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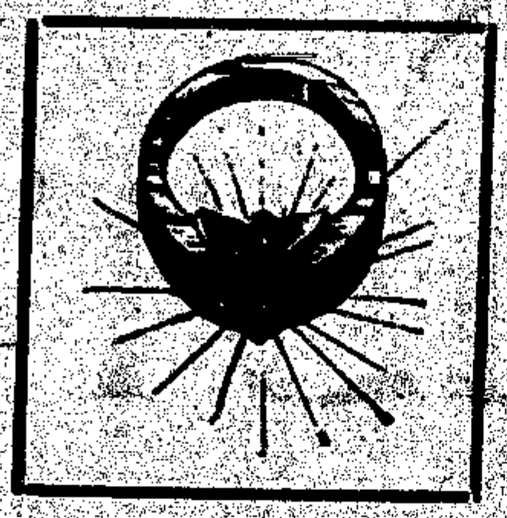

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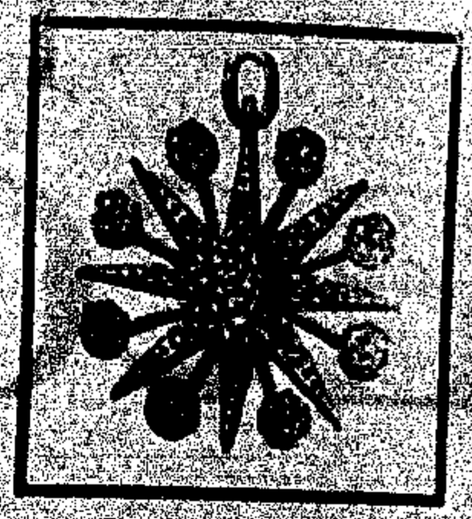

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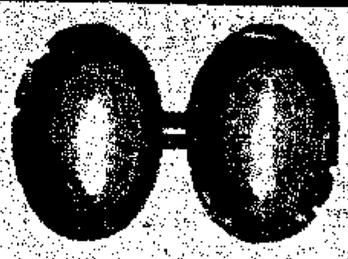

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NOTICE.—There are several hundred readers of THE ECONOMIST behind in their subscriptions. No doubt this is attributable to neglect and all that will be required to ensure a hasty response is this gentle reminder.

THE ECONOMIST only repeats what has often been said before, when it asserts that Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., is not only the most remarkable Canadian statesman living, but also one of the great men of the Empire. Long past the age when life possesses allurements for man, he is yet full of fire and determination which have carried him triumphantly through many a hard fought battle. Years before the confederation of the Provinces of British North America into one Dominion, Sir Charles Tupper was playing leading parts on the political stage of Nova Scotia, and to his great force of character may be attributed the bringing of the Maritime Provinces into Confederation. Since Confederation became an accomplished fact, on July 1, 1867, with the exception of a few years devoted to the services of his country as High Commissioner for Canada at London, he has participated in every election campaign and has always been found where the bullets were falling thickest. To-day, at the advanced age of 79, he is guarding his armor for another struggle, perhaps the last in the life of this grand old statesman.

If Sir Charles Tupper had not devoted his life to politics, he might have become a great evangelist, in which latter capacity he would have led men to drink of the waters of life freely. He carries conviction to the minds of his listeners, and makes points, not by abusing the enemy, but rather by expatiating upon the honesty of his friends. In repose, Sir Charles has a countenance verging upon the austere, but this vanishes the moment he addresses you. Of an impetuous nature, he is even at his present advanced age quick of apprehension, with a strong aspiring bent for action in great affairs. Withal, his manners have all the fascination of gentlemen of the old school. Age may have toned down the vigor with which of old he was accustomed to deal with his opponents, but at times the eye flashes, the face illumines and he clenches his hand as he deals his political opponents the knock-out blow. The historian of the future who undertakes to write the life of Sir Charles Tupper will find material enough to make an interesting book.

In his address at the Opera House, last Friday, Sir Charles indulged in ancient history at great length. So far from detracting from the interest of the story, we believe it rather lent it additional force. The policy of the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada has not changed since its inception, and it was to bring out this strong fact that the speaker went back beyond the middle of the present century to discuss the questions of those days. The interesting story of the Liberal party from 1873 till 1878 connot be told too often, and possesses marked similitude to the record which that party is again making for itself. It was a period of broken promises, political jobbery, like the building of the Fort Francis locks, and is duplicated in the unfulfilled promises of to-day, and the corrupt administration of affairs in the Yukon and other portions of Canada. It is the old, old story, and no man knows better how to tell it than Sir Charles Tupper, Bart.

Sir Charles Tupper's speech was a comprehensive review of the condition of affairs in Canada at the present time. He pointed out wherein the Liberal party had broken faith with the people, and contrasted this with the firm adherence to principle of the party of which he is the leader Particularly striking was his elucidation of the tariff policy of the present Government. The shameless hypocrisy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in abandoning the recognized policy of his party and the filching from the Conservative party its policy of protection was dwelt upon at length, but in a convincing manner, with facts and figures to substantiate everything alleged.

The question of the respective expenditures of the present Liberal Government and the Conservative Government was dealt with, and it was shown that for the year 1896, the Conservative expenditures were about $42,000,000, while the expenditures by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Government were going up by leaps and bounds from year to year and the estimates for 1900 were such as to induce the conclusion that

they would reach the enormous sum of $60,000,000. This was the "tariff reform" policy preached in and out of season by the Liberals.

Perhaps of the subjects discussed by Sir Charles, the one that interested his listeners more than any other was the question of the introduction of Federal party lines in Provincial contests. We quote the remarks of the leader on the question, as reported by the *Tribune*:

"It had to be admitted in the outset in discussing the matter of party lines that, so far as the Liberal-Conservative party of Canada was concerned, the adoption of party lines in provincial contests was not a matter of choice. It was not even a matter which could be fairly considered as open to argument. It was not a question upon which the party could decide to take one side or the other. Party lines in provincial contests had to be adopted by the Conservatives as a matter of abolute necessity. The government of the Dominion of Canada was now in the hands of the Liberal party, and so far as possible the attempt was being made to link the several provincial administrations from the Atlantic to the Pacific to the federal administration at Ottawa The condition was such that unless the Liberal-Conservative party was content to be wiped out of existence it would have to adopt party lines. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is endeavoring to unite in one solid phalanx all the local or provincial administrations with the federal government at Ottawa. During the last general elections in the province of Ontario he had called to the electors from the hustings to come to the rescue and sustain the Hardy government because he regarded it as his strong right arm. To sustain the Liberal government at Ottawa every man was summoned to come to the rescue and fight the battle of the Liberal party leader of the Conservatives of the province in the local contest in the the province of Ontario In the face of this action, whether the Conservative party liked it or not, they would be compelled to adopt this course or submit to an overwhelming defeat. When the result was made known in Ontario, although all the influence of the federal government was thrown into the scale, it was found that the strong right arm of the government, to which Sir Wilfrid Laurier had referred, was paralyzed. The party which for twenty years had an overwhelming majority was struck down so that it has since been struggling for existence, and at the present moment is tottering to its fall."

From every point of view, the visit of Sir Charles Tupper to Nelson was eminently satisfactory. It aroused interest in the political issues of the day, which is in itself a worthy consummation; and it demonstrated that the Conservatives in Nelson are overwhelmingly in preponderance as regards numbers. A few months ago, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture in the Liberal Cabinet, and Mr. Bostock addressed a meeting in Nelson, and the attendance numbered scarcely half a hundred. On the occasion of Sir Charles Tupper's visit, nearly eight hundred were present and hundreds more were turned away from the door, being unable to gain admittance. This is one of the straws that indicates the direction in which the people's thoughts are running.

THE *Tribune* of last Saturday morning contained an interview with Sir Hibbert Tupper, to which is attached more than ordinary importance. We refer to the position of the Conservative party on the eight-hour law. Sir Hibbert said, acording to the interview, that the Conservative party not only endorsed the eight-hour-law, but the principle of it as well, and intended to stand firm on this plank of the platform promulgated at the New Westminister convention. This will probably be the leading issue in the next campaign, and it is worth noting that the Conservative party stands committed to the eight-hour law.

TO-MORROW (Thursday) the Legislature of British Columbia convenes for the transaction of business. According to the Government organs, the forthcoming session will be a short one, and indeed this view is shared by the majority of the people of British Columbia It is not believed that the Government will have enough followers to carry on the work of the Legislature, and will be compelled to place its resignation in the hands of the Lieutenant Governor. However, in this connection there are many rumors current. It is hinted that a coalition may take place, in which the representatives of a very important interest of British Columbia will join forces with the Government and tide it over the session. This may be only an idle rumor, but certainly there are many circumstances that point to some such arrangement having taken place. In any event, it will only be a short time until the full strength of the the Government forces will be revealed, and we rather suspect that there is no kind of a coalition that can save it.

HERE we are sending men to fight the Boers in South Africa, and no one is patriotic enough to volunteer as peace preserver in the gallery of the Nelson Opera House.

THE municipal campaign may now be said to be fairly under way. Both candidates for the mayoralty have defined their claimes for support, and have already organized their committees. At this time it would be premature to attempt any forecast of the contest. Many believe that Ald. Fletcher, despite the herculean efforts being put forth by his opponent, will win, but the Houston men think differently. One thing is certain, that the friends of both candidates will put in some effective work from now until the day of election. THE ECONOMIST has been firm in its belief that Ald Fletcher should win on his merits. What is needed in Nelson at the present time is a business council with a strong man to guide it over the shoals. Such a man is Ald. Fletcher. He has admirable business capacity, and is well versed in the theory and practice of municipal government. He is a safe man, and can be depended upon to give the city a strong business administration.

But it will not be enough that the citizens place Mr. Fletcher at the head of civic affairs. He must be given a business council who will "share the responsibility of the civic administration." Many names are already discussed in this connection, and

there is no room to fear that the people will be restricted to a small field in making their choice. With a council composed of such men as have already cosented to run, the citizens can feel assured that the next Board will conduct the affairs of the city on strictly business principles, and in the present stage in her history, it is a business council Nelson needs. The retiring council has done well, and there is reason to believe that the next Board will be equally as patriotic in discharging their duty.

When it is stated that buildings to the aporoximate value $300,000 were erected in Nelson during the year just closed, the outside world can form some idea of the progress of the Kootenay metropolis. These buildings are all of the most substantial character and may be said to be monuments of the faith the people have in the future of the city. Take those business blocks along Baker street. What other city of the same population on this continent can show as its contribution to the year's progress business blocks to the same number and value as those that have been built on our principal business street this year? Not one. The beauty of the residences is also another source of congratulaton. It is the best evidence that the people are building with the intention of establishing here their permanent homes. It is little wonder that visitors to Nelson are surprised at the grandeur of the city.

The announcement that John Houston is seeking that sweet consolation found only in the church, suggests great possibilities in the way of office-holding for the ex-Mayor. How would Elder Houston, as a starter, sound?

Ald. Fletcher has opened committee rooms in he store formerly occupied by O'Reilly & Co.

If the British Government had a few more generals like French, the Boers would find almost any kind of work a pleasant pastime compared with war.

It speaks well for the patriotism of our business men that such men as Mr. Chris. Morrison are willing to sacrifice their time to the city's interests. Mr. Morrison has had considerable experience in municipal matters, and his presence on the next council board will be a distinct gain to the city.

Should "Blake" Wilson consent to run for the East Ward, his election will be only a question of counting the votes

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The war in the Transvaal is the absorbing topic of conversation in Hongkong at present, and considerable indignation has been aroused by the action of some Germans a few evenings ago, who, at a dinner in their club, proposed and enthusiastically drank the health of President Kruger. As residents of a British colony, enjoying the rights, privileges and protection accorded to British subjects, they certainly cannot be congratulated for this display of most exceedingly bad taste; and it is understood that the gentlemen members are about to take some action with a view to preventing a recurrence of such an act of palpable discourtesy to the English community in which they live.

If John Matheson, the barber, gets elected for alderman, it will be by a close shave.

The incorporation of the Panama Canal Company of America is said to be the first step in a plan to transfer the Panama Canal to Americans in order that it may have a better chance to struggle with the American concessionaries. Over $200,0000,000 in French capital has been spent on this great work, and while undoubtedly the greater portion was wasted or stolen, still many millions found its way into the construction of this great ditch. Then the original company failed, and one of the greatest financial scandals of the country became public property. A new company was organized in 1894, and since that time about $8,000,000 more has been put into the work. This amount, it is claimed, has been honestly spent, and it is estimated that the canal is now about two-fifths completed. About $100,000,000 more, it is believed, will finish the work.

It will be noticed that neither Gen. Roberts nor Gen. Kitchener have made any statements that directly or indirectly intimate that they will eat dinner on any particular day in Pretoria.

Among the names mentioned in connection with aldermanic honors are: Chris. Morrison, W. J. Wilson, William Irvine, Theodore Madson, A. Ferland, J. A. Irving, Dr. Arthur, Thomas Madden, and Hamilton Byers. Here is a grand array of talent from which to select city fathers.

The Canadians have been in action for the first time, and, as was expected, they proved themselves worthy representatives of "the land of the maple leaf."

Nothing has been heard from the Rocky Mountain Rangers, but they will have a brush with the Boers all in good time.

In choosing aldermen, precaution should be taken to select men who will stand for Nelson first, last and all the time.

A call has been made for 1500 more Canadians, and still some people think Canada wonld not be able to protect herself in the event of war.

The firm of M. DesBrisay & Co has been changed into a limited liability company and will be known in future as the Western Mercantile Company, limited. The public will be pleased to learn that the management will remain unchanged.

EVENTS AND GOSSIP

AT about this season of the year, people's fancy, not very lightly either, is accustomed to turn to thoughts of elections. In some places it is for the purpose of municipal government that people select their representatives and, in other departments, too, a choice made of such as are eligible to be placed in positions of trust. Unfortunately, however, in many localities, as concerns municipal institutions particularly, enough store is not set upon them, and people are allowed to go in pretty much as they please, since, although there may be numerous candidates, the best men do not always come out. They do not set sufficient store upon the importance of business men attending to the affairs of their fellow citizens. It may be said that provided they have property qualifications almost any one will do, since they will not be likely to go far astray, they having financial interests at stake, which they will not feel disposed to imperil. This may be all very well as far as it goes; but on the one hand the municipal representative, even though he be adequately qualified from a property point of view, may, on the other hand, be disposed to be too narrow in his ideas, and therefore be indisposed to incur needed expenditures, because he fears that the incidence of taxation will be too heavy; while, on the other, his ideas may be far and away ahead of his times or of the views of those with whom he is associated. Still the latter is on this account in no way unfitted for the post of a municipal politician.

What, however, above all in public affairs is absolutely required, is more business men—who have not only material interests in bricks and mortar and town lots, but who are in engaged in that active commercial life which keeps them and their resources in continuous circulation. They are, on this account, better fitted than anyone else for this department of active life. It may be said that it is always well to have real estate adequately represented, to have a lawyer on the Council Board and possibly to have a contractor who knows something about how public works and improvements are carried on. So it may be, and doubtless is, but there is and has been such a thing as having too much of a good thing.

Upon the proper administration of public affairs, depends very much of the business life of a city, and it is to be hoped that capital and industry will both of them pay more attention to these things and demonstrate that though their books and ledgers and their workshops are, in their estimation, of very great importance, they do not render it impossible for them to pay some attention to those concerns in which the entire community is interested. Let Nelson, as well as other towns, where municipal institutions obtain, have at their disposal the very best material available; in such event everything will go smoother and the progress that is made will, in every respect, be more lasting.

The charge is made in one of the city newspapers that a certain man, generally regarded a scoffer, has all at once espoused the cause of religion, affords food for reflection. The question may be asked, what proportion of the number professing religion are sincere believers? Some contend that the majority of professing Christians are frauds, but I am far from believing this a true estimate. I have the greatest admiration for the man who lives his religion, whose faith governs every action of his life, but I do despise Cant, , and the world is full of it.

A lady who will spurn the rude beggar that asks outright for money will give a dime to the same fellow if he be droning "What shall the Harvest Be," in the mud of a dirty street; a man who is not deluded by the ordinary protestations of a competitor will often put faith in him if he shows the whites of his eyes, and calls God to be his judge. Cant is a natural failing, and a disagreeable one, too. It is desperate, incurable, continuous, in spite of the rudest shocks; nothing seems to diminish the cheerful self-complacency of chapel life, not even the exposure of the archhypocrite. You might expect the man whose eyes had just been opened to the hideousness of Cant to be more gentle and considerate to the neighbor who does not make great profession of goodness; but that, as experience shows us, is entirely a fallacious hope. On the contrary, the wearisome intolerance of the Pharisees is unabated They denounce all those who differ from them as wholeheartedly still as though they had infallibility. The pious person still reviles the man who reads a novel on Sundays, and is not humbug enough to sit in church when his thoughts are elsewhere. He still says hard things of the man who puts his money on a horse openly, while he himself is buying raffle tickets and lottery chances in the name of the Lord. He still denounces the publican as the author of all evil, and the temperate drinker as a sot and a slave, while scores of his own kidney shelter themselves under the mantle of Timothy, and take a little for the stomach's sake. If the men who like such wicked things will only pull long faces, sing long psalms, and sit twice on Sunday in the chapel, they may do whatever else they like in secret, but the people who judge righteousness by the row it makes will rejoice over them, and be exceeding glad. For, nothing daunted by the exposure of rascality the votaries of Cant still revel in detestable mockeries of goodness.

I hate shams. There is nothing so mean and contemptible as the creature who, for his own gain, pretends to be better than he is. Rather a thousand times a nation of roughs than a nation of slimy things.

They say we are still very bloodthirsty. This, says an observer of our state, shows "that we have not yet completed the first step towards decent civilization, and that the elementary struggle against savagery has to be fought still." Well so be it. At least, when a man kicks your skull in he is making his intentions plainly understood; he cannot be said to be assuming a virtue which he has not, and he will pay the price for his amusement. But when a man comes to you with a smug face and pious words on his tongue, and under cover of the Bible puts his hand in your purse or abducts your daughter, you are more pitiably a victim. For, unless you are prepared to deny goodness in all men, you have no safeguard against a snake. You may put your heel on his head once he has bitten you; but the poison will still do its work. Better far that we be rough and rude than a smooth and deceitful people. Up to a certain point we are all humbugs; we must be. We cannot expose our inmost souls to everyone; we are bound to conceal something. Every day politeness between man and man is often mere humbug; but it is forgiven, as something that lubricates and does not injure. But when humbug passes from concealment of that which concerns nobody to the parade of qualitits for the purpose of imposing on everybody it does become dangerous. The habit of appraising a man's goodness by the number of times he goes to church, and his wickedness by the number of times he goes to the racecourse, puts a premium on hypocrisy. But though Cant thieves all round us, and grows lustily, I appeal to peôple who try to be good without making a song about it, and I urge them not to put faith in a man because of the length of his prayers, nor to distrust a man because he keeps a whisky staud on his side board. If they are wise, that is the lesson the hypocrite will teach them, and they will not think me dangerous when I say I would rather belong to a race of uncivilised savages, who merely hit their neighbor on the head when they hate him, than to feign goodness but accomplish each other's undoing.

I have been informed that it is Manager Annable's intention to keep the Opera House open every night during the remaining winter months. With this end in view he will make an effort to form a stock company, capable of producing the best melodramas, interspersed with specialties. If the Opera House management follows out this idea on modern lines, the undertaking will probably prove successful. Nelson has a large enough population to support a stock organization, and will probably do so, provided the right kind of productions are given. Patrons of the theatre sooner or later grow tired of a surfeit of one kind of amusement, and in order to keep the appetite in a proper condition, variety is absolutely necessary.

The Will S. Rising Comedy and Vaudeville Company, now filling a short engagement at the Opera House, in many respects, gives a highly appreciative entertainment. There are many specialties that deserve special mention. Mr. Rising shows a desire to win by his really hard work, as does also Miss Kimble. Mr. Rising and Miss Kimble were here last spring with the Metropolitan Opera Company and made many friends, who gave both an ovation on the occasion of their reappearance here last Monday night. Both sing and act well, a rare combination of qualities. La Jess, the human anaconda, is a wonderful contortionist, and the sleight-of-hand work of Frank Lewis borders on the marvellous. Altogether the performance is one that supplies a couple of hours' enjoyable entertainment.

The *Irish Standard*, Minneapolis, says: "The report of a Fenian invasion of Canada is intended to scare the Canadians and keep them from rendering aid to the 'mother country' in her war with the Boers. The Irish of the United States have the kindliest feelings for the Canadians and have not the slightest notion of crossing the border. They think, however, that Canadians should stay at home and let England fight her own battles in the eastern hemisphere" The bloviating persons who are talking about a Fenian invasion of Canada, or, in other words, are talking up the gratification of their private grudges against Great Britain at the expense of the United States, would be the first ones, in case they could get some credulous fools to make such and idiotic attempt, to get into a place of safety and allow their deluded followers to suffer the penalty. P. G.

The Provincial Legislature will meet at Victoria to-morrow.

Greater interest is being taken in the Nelson Rifle Company then heretofore.

It is announced that the C. P. R. will be immediately extended to Balfour.

A schedule of games have been arranged for the British Columbia Hockey League

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A meeting of Ald. Fletcher's supporters will be held at his committee rooms to-night.

About $800 was netted by the concert given in Nelson in aid of the Mansion House Fund.

For the six months ending Dec 31, in Nelson district there were 97 deaths, 40 births and 48 marriages.

D. McArthur & Co. have the contract for driving piles necessary for a boating dock at the Mirror Lake Ice Company's warehouse,

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Will S. Rising and his vaudeville company will make a tour of the smaller towns in the interior, returning here in time to begin an engagement at the Nelson Opera House, Jan. 15. A repertoire of modern comedies will be produced.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Cronje is no Gentleman.

(Hamilton Herald.)

Lord Methuen's complaint that General Cronje has been using rude lauguage to him disposes of the claim that this is a civil war.

An Open Confession.

(Kingston Whig.)

Eugene V. Brewster, of Brooklyn, N.Y., in a recent address said: "I don't pretend to be honest. Few men are, and a lawyer cannot be." What has the profession to say to that? Is it a libel or a give away?

A Mohammedan Now.

(Summerside, P. E. I., Journal.)

Speaking at the banquet to Hon. F. R. Latchford, a few evenings ago, Sir Wilfrid Laurier argued that Ottawa should be made the Mecca of Canada. Formerly it was the Washington of the North, but evidently Sir Wilfrid has discarded American notions for Mohammedan ideas.

Surprising and Significant.

(London Free Press.)

Much less did the European powers hostile to Great Britain dream that the colonial provinces of the empire would of their own free will send forth their sons to a foreign shore to fight for their fellow-colonials. The example of loyalty and fidelity, set by the colonial provinces of their attachment to British institutions is one of the most momentous political events of this closing century.

Surveyed Cape Town.

(Ottawa Citizen)

To Mr. W. Barclay Snow, one of the best known surveyors in Canada, now an old man of 80 years of age, belongs the distinction of having made first survey of Cape Town, South Africa. The plan covered fifteen square feet, and the collection of the necessary data by fieldwork and the execuion covered a period of eighteen months. Twice during the progress of his endeavor was Mr. Snow afflicted with sunstroke, and his recovery took four and six months respectively. Mr. Snow was in South Africa from 1860 to 1866. When his arduous undertaking had been completed, the town corporation could not compensate him for his work owing to the impoverished condition of its exchequer, and since his departure from the country Mr. Snow has heard nothing whatever in regard to the disposition of the plan upon which he expended so much labor. It is reasonable, however, to suppose that subsequent surveyors found it most valuable as a basis for their researches. Mr. Snow has written to the Governor-General asking that His Excellency institute an inquiry as to the disposal of the map, and also to ascertain whether he may expect any pecuniary recognition from those who are possibly profiting by his labors.

Its History Defective.

(Vancouver World)

Our contemporary the New Westminister *Columbian*, usually somewhat familiar with historical events relating to the Dominion, and especially to this Province, in commenting upon the utterances of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart, during his recent visit to the coast, errs in asserting that the late Hon. Joseph Howe was favorable to Confederation and that he, with such men as Hon. George Brown, and others, was entitled to a certain amount of credit in connection with the movement which culminated in the federal union of the Provinces of Uper and Lower Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Mr. Howe displayed great hostility to the scheme and worked, as he had never done before, to prevent it consummation. There were others at the time who were dubious of the future success of so rapidly brought about a change. Amongst the number were the late Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Sir A. A. Dorion, Hon. L. H. Holton, Mr. Joseph Rymal (still living) and others. It was

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Lord Dufferin, speaking at Bangor recently in the interests of the local war fund, said the present war should be regarded as having been waged with perfect justice and under the pressure of an inevitable necessity. Having lived a good deal abroad, he was in a position to estimate pretty accurately the nature and true value of foreign newspaper denunciation. He was certainly not disposed to attach to them any very considerable importance, but the best way of dealing with the matter was to attain and maintain such a sufficiency, both of naval and military preparations, as would deter our neighbors from indulging in useless provocations.

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charged against Mr. Howe that he changed his views after having been repeatedly closeted with Hon. Dr. (now Sir Charles) Tupper. That he did change is a matter of history. Equally true is the statement that he was made Lieutenant Governor of his native Province, Nova Scotia, and that he died shortly after being appointed to that exalted position. Messrs. Mackenzie, Dorion, Rymal and some others afterwards became convinced that the solution to the political dead-lock which had arisen in 1863-64 was in the adoption of the union of all the British North American Provinces, such as Hon. George Brown and other far-seeing statesmen had recommended, and not in the legislative union which Hon. John A. Macdonald, Col. Scoble and another member of the special committee appointed in the winter of 1864, in Quebec, where Parliament then assembled, had recommended.

The Mining Industry.

(Kaslo Kootenaian)

If in volume, value and ramification of its influence upon the welfare of a nation government recognition and encouragement should be given an industry, then that of mining holds a place hardly secondary to that of any other.

Agriculture in all its branches, no doubt, is more important than any other, from the fact that it supplies food and clothing for the human family. It is an industry that cannot be dispensed with. It employs more labor than any other.

It is maintained by some men engaged in railway transportation that railroads are the largest employers of labor in the country. In this they are in error. Mining in all its branches employs more labor by far than railroads and more than any manfacturing industry or than commerce. Except agriculture, it adds more to the wealth and supplies more of the wants of the people of the nation. Were mining in all its phases to cease, commerce in volume and bulk of the commodities handled would dwindle to two-thirds, if not one-half, of its present proportions.

Thus in a general way the importance of mining is made to appear, which would be vastly enhanced if space permitted going into statistical details. It, perhaps, further should be said that the products of mines enter into house and railroad structures, it furnishes the principal materials for ships, machinery and implements of all industries, and the utensils for the homes. It is difficult to point out where iron, steel, copper, lead, zinc and coal are not necessities of life or useful in promoting happiness. Last, but not least, mining furnishes the basis of the monetary systems of the world, the media of exchange for all commercial transactions, domestic and international.

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The brightest boy ould Jesse had
  Was David—youngest son;
He was a bold and active lad,
  Well liked by ivery one.

Altho' he had to mound the sheep,
  To l'arn he was so sharp,
Whin other boys wor' fasth ashleep,
  He'd practice on the harp.

'Twould make the birds in heaven hide
  Their heads to hear him sing;
He'd murther half the country side
  Wid pebbles and a sling.

And thin the sootheriu' ways he knew
  To capture young and ould!
The feniale sex—och, Whillielu!
  'Twas there wor' his heart hould.

Whin David was some eight year
  Of age, or thereabout,
Betune the haythen and Jude-ar
  A bloody war broke out.

His brothers 'listed for the war—
  Begorra! they wor dalsies—
His father tuck a contract for
  To sell the army chasses.

"David," the ould man said one day,
  "You'd loike to take a little tramp;
Jist load some chasses on the dhray
  And take 'em down to camp."

He dhrove to camp and sought straitway
  The Commissary's tint;
He got a voucher for his pay,
  Thin to his brothers wint.

He found 'em lookin' mighty blue,
  And in a dreadful fright;
Retrate was what they wished to do,
  But divil a bit of fight.

A big black bully, tin fut tall,
  Was bluffin' all the Jews,
And troops and staff and Gin'ral Saul
  Wor' quakin in their shoes.

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Drummer Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On westerly slope of and near the headwaters of Rover Creek.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for Robert Rennie, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 11,534, Benjamin F. Butler, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,610 A, Olive B. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,819 A, and Thomas R. Jones, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,818 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this second day of October, 1899

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Balmoral Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where Locate: On the Hall Mines Wagon Road, 1½ mile south of Nelson.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, acting as agent for E. W. Cleversley, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,781 A, E. J. Moore, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,782 A, and Peter Meegan, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,781 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 16th day of September, 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Tiger Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: About five miles west from Nelson, near Eagle Creek.

Take notice that I, Arthur S. Farwell agent for George A. Kirk, Free Miner's Certificate No. 88,385, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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Goliath was the craythur's name—
A howling Philistine,
His sword was loike the lightnin's flame,
His spear was loike a pine.

He wore on his neck and breast
Tin thousand pounds of brass;
The shine of him, completely dhressed,
Would smash a looking' glass.

And ivery day the baste would sthrut,
Inflamed with dhrink and pride,
And kept all Israel closely shut
In lines well fortified.

"Come out!" he'd bawl, "come out of there,
Beyont yure dhirty works;
Come av'ye dare and fight me fair,
Wid sich low trash as shirks."

This sort of talk was well and good
Till David j'ined the throop;
Whin he the matter understood
Bedad, he raised a hoop!

"It is a burnin' sin and shame,"
He said, "upon my word,
To hear this haythen hound defame
The chosen of the Lord.

"And since no other man has felt
A wish to tan his hide,
I'll fight him for the Champion's belt
And fifty slugs aside."

The Corp'ril of the Guards he tould
The Offsur of the day
What David said, and he made bould
To mention it at tay.

The Edge-du-camp was of that mess,
And heerd the whole discoorse,
So he—he couldn't do no less—
Tould Gin'ral Saul, av coorse.

The Chafe of Staff writ the High Praste
To sind perenuous orthers
For David to report in haste
At Gin'ral Saul's headquarters.

But whin the son of Jesse kim,
And Saul beheld the lad,
So young, so tender-loik and shlim,
It made him tearin' mad.

"Oh, Houly Moses! look at that!"
Said Saul, "The boy's consate!
How can it be that sich a brat
Can match that heavy weight?

"Wid the blood-suckin' giant thafe
This baby connot strive;
The Philistine, its my belafe,
Would ate him up alive."

Thin David sphoke: Me Lord, it's thrue
This seems a rash intint;
Yet while I weigh but nine stun two,
I'm full of divilment.

A lion and a bear kim down
The mountain's rugged sides;
I slew the bastes, then wint to town
And thraded off their hides.

And since for roarin' brutes loike thim
I've found I'm man enough,
I'm quite convinced that I can thrim
This blaggard pagan rough.

"Avick," said Saul, "yure full of pluck,
And wag your little chin.
Like one who rally thrusts his luck
And manes to thry and win.

I'll give ye my best coat of mail—
A new spring suit, jist made—
Tuck in a thrifle in the tail
And pad the shoulder blade."

But David did not understhand
The use of such a thing,
And only wanted in his hand
His staff and thrusty sling.

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Whin Goliath saw little David approachin' afther havin' heerd proclomation that a gra-at Champion was comin' out to fight him, Musha, he laughed fit to sphlit his sides; and by reason of what passed betunethem in the way of talk, I drap out poethry for a bit. Bekase, while poethry is mighty foine for a sintlemental dialogue, it's no good at all for a ra-al sthrong, first-class, breezy blaggardin' match.

"Oh, Joodas!" said Goliath, wid the wather billin' out of his eyes for laughin', "what sort av thing is that? May the devil admire me," he says, "if I don't belave its a monkey escaped from an organ-grinder."

"Ye'll find me a mighty bad thing to monkey wid," says David, "ye big thafe. wid a pot on yure head loike a cupolo on a steam fire engine, and yure durty, black mouth loike the hole of a coal cellar."

"Ye little skinned pole-cat," said Goliath, beginnin' to grow mad whin he diskivered that David's rhetoric was superior to his; "do ye think I'm a dog that ye've got a sthiok to bate me wid?"

"Bedad." says David, "I wouldn't be afther doin' a dacint dog sich injustice; but it's dog's mate I'm goin' to mak' ye."

"Hear that," says Goliath, "arrah, now, tache yure gran'mother tu feed ducks."

"Dhry up," says David, "bad scran to ye," he says, "ye haven't the since of a cat-fish. By the light that shines, yure bad grammer gives me a cramp in me stummick."

Och! David had a tongue in his head loike a jew's harp.

"Tare an' 'ouns!" says Goliath, "I'll not have enough of yure hide in one piece to patch a shoe."

"Tare and ages!" says David, "I'll give the buzzards a picnic wid yure dhirty karkuss, an' sure it 'ull make 'em sick to eat ye."

"Ye're a liar," says Goliath.

"Ye're another," says David, "and an opthalmic ould Cyclops to boot."

Wid that Goliath lost his temper inthirely. He pawed up the groun' and kim at David wid his eyes shut a bellowin', and that bhrings me back to the poethry.

Goliath poised his mighty spear,
'Twas fifty fut in length;
And unto David dhrawin' near
He punched wid all his strength.

But David was surprisin' quick
And sphry upon his pins.
So dodling' nately wid his stick
He whacked Goliath's shins.

Wid pain the giant howled and grinned,
And dhrapped both shield and lance
To rub his legs the lick had skinned,
Thin David saw his chance.

Takin' a brick from out his scrip,
He put it in his sling,
And, whirlin' it 'round head and hip,
He let it drive full swing.

Right to the mark the dornik flew
As straight as to a heel,
It smote the wretch betune the eyes
And stretched him on the sod.

Thin David for to prove him dead,
In sight of all beholders,
Cut off his unbelavin' head
From his blasphamious shoulders.

When the Phenaysean sailors sought
Long since ould Ireland's sthrand,
A Prince of David's blood they brought
Who settled in the land.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Yakima Mineral Claim, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Sandy Creek, adjoining Tough Nut Mineral Claim.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the city of Nelson, acting as agent for Columbus M. Parker, Free Miner's Certificate No. 23,056 A, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JOHN McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

"East End," "Sunnyside" and "Badger" Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located: On Toad Mountain, east of and near the "Grizzly Bear" Claim.

Take notice that I, A. S. Farwell, agent for E. J. Palmer, No. 19,949 A, as to two-thirds, and J. H. Wright, No. 23,012 A, as to one-third undivided interest in said claims, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 16th day of October, 1899.

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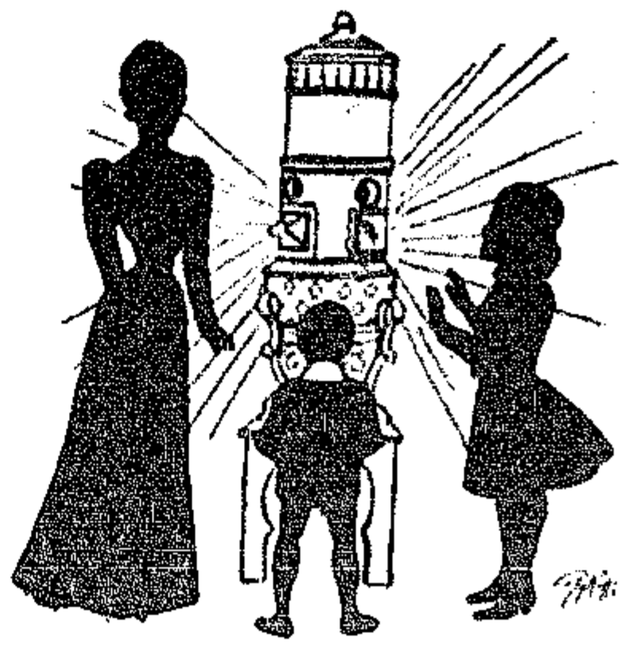

From him the Irish race had birth,
And that's why we delight in,
Beyant all other tribes on earth,
The harp's swate sthrains and fightin'.

That this surmeize is nowise thin
Can aisily be shown,
For harp and sthick have iver been
As Erin's emblims known.

MAYORALTY CONTEST.

To the Citizens of Nelson :

In response to numerous requests from business men, property owners and ratepayers, I offer myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Nelson at the approaching Municipal Elections.

Briefly stated, my platform is as follows :

If elected it will be my earnest endeavor to assist in more firmly establishing Nelson as the wholesale distributing centre of the Kootenay—the position for which she has been so admirably designed by Nature.

In furtherance of this idea, I will continue my consistent advocacy of the construction of a wharf which will meet present and future requirements of the wholesale and other business interests.

I believe that the city has reached that stage when permanent street improvements have become an absolute necessity, and that the cost should be met, as far as feasible, from current revenue and should the citizens see fit to entrust me with the office of Mayor, it will be my aim to carry out a well-devised system of street improvements.

It will be my policy to oppose the borrowing of money unless the same be used for the increase or establishment of public works producing a revenue to the taxpayers.

I am opposed to any increase in the salary of Mayor, which would necessarily involve a reduction in salaries now paid an efficient staff of officials, or an increased burden to the ratepayers.

I am strongly in favor of maintaining the fire department in a position of thorough efficiency and would advise the adoption of modern equipments, including a fire alarm system and the purchase of a chemical engine, which would effect a reduction in all fire insurance.

It will be my consistent policy to safeguard the taxpayers against any attempt on the part of corporate bodies, carrying on business in Nelson, to encroach upon the rights of the citizens.

In my opinion a sufficient amount of money should be expended upon the parks of the city so that they will provide the citizens with recreation grounds and opportunities for healthful enjoyment.

On all municipal works my policy will be to employ bona fide residents of Nelson and to maintain the public standard rate of wages.

I believe that the public schools in Nelson should be under the control of the city, and that every effort should be made to establish a high school in our midst.

In conclusion, I wish to say that in the event of my election I will consider it my duty to share with the council the responsibility of the civic administration, believing, as I do, that the assumption of entire authority by one individual is subversive of all constitutional government, whether municipal or otherwise.

Yours respectfully, FRANK FLETCHER.

THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

To the Electors of Nelson :

In asking for your support for the office of mayor at the coming election, it is only fair that I should state my views, briefly, on what are considered public questions or issues. No doubt, during the campaign you will have an

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Ash, Lady Aberdeen, Lily Fraction, Minto Fraction and Haddo Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located : On Morning Mountain.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of Nelson, acting as agent for Herbert T. Wilson, Free Miner's Certificate No 21,969 A, David T. Mowat, Free Miner's Certificate No. 21,718 A, and Malcolm Heddle, Free Miner's Certificate No B 11,611, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 11th day of October, A. D. 1899.

JOHN. McLATCHIE.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Summit, Band M, Buckhorn and Lillie Fraction Mineral Claims, situate in the Nelson Mining Division of West Kootenay District.

Where located : On the north fork of Wild Horse Creek, near the headwaters thereof.

Take notice that I, John McLatchie, P.L.S., of the City of Nelson, acting as agent for the Summit Ymir Mining Company, Limited, Free Miners's Certificate No. B 26,685, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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opportunity to hear these questions and issues discussed, for they are important to the people of this municipality.

1. The public utilities owned by the city should be maintained at a high state of efficiency and the revenue therefrom collected closely and promptly. The rates should be so adjusted that a fair profit over and above fixed charges can be realized, for the city can no more sell water and light at cost than can the merchant the commodities in which he deals.

2. Direct taxation can only be kept low by limiting the issue of debentures. No debentures should be issued except for the construction of revenue-producing public works.

3. A beginning should be made this year at making permanent street improvements. The main business streets should be macadamized and the main residence streets graded. Sidewalks should be laid with some uniformity, and not according to the different ideas of different officials.

4. The steamboat interests centered at Nelson are second only in importance to the railway interests, and the city should provide modern dock and warehouse facilities at which this business can be handled. The docks and warehouses should be built on plans approved by practical steamboat men, as the future growth and prosperity of the city depend, in a great measure, on the cost of transhipment of merchandise.

5. I am opposed to saloon expansion. There are already a sufficient number of places in Nelson at which liquor can be obtained at retail, and the number should not be increased until the city has a population of ten thousand.

6. Public gambling is looked upon as an evil in civilized countries, and whilst gambling cannot be prevented, there is no good reason why the sound of gambling machinery should equal that from the team traffic on our main business thoroughfares.

7. None but general by-laws should be passed, and when passed they should be enforced.

8. Corporations that have secured franchises from the city should be made to live up to the letter and the spirit of their agreements; but in adjusting differences that may arise there should not be any unnecessary friction.

9. The fire department should be efficiently maintained. The best apparatus should be procured, and the number of men in the volunteer brigade kept at the maximum, for without men, mere apparatus would be useless in times of danger.

JOHN HOUSTON.

Aldermanic Contest.

To the Electors of the West Ward:

In compliance with the request of a large number of citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman in the West Ward. If elected I shall do my utmost to protect and further the interests of the city. Owing to unavoidable circumstances I shall not be in Nelson during the week, and consequently will be unable to make a personal canvas. Hoping to receive your support, I remain, yours obediently.

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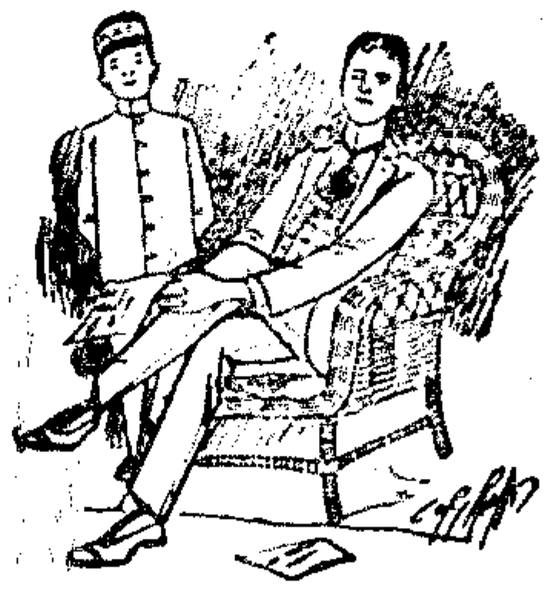

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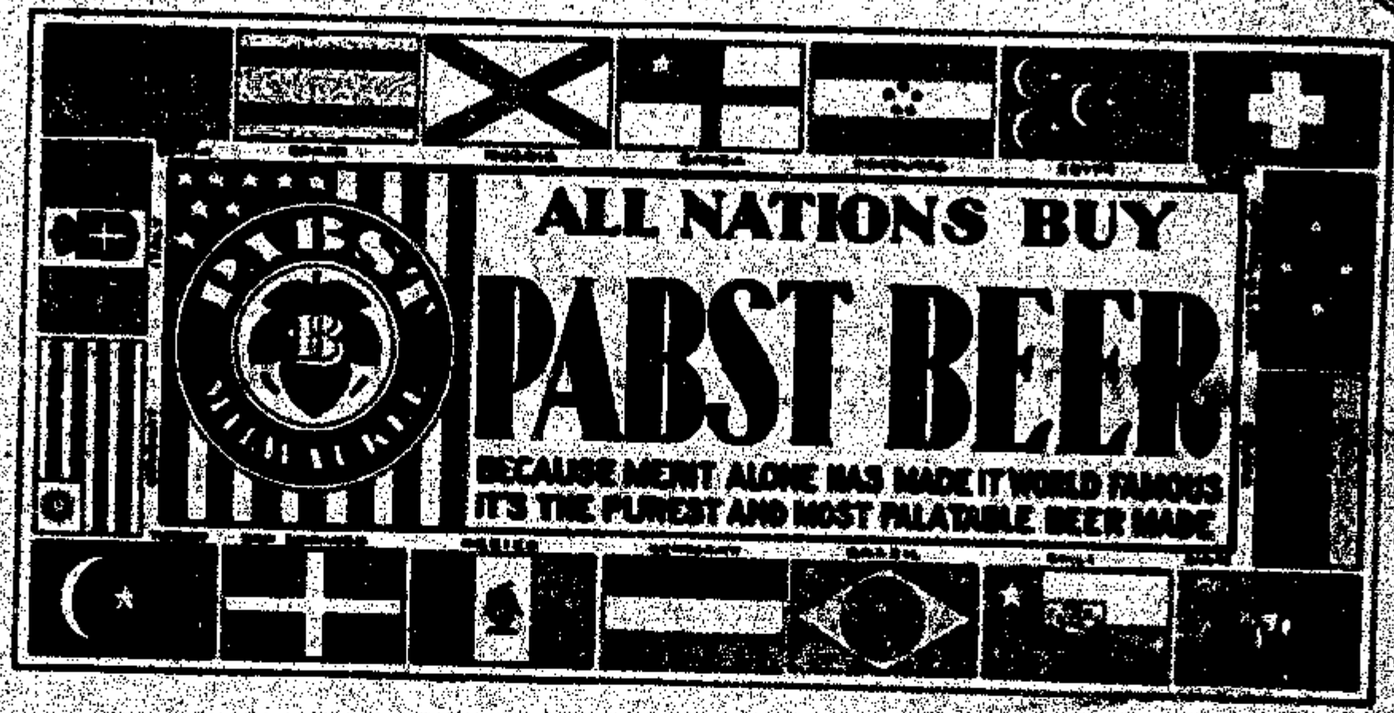

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