.

Lot 452, Group 1.—Original grantee, George Byrnes.

Lot 525, Group 1.—Original grantee, Charles Edward Perry.

Lot 523, Group 1.—Original grantee, William Arthur Bedloe.

Lot 15, Group 1.—Original grantees, Simon John Tugstall, James K. Callbreath.

Arrangements having been made between the respective Governments of the Dominion of Canada and the Province of British Columbia whereby owners of lands in the above-named districts deriving their titles through original grantees from the Provincial Government may obtain confirmatory grants of said lands from the Dominion Government, notice is hereby given that all persons owning lands as aforesaid are requested to forward their applications for such grants forthwith to the undersigned, together with their title deeds or authenticated copies thereof, in order that the same may be examined, and releases and surrenders prepared for execution.

ARTHUR G. SMITH,
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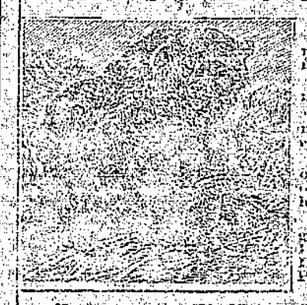

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MARRIED.

McNEIL--MANUEL — At Revelstoke, Monday, June 15th, by the Rev. Father Pertavin, James McNeil, of Nakusp, to Miss Sarah Manuel, also of Nakusp.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL BRIEFS

W. McGrath and wife, of Nelson, were in town Wednesday.

A new flag pole has been erected in front of the Columbia House.

Messrs. Mason and Twomley returned from Carnes Creek this week and have gone into Trout Lake.

Mrs. R. W. Northey returned Wednesday from a short visit to Rossland.

Presbyterian church: Service tomorrow evening at 7:30; Mr. Geddes, missionary.

You get a good smoke when you buy an Interior, La Morena or Pride of Kamloops cigar.

The performances of Bond Brothers' sagacious Elephants is said to be truly wonderful and can be seen at Revelstoke next Thursday.

Services at usual hours, morning and evening, in the Methodist church tomorrow. Rev. J. A. Wood, pastor.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that thirty days from date I intend applying to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situated on Fish Creek, Lardeau County, West Kootenay:

Commencing opposite six-mile post adjoining A. J. Scott's timber claim on west side, thence north along his boundary line 1½ miles; thence west ½ of a mile; thence south 1½ miles; thence east ½ of a mile; containing 120 acres.

Commencing north-east corner of J. W. Thomson's preemption claim, near Lardeau City; thence east ½ of a mile; thence south 85 chains; thence west ½ of a mile; thence north 85 chains; containing 520 acres.

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June 16th, 1896. F. HILBERT. 7-2t9-6t

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Commencing at south-west corner of Kate Scott's timber claim which commences at foot of rapids; thence west ½ mile; thence north 1½ miles; thence east ½ mile; thence south 1½ miles, containing 480 acres.

Also commencing one-half mile south of Lexington Creek on east bank opposite A. J. Scott's timber claim; thence north along river bank 1½ miles; thence east 1½ miles; thence south 1½ miles; thence west ½ mile, containing 480 acres.

In all 960 acres more or less.

R. SCOTT. 9-4t

Vancouver, June 16, 1896.

NOTICE.

THAT the one-quarter interest in the North Star placer mine, on McCulloch Creek, Big Bend, owned by Edward Sullivan, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House, at Revelstoke, the 20th day of June, 1896, at 11 o'clock, a.m., to pay assessment, cost of advertising and expenses of sale, amounting to $350.28.

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