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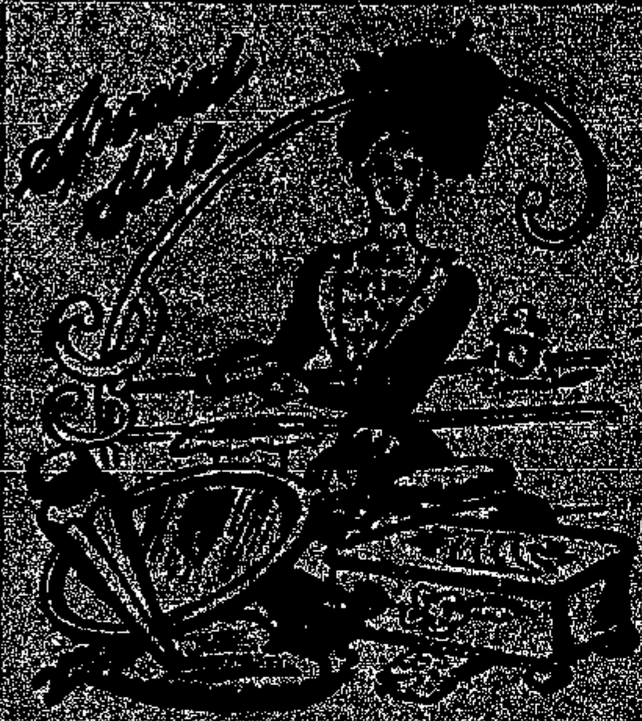

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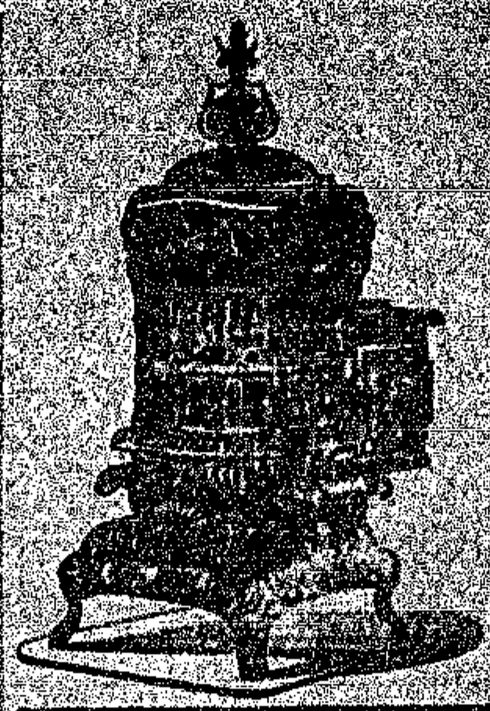

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Pay! Pay! Pay!

NOTICE.—There are several hundred readers of THE ECONOMIST behind in their subscriptions. No doubt this is attributable to neglect and all that will be required to ensure a hasty response is this gentle reminder.

THE meeting of the Liberals in convention at Vancouver to-morrow promises to be an event of more than passing interest to that party. Several momentous questions that will have more or less influence on the future of the party in this Province will be discussed at this meeting. First and foremost will be the proposal of the Vancouver Liberals to adopt party lines in the forthcoming contest with Joseph Martin as leader. Delegates have been selected from the various portions of the Province, and in the majority of cases these delegates have been instructed to vote against party lines and most uncompromisingly resent the attempt to foist Mr. Martin on them as their leader. In fact, with the exception of Vancouver, we doubt if any of the delegations will either vote for party lines or for Mr. Martin as leader of the Liberal party.

The leader of the Martinite forces is that old political war-horse, Mr. J. C. McLagan, and it is suggested that Mr. McLagan in supporting Martin, is endeavoring to get back at the Laurier Government for some fancied or real grievance. Mr. Gordon Hunter of Victoria and Mr. E. P. Davis of Vancouver in all probability will lead the anti-Martin forces in this political Donnybrook, and it is safe to predict that their deliverances will have a potent influence on the deliberations of the convention. It is rather surprising that the greatest antagonism to Mr. Martin is found amongst the Liberals. This circumstance can only be accounted for by the well established belief that Mr. Martin is anxious to gain power that he may inaugurate legislation which will perplex the Laurier Government. His antagonism to Laurier and Sifton probably gives rise to this suspicion.

TO-DAY the following letter was received in Nelson from Victoria: "The Young Men's Liberal Club and the Liberal Association have practically declared for party lines at the forthcoming election. In the interests of Liberalism they cannot in a body endorse Joseph Martin, but many have agreed to give him their individual support. It appears that previous to the meeting for the selection of delegates to the Vancouver convention, the Liberal leaders in caucus formulated the plan of procedure for that meeting and agreed that no Martin or anti-Martin issues should be brought up for discussion. When the meeting was convened the different speakers known to be Martinites and anti-Martinites discussed the matter of the selection of delegates in a most harmonious manner. Another matter which came up for discussion was that in the event of Premier Martin carrying the country, all well and good; but if defeated no stigma would attach to the party. The Liberals are all afraid of Joseph and do not want to assume responsibility for his acts in case he should do something that would bring discredit on the party and thereby injure their chances in the Dominion campaign. For this reason it was decided that it was not advisable to endorse him as Liberal leader. John McMillan was the chief speaker of the evening, and with one exception and without a vote being taken the meeting agreed as hereinbefore mentioned. The exception referred to was Mr. S. Perry Mills, who declared that he was a man and thought the action of the meeting was cowardly and unfair to Mr. Martin. But after a quiet and smooth talk by John McMillan, Mr. Mills subsided. The Victoria contingent will endeavor to gag the hot-headed Liberals at the Vancouver convention, and persuade them that the end justifies the means. Will they succeed, is the question?"

It will be seen from the foregoing that Victoria Liberals have practically declared for party lines, and will fight the next provincial campaign on those issues.

LIEUT.-COL. PRIOR, M. P., has proposed a plan for the repatriation of the old Hundredth Regiment. His scheme, as outlined in a communication to the *St. James Gazette*, is as follows: "The Prince of Wales Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) now consists of five battalions, the first and second batalions being regulars, the third, fourth and fifth battalions being militia. The first battalion was the 100th Prince of Wales' Royal Canadian regiment, raised in Canada in 1858. The second battalion was the 109th Bombay infantry regiment, raised in India. The third, fourth and fifth battalions are Irish militia battalions. The depot of the regiment is at Birr, Ireland, and is numbered 100. The 100th, namely, the first battalion, should be entirely separated from

the second battalion, namely the 109th, and the three Irish militia battalions, these latter four battalions remaining as the Leinster regiment. Thus the 109th would, by virtue of its seniority, become the first battalion Leinster regiment. The Irishmen drafted out of the 100th regiment would easily be reformed into a new second battalion Leinster regiment, the three Irish militia battalions remaining 'linked' to the Leinster regiment as before. The depot at Birr should be re-numbered 109. This, therefore completes the Irish regiment. Assuming the 100th to have had its original title of the Prince of Wales Royal Canadian regiment restored to it, it becomes necessary to 'make it up' of the imperial linked battalion territorial system; thus a new second battalion would have to be raised for it in Canada. Or else, the first Canadian infantry contingent now in South Africa, might become its second battalion, as proposed in my letter above. For its linked militia battalions two or three battalions of the Canadian militia might be selected to become the third, fourth and fifth battalions."

It seems that General Hutton failed in his attempt to keep Col. Sam Hughes down. The latter has succeeded in getting a very important military appointment in South Africa.

Oom Paul may be pardoned if hereafter he expresses some doubt as to the efficacy of prayer. Just now he is minus his two greatest generals—Cronje on the way to St. Helena and Joubert dead.

There is a proposal to place a marble bust of Lord Strathcona in the Parliamentary library at Ottawa.

The settlement of the differences between mine-managers and miners in Nelson district, should be a source of congratulation to all concerned. Now that both sides to the dispute have indulged in the luxury of a strike, it is to be hoped they will refrain from acting with undue haste in future. A little forbearance very often accomplishes more than a strike.

If Svengali Martin succeeds in hypnotizing all the Liberals who are going to Vancouver instructed to vote against him, he will have accomplished something bordering on the miraculous.

In the death of General Joubert the Boers have sustained a loss that at this juncture is irreparable. He was the foremost general of the litte Boer republic, and had fully demonstrated his worth. He was regarded as the second man in the republic, and wss quite as popular as President Kruger. By many he was regarded superior to Oom Paul himself. Just what effect the death of General Joubert will have upon the present war it is difficult to predict. The dead general enjoyed the confidence of his fellow countrymen to the fullest extent, and now that he is gone they do not know which way to turn. If the death of the gallant general will tend to shorten the hopeless conflict which the Boers are waging against the Britons, and bring peace to the Boer republics in South Africa, he will not have died in vain. A good man and a sincere patriot has gone to his reward. He did his full duty as he understood it; no man can do more.

"Dukes may be all right," declares Mrs. Hetty Green, denying the reported engagement of her daughter to a Spanish grandee, "but for my part I'd rather Sylvia would marry a good wideawake newspaper reporter than any duke in the world." As Hetty has some $50,000,000, she should not experience much difficulty in securing some wideawake newspaper reporter as a husband for her daughter, Sylvia.

In a New York breach of promise suit the defendant testified that he courted the girl under the name of Fish, although his real name was Salmon. This was a base act, and the judge soon brought him off his perch.

A committee appointed by the Toronto Public School Board to debate what style of writing should be adopted for instruction in public schools, has decided that vertical writing be recommended. Opinions which had been solicited from prominent business men were read, the majority favoring the vertical system. Out of 516 teachers in the different schools, 440 had declared themselves in favor of vertical writing. "When a letter is being written," declared Inspector Hughes, "the reader should be considered as well as the writer, and if the vertical system is any slower, and I do not believe it is, it is by far the most legible."

The C. P. R. will inaugurate the "Imperial Limited" service in June next, making the run between Vancouver and Montreal in one hundred hours.

The narrow escape of George Washington Beebe from asphyxiation by blowing out the gas, will probably eventuate in a strong measure prohibiting the use of gas as an illuminant in hotels in future.

With the franchise taken away from the naval and military officers and men and six candidates seeking the suffrages of the electors of Esquimalt, votes in that constituency will no doubt be at a premium by election day.

According to a dispatch from from Bloomington, Indiana, H. J. Feltus, editor of the Bloomington *Star*, will follow the example of Rev. Mr. Sheldon, only going to the opposite extreme. Mr. Feltus will turn his paper over to the devil for one issue. He gives his reasons as follows: "A good many newspaper readers think they can run a paper better than the editor. No doubt his satanic majesty thinks the same thing, so next week we propose to give him a

trial by turning over the *Star* to him for one issue, and letting him run it according to his own notion. Suitable contributions for such a paper, briefly written, will be received and considered if sent in early in the week. No church notices, nor reading nor advertisements of a religious nature will be received for next Saturday's paper; we propose to let the devil have full sway."

IN a murder trial now going on in a United States court a number of women rushed up to the prisoner and showered kisses upon her. Yet the people of the United States wonder at the terrible increase in crime.

STEYN's threat to shoot all burghers who refuse to join the Boer army may find some difficulty of explanation in the final adjustment of affairs.

THE visit of Her Majesty to Ireland should be prolific of good results. Undoubtedly the Irish will forget their past grievances, and accord a hearty welcome to the aged Queen. Irish chivalry still lives.

RUSSIA is probably the only country on the globe that could equip a regiment entirely composed of generals. The officers of this rank in her military service number 1,248, and they receive in salaries an aggregate of 7,000,000 roubles a year.

THE letter of congratulation on the part Canadians are playing in the war from Sir Alfred Milner to Lord Minto will be duly appreciated. It is also gratifying to learn that the Empire "will never forget the great assistance rendered by Canada in the campaign."

THE new Bank of Montreal building is a monument to the skill of Mr. Charles Hillyer, the contractor. It is one of the most complete and best appointed bank structures in the Province.

REV. MR. SPEER is announced to deliver a lecture at Victoria, on "Crawlers, Creepers and Climbers." The lecture is without political significance, and has no reference to the position the rank and file of the Liberal party will occupy immediately after the convention.

NOT satisfied with the distinction of being known as the "silver-tongued orator of the Rocky Mountains," Mr. J. M. Kellie has turned his attention to letters. His latest effusion is to the *Kootenay Mail*, and reads as follows: "A man who will act in the dual capacity of attorney-general of the Province and legal adviser for a client when authority and interest seemingly conflict is not, presumably, a fit man to control the destinies of the Province. This occurred first in the case of the Sandon townsite, the crown grant to which was obtained several years ago under peculiar conditions, yet Joe Martin but one year ago, while drawing a government salary of $4,000 per annum, was retained by J. M. Harris, the alleged owner of the townsite, and though knowing the imperfect nature of the title while acting as attorney-general took no steps to recover the Sandon townsite to the Province.

THE later and fuller reports of Canadian valor on the battlefield confirm the glowing accounts first telegraphed from the front, says the Ottawa *Citizen*. Correspondents of the British press are more than cordial in their story of the steadiness and dash of the men of the Canadian contingents. The London *Times'* special ascribes the surrender of Cronje on Majuba Day to the insistence of the Canadians that the issue should be forced on that day. The *Times* writes that General Hector Macdonald, in command of the Highland brigade and afterwards wounded, along with General Colville, who was in charge of the ninth division, in which the Canadians were brigaded, reminded Lord Roberts that the 27th of February was the anniversary of the battle at Majuba. They suggested to the commander-in-chief a plan of attack, but Lord Roberts demurred, as it seemed likely that the plan proposed would cost too heavily. Canada, however, insisted, and this insistence from the colony broke down Lord Roberts' reluctance, and the Canadians were sent to redeem the blot on the name of the mother country—to avenge Majuba Hill.

THE subscription to the British war loan of £30,000,000 was over-subscribed to the extent of £300,000,000.

THE Vancouver Liberals turned down Messrs. Davis and Senkler, but they will be at the convention all the same, for they were chosen as alternates by the Nelson Liberals.

IN an interview at Vancouver the other day, Sir Hibbert Tupper said he is still strongly opposed to party lines and approves of a combination with Liberals to defeat Martin. In a nutshell, it is with the Lieut.-Governor a case of "Off goes your head if Martin doesn't succeed," and the Lieutenant-Governor had apparently inspired Mr. Martin to run on party lines. "But" said Sir Hibbert," how any true Liberal can support Martin, who is forever railing against the Ottawa government, although he favors party lines in his platform, is beyond me. He's whipping them into line though in Vancouver, owing to the hard and fast party lines attitude of the Comservatives here, who are driving the Liberals to a reluctant acceptance of Martin as leader."

IT is a very obscure man these days who is not the leader of a political party of his own. The latest party to be launched on the troubled sea of politics is the Houstonites. (See editorial in *Tribune* of today.)

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

IT was well said by the *Tribune* that no event in the recent history of Nelson has excited such wide-spread sorrow and sympathy as the late accident at the powder house by which Hary Gervan and William Way lost their lives. Harry Gervan was one of the most popular young men in Nelson, and his untimely death is mourned by every one who enjoyed his acquaintance. William Way was almost a stranger in Nelson. The fact that he leaves a young wife and two children only adds to the unfortunate circumstances of his death.

PROF. MARTIN, the hypnotist, at the Vancouver convention—"Gentlemen, when you open your eyes you will discover this to be a fact: You are in a large room amongst all sorts and conditions of Liberals, and I am Joseph Martin, the leader of them all."

A badly constructed play, wretchedly interpreted, is what may be said of the performance given by the Columbian Comedy Co. at the Opera House the other evening. The company consists of a collection of "hams" in various stages of physical and mental decay. The climaxes were of the Bowery order and only provoked ridicule and laughter. It is sincerely hoped Nelson will never receive another visit from the Columbian Comedy Co.

The entertainment to be given under the direction of Mr. E. P. Whalley is looked forward to with much interest.

A large number of seats have been sold for the Brehany concert, on the evening of Easter Monday.

The Edinburgh *Evening News* pays the following tribute to Irish valor: "Before the enemy the Irishman is the finest soldier the world has ever seen. He faces death like the descendant of a hundred heroes, and his courage is as inexhaustible as his vivacity. Ere now Irishmen have stood in the ranks of our enemies. They have fought battles like Fontenoy, where the "base, brutal Saxon" fell back before them. Unrecognized and despised, brutal instrument of conquest, the Irish soldier in the Peninsula revelled in blood like a vampire, and everywhere scattered the legions of vaunted France like chaff before the wind. Napier's history thrills of the deeds of men in uniform, homeless, outcast and wicked, who feared neither man nor devil, who faced the most tremendous obstacles which soldiers encountered and yet, often beaten, at length stood triumphant by their sheer valor, almost unrecognized by their own commanders and unheeded by the public at home. We are all proud of our Highland regiments. We believe them to contain the finest soldiering elements in the world. But the Irishman was there, too. There have been times when a big proportion of our Highlanders were from Ireland. Even the 'thin red line' contained many a man from across the water. The stories from the front show how with what magnificent courage the Irishmen still fights. Here are the Inniskilling Fusiliers, who forced their way up a hillside till they reached a point at which nothing could live. They retired, but half way down the hill where they built a shelter of stones till they could advance again. There were cases in some of Wellington's battles, Salamanca, for example, where regiments were all but obliterated, but seldom has anything been recorded like the story of the Inniskillings at Pieter's Hill, with one officer and forty men left standing out of six hundred, and this heroic remnant recalled because the supporting regiments were too far behind. We have what may well make Ireland proud of her soldier sons, a scorn of odds and a proud superiority to all sense of fear."

The following from the *Daily Express* is another tribute to the valor of Irishmen on the field of battle: "The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, of whose splendid dash and bravery every one is talking, paraded 1,200 strong when inspected by Lord Roberts at Mullingar at the end of October, before embarking for South Africa. In his address to the men, Lord Roberts reminded them that for more than two hundred years the Inniskillings had taken a distinguished part in most of our great wars, and at Waterloo, heavy as were the losses in the British regiments, those of the 27th Inniskillings (the old name) were the heaviest of all. Every one of the officers and two-thirds of the men, added Lord oRberts, lay on the ground on the evening of the historic day. The Duke of Wellington, speaking of the 27th, said: 'That is the regiment which saved the centre of my line at Waterloo.' To this fine record may now be added the story of the splendid charge on Friday of last week at Pieter's Hill, after which but one officer and forty men assembled at the muster. Seventeen officers joined in the charge. Fourteen were killed or wounded."

The Dublin *Freeman's Journal* (Nationalist) says: "An ear-splitting song is howled in the London streets at present by a large proportion of the Cockney population, male and female. With the London dialect it creates a raucous effect which haunts the hearer for hours. It is to this effect—

> "What do you think of the Irish now?
> What do you think of the Fusiliers?
> They may call them agitators,
> But they cannot call them traitors,
> What do you think of the Irish now?"

From morning till morning and all through the night until the morning comes again this precious

ballad soars above the din of London streets and adds another terror to life."

The season of the year when the attention of youth turns in the direction of outdoor sport is now at hand. In the past the young men of Nelson have displayed their superior qualities as athletes, which no doubt much was due to the exceptional facilities afforded in our surroundings for outdoor exercises. It is now about time when the various clubs should meet and perfect the organizations for the coming season. In this connection it might not be out of place to suggest a general organization in which all the clubs would be represented. Too often it occurs, there is friction between the clubs, which with a general organization might be avoided. Much, also, could be accomplished in this way in securing suitable grounds, etc. This is a matter that might well be discussed when the clubs meet for organizatson.

A visit to Fred Irvine & Co,'s millinery opening to-day should convince every one of the pre-eminence of Nelson in the way of strictly up-to-date establishments. The goods displayed at this house at its opening to-day are equal in style, quality and price to those found in the larger establishmonts of the east.

I have received a letter from a young woman in Nelson, who complains bitterly that semetimes at the theatre she is forced to sit alongside of women whose reputation for virtue is not marked in their dress and face. This is not the first time this complaint has been made, and I am sure that all that is required to have the evil remedied is to draw the attention of the management of the Opera House to it. A certain section of the theatre should be reserved exclusively for these women.

P. G.

The Nelson hotels are radidly filling up with the regular spring travellers.

The Dominion House will adjourn next Wednesday till the following Tuesday.

The forger is again at work in Nelson. This time the Athabasca saloon and the Lakeview hotels are the victims.

A. L. McCulloch will erect a building on Baker street, 50 feet beyond the old Hudson's Bay store, at a cost of $12,000.

C. S. Ryder, general storekeeper, of Cumberland, has been sworn in as Minister of Finance in Martin's cabinet. Like George Washington Beebe, he is an unknown man.

The following delegates from the Nelson Liberal Association left last night to attend the convention at Vancouver to-morrow; W. A. Galliher, Dr. E. C. Arthur, Thos. Madden, J. A. Gibson, W. G. Gillett, A. M. Johnson, John McLeod, A. R. Sherwood and C. E Miller.

Sheldon's Early Verse.

Several poems written by Mr. Sheldon at an age not hard to guess indicate that the question he is now answering has not always been uppermost in his mind. They were without signature, and appeared in the June (1891) number of the *Yankee Student*, under the heading, Youthful Conceits:

Her eye is bright with reason's light,
  Her face is sweet with beauty;
Her form would charm a lover's sight,
  Her voice inspires to duty.
But with this grace of form and face,
  They say no heart at all has she;
I must confess that is the case—
  She gave it long ago to me!

The parson had been preaching from
  The text, "Love one another,"
And urging young and old to be
  Like sister and like brother.
Said he, as home they walked that night:
  "I haven't any sister,
So can't you love me as the text—"
(I failed to hear what followed next),
  But—well he up and kissed her!

He preached full often and full loud
  On Adam and the "fall,"
Till on his audience a cloud
  Fell like a funeral pall.
Said Lawyer Smart to Deacon Small:
  "I'm tired of just one thing;
Instead of preaching on the fall,
  I wish he'd preach on spring."

A man in love has lost his head,
  But that's no vital part;
For doubtless he will find instead
  A brave and loving heart.
"I love you well," said he to her,
  "But whether you love me I doubt;"
She blushed and slyly answered: "Sir,
  You'd better ask me and find out!"

H. H. Bowden was yesterday sentenced to two years' imprisonment for stealing $600 from the Hall Mines smelter.

R. F. Tolmie arrived in the city last night from the Boundary country.

The people of Slocan City are already making preparations for the celebration of Dominion Day.

George H. Keefer has just returned from Kettle River, bringing with him a number of specimens of ore and coal.

The health officers at the different quarantine stations along the boundary line have not been paid a cent since February 1.

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CURRENT COMMENT

Cape Nome Pilgrims.

Vancouver Province.

The reports brought down by recent arrivals from Cape Nome amply bear out the opinion that the richness of that district has been grossly and purposely exaggerated. Undoubtedly there is a fine harvest to be reaped in connection therewith by Seattle transportation comapnies and outfitters—if only they can induce plenty of people to hurry to the place in the hope of securing wealth in a very short time. But the man who calmly and rationally inspects the chances will be very apt to decline the invitation to make a sacrifice of himself in order that "boomsters" may profit. The backward flow home has already begun, and it is most likely to increase at a rapid rate, even while other men are yet laboring under the infatuation begotten of the stories so freely circulated by interested carriers and purveyors. A very short experience in the coming season will suffice to burst the Nome bubble and put the district down in the rank to which it properly belongs. Those who have had a chance of actually observing the solidity and permanency of the Canadian gold fields and comparing them with the frippery "diggings" on the bleak Alaskan coast will have some graphic opinions to express.

His Sins be Upon Him.

Kaslo Kootenaian.

To be a successful politician in this western land it is necessary to be pugnacious, thick-skinned and patient. Joseph Martin has the first two necessities but he lacks the third. As a fighter he has few equals; personal attacks and ridicule effect him no more than duck shot would a grizzly bear, but impetuosity with him comes before a fall. Joe Martin acts on the spur of the moment. He has none of the waiting power of a Theodore Davie nor the caution of a Carter-Cotton. The late Mr. Davie would wait for years to crush an opponent; Joe Martin would like to demolish an enemy Prince Rupert fashion. Since the Deadman's Island squabble of last year Mr. Martin has desired the political scalp of Mr. Cotton. He sighed for it as intensely as Herodias longed for the head of John the Baptist. But he wil probable regret that he was in such a hurry to get his revenge. The electors are not concerned in the Martin-Cotton duel and on election day they should vote against these two men and their nominees.

Too Palpable.

Ottawa Citizen.

As the present session of parliament draws its slow length along, the insincere and flim-flam character of the government is manifesting itself at every turn. To coin a phrase for the occasion, it has now become a regular brazen-nosed college of buncombe. The spectacle is humiliating in the last degree, and cannot but have an injurious effect both at home and abroad. Witness the proceedings, on Thursday, in connection with Mr. Mulock's effort to catch the labor vote. Our pious friend, the "Reverend Duncan" from Guysboro, quoted scripture on the occasion, and was magnanimous enough to give to the Apostle Paul a character for intelligence and high moral standing, but he forgot one citation which would have been more appropriate to the situation than any other—"Ye hypocrites." Mr. Mulock's resolution (resolution, reader, not a bill, remember) when read, sounded as if it was meant to secure a fair day's wage for a fair day's work on government contracts. Let it be understood, that no private member can introduce a bill providing for the expenditure of money. If a private member brought forward this resolution it would have been appropriate; it would be the only course open to a private member; but if the policy is the policy of the government what was the use of a member of a governmet asking the house to pass a resolution in favor of that which a government can do, has plenary power to do, without any resolution,

Let the Idea Grow.

Toronto Telegram.

The moral federation of the British Empire is practically complete, but the organic federation of the nation under the Union Jack is as far off as ever. There are gentlemen in Canada whose chief point of contact with the British Empire is their admiration for the ideal of governing the masses by the classes. There are enthusiasts who are really more German than British in their admiration of militarism, not as a means, but as an end. Canada is not aristocratic in her ideals nor military in her tendencies. The British Empire is the sword of peace, the shield of industry, and Canada is joined to Britain and will stay joined, not by the many inventions of the man but by the power of a mightier hand.

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Kamloops Standard.

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The Story of a Shield Pin

I DO not like to take up personal cases, as we detectives call a certain class of work, so when Miss Angell of Broadside street sent for me to take up a "small personal mystery" I responded with a poor grace.

Scarcely had she begun to tell her story, however, than I became so interested that I begged her to continue and tell me the details as far as possible.

Miss Angell was engaged to Mr. Cloud—a peculiar combination of names to begin with, and was devotedly attached to him. In fact, she confessed with tears in her eyes that his love was more, or had been more than life to her. The rest of the story I will let her tell in her own words.

"Mr. Cloud," she said, "is in the habit of calling on me almost every evening. About a week ago he came to dinner, invited by mamma. He was to attend a supper of the Phoenix Club at 10 o'clock, and wore evening dress.

"At the table we noticed an exquisite shield pin he wore. It shone so brilliantly that it caught the eye at once. Mr. Cloud took the pin off and it was passed around the table for all to examine.

"It was a shield as large as a quarter with the outside edge bordered with pure rubies, blood red, all of a size and without a flaw. The center of the shield consisted of a large diamond cut not very deep, yet too deep to be sunken, so it was elevated in a wire setting. Around the diamonds were perfectly matched black pearls. The combination was so unusual that we exclaimed as we handled the jewel and I remarked that I had never seen anything like it before.

"When we had finished examining it, Mr. Cloud said: 'That is my Phoenix club badge. It belongs to the president. When I was elected the badge was presented to me by the members, and when I resign and a new president comes in I must give up the badge to him. It is the president's badge, to be owned by him during his term of office. Of course it is only to be worn at the meetings.

"Mamma spoke of its great value. 'Yes,' said Mr. Cloud, 'it is indeed very valuable. It is worth thousands. If I were to lose it I should feel ruined, as I could never hope to replace it.'

"As he spoke, Mr. Cloud's face became very serious. 'We once had a case of that kind,' said he, 'a most curious case. The president lost his badge and committed suicide next day. You see he was suspected of having sold it.'

"After we had looked at the badge and talked about it, I very foolishly asked to wear it, and in a fit of waywardness I reached across the table, took it up and put it in the bow of ribbons at my throat.

"At the close of the meal, Mr. Cloud asked me for it, but I, to tease him, said that I meant to keep it, and ran upstairs with it on.

"After they were seated in the parlor I stole quietly down the stairs and placed the pin in the lining of Mr. Cloud's overcoat, directly under the lapel.

"I went back up into my room and came down stairs again. I found mamma and my sister seated alone in the parlor. Mr. Cloud had just gone out to send a telegram. He would be back in a minute.

"When he returned, which was after half an hour, he came in for only a minute to say good-by, he said, and to ask for his pin. 'Come, Mazie,' he said, 'you have teased me long enough. Let me have the pin now. I must go.'

"'I gave it back to you,' I said, 'and you have it now.'

"Then I stood up, and running my fingers over the lapel of his coat felt for it. It was gone!

"I turned as white as the snow, and as I felt the color leaving my face, I said, 'I gave it back.'

"My mother looked up surprised, and Mr. Cloud stared at me. 'Yes, I gave it back. I put it on your coat. you must have it.'

"'Why, Mazie,' said Mr. Cloud, 'how can you say so?'

"I pass over the disagreeable scene which followed. I will not mention Mr. Cloud's chagrin or mamma's amazement, even as I explained how I had stolen down stairs and fastened the precious pin in the lapel of the coat, just for fun, and how I intended after teasing him to tell him that it was there. As I talked I could see my mother's incredulous looks and Mr. Cloud's absolute dismay. They did not believe me!

"After the most painful quarter of an hour which I ever expect to spend Mr. Cloud left, shaking hands cordially with my mother and saying a cold good night to me.

"After he had gone, my mother said: 'Mazie, my darling girl, tell me the truth. It is not too late.'

"'There is nothing more to tell, mother,' I said. 'I have told you the whole truth.

"After awhile mother saw that I was in earnest and she believed me. But as next day came and passed, and no word came from Mr. Cloud, I saw that he doubted me. The third day there came a formal note saying, if I would return the pin he would give me its value in money, paying me as rapidly as his circumstances would permit. As it was valued at many thousands, it was then beyond his means.

"I tore the note into bits and did not reply.

"That was a week ago. For the first three days I was too much overcome with motification to take any steps toward establishing my innocence. But now that I am in a soberer mind I wish to learn, if possible, what became of the pin after I placed it in the lining of the lapel of Mr. Cloud's coat and where it now is."

The recital took some time, for the young lady's emotion overcame her more than once. And I must confess that I, too, felt indignant for her. First that fate should have played so unkind a trick upon so beautiful a young girl; and secondly, that her lover, Mr. Cloud, should have doubted her so easily.

"I am willing," she said, "to spend any amount to clear myself of this disgraceful suspicion, and hope, with your assistance to solve the mystery."

"It is so long a time," I began, "if you—

"Yes, I know," said she, impatiently.

"Still," I said, "I will do my best. But you must allow me to talk with Mr. Cloud. That will be absolutely necessary."

At this she became greatly alarmed, but finally consented.

That day I called on Mr. Cloud and was received by him in his private office. He was not cordial, and I soon saw that, while he would not accuse the young lady, he thought she had kept the pin. He told me that on leaving the parlor, he had put on his overcoat and had gone to the nearest telegraph office to send a message. There, meeting an old friend, he had gone into a cafe and taken a drink after which he returned to the house of his fiancee, having been gone about half an hour.

"Tell me the name of the cafe," I said.

Having carefully noted the names and addresses of all concerned during that half hour, I left Mr. Cloud, and I will do him the justice to say that I think he was half convinced that he might have made a mistake.

Going first to the telegraph office, I walked from there to the cafe. At that moment a wagon stood in front of the door and they were bringing out the soiled table linen.

An inspiration came to me, and I said to the driver: "How often do you take away the linen?"

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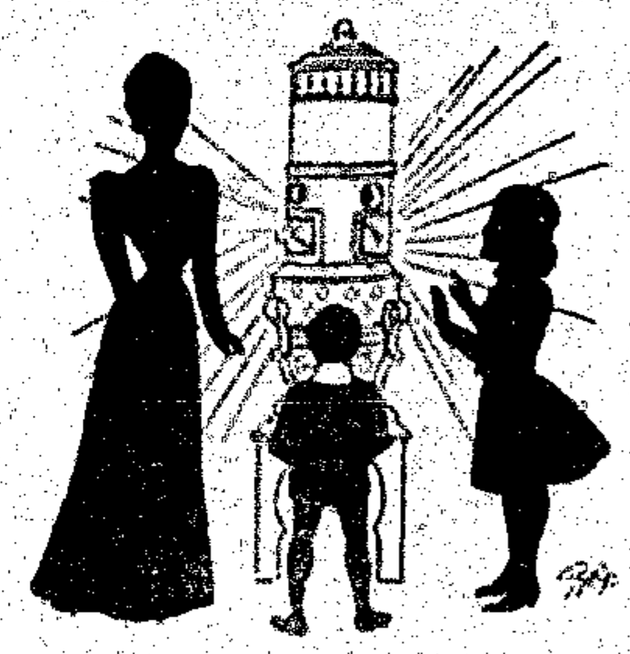

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I did not let the driver know of my booty, but, making an excuse that I could not find what I wanted I walked away, nor did I stop until I had telegraphed to Mr. Cloud. A little later I sat in the parlor of Miss Angell's residence talking to her. When I told her my story and laid the pin in her lap her joy knew no bounds. Just at that moment Mr. Cloud was announced, and Miss Angell then and there gave him the pin. I never saw a girl so happy. She almost hugged me.

When Mr. Cloud saw his mistake he was humbly apologetic and tried to fall at her feet, but she waved him away, and Mrs. Angell delicately suggested that, as his presence would always remind them of a painful chapter, it would be better if he were to go away and stay away.

I may add that when Mr. Cloud went into the cafe the pin was in the lapel of the coat, but becoming entangled in the fringe of the napkin, was pulled out and would have been lost forever had it not been for the perseverance of the plucky Miss Angell.—*New Orleans Times-Democrat.*

FROM THE CAPITAL

(Special Correspondence of THE ECONOMIST.)

VICTORIA, APRIL 2.—The political campaign was opened by Premier Martin here on Tuesday evening last at the A. O. U. W. hall, where a large audience assembled to hear Mr. Martin defend the action of Lieutenant-Governor McInnes and outline the position taken by himself. Although the hall was well filled, it was not by any means an enthusiastic assemblage. In fact, it was rather a chilly reception. Curiosity was the chief drawing card to this meeting, people always being anxious to listen to the man who has been the means of forming and overthrowing governments apparently at will. Alexander Wilson occupied the chair, and was the only person on the platform besides the Premier. Mr. Martin did not display his usual tact in the selection of a chairman, as it is common knowledge amongst the citizens of Victoria that any candidate or proposition that is supported by Mr. Wilson is invariably

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defeated. During the last thirty years Mr. Wilson has taken an active part in politics, both municipal end provincial, and without exception during that period the parties he has supported were ignominiously snowed under. Alexander Wilson would be well termed a Populist. He has been cast aside by the Liberals, the Conservatives would never have anything to do with him, and having soured on both parties he now casts in his lot with a third party. Defeat and Alexander Wilson go hand in hand.

Mr. Martin, during the course of his remarks attacked Messrs. Davies, Bodwell and Gregory, and endeavored to explain the opposition of these gentlemen and other pronounced Liberals, both here and in Vancouver.

With this opposition it is easily explained why Hewitt Bostock, M. P., has given notice that all correspondence between the Lieutenant-Governor and the Dominion Government in regard to the dismissal of the Semlin Ministry be brought down. It looks as if the Ottawa authorities would take action in the matter and call the Lieutenant-Governor to account. Without the support of the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Martin would be in a sorry plight.

The announcement made by the Premier that elections would take place on June 15th has satisfied at least a portion of the electorate. A great number, however, appear to doubt the sincerity of this statement and allege that it is merely a subterfuge with the hope that Mr. Martin's opponents will not take time by the forelock and be prepared for a contest at an earlier date, and that when Mr. Martin has completed his organization he will immediately have the House dissolved and writs issued for a new election at as short a period thereafter as possible.

It is hinted that there may be startling developments in the political situation within the next ten days. What these developments may be it would be difficult to guess at with any degree of accuracy, but it is suggested that the resignation of the Lieutenant-Governor will be requested from Ottawa, and that he will be succeeded by Mr. Bostock. Moreover, that the first act of Lieut.-Governor Bostock will be to force Mr. Martin to complete his Cabinet at once and bring on the elections at an early date, or else report his inability to form a Government.

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James H. Falconer, who was here for ten days during the early part of the month, has returned to Bennett. It is stated on excellent authority that Mr. Falconer came here with the view of solving some of the political problems, which have produced so much agitation and friction. After having discussed the situation with the Premier, and not being able to convince Mr. Martin of the erroneous manner in which he was proceeding, Mr. Falconer severed all connection with that gentleman, and now declares that he cannot conscientiously support him. Capt. Irving and Mr. Clifford, the members for Cassiar, accompanied Mr. Falconer on his northern trip.

The editor of the *Colonist* has been placing himself prominently before the public for a year or two now, with the hope, no doubt, that the people would realize in him an astute politician and bring him forth as their representative. At every public meeting during the last year Mr. Lugrin would always be found in a prominent seat near the platform and invariably came forward to express his views on the subject under discussion. It is admitted on all sides that he is a forcible speaker, but the people have no confidence in him as a politician and will not take him up.

An ardent admirer of Mr. Lugrin is his friend and co-worker, B. J. Berry. Mr. Berry has been at the capital since the House opened, and to a stranger it would appear from the actions of this gentleman, both during the session and since, that he had the confidence of the late Government and Opposition, and also of each individual member.

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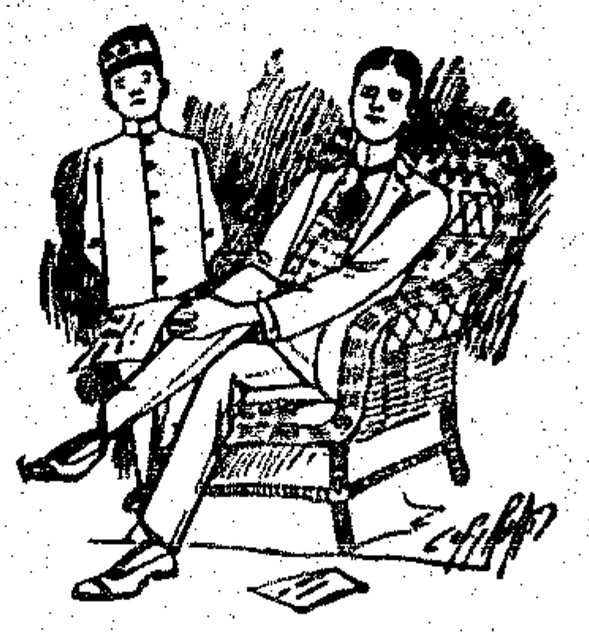

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