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VOTE FOR McBRIDE GOVERNMENT AND THE "SOLID FIVE"

A RECORD OF PROGRESS

The indications are that the administration of which Mr. Richard McBride is the trusted leader will be endorsed at the polls on Thursday next as no other government in Canada has ever been endorsed. So certain does this appear to be that many Liberals take the position that it would have been wise from the party standpoint not to have put any candidates in the field. It is worth while inquiring how it has come about that such an unprecedented political condition has arisen in this province. Our Liberal friends have not endeavored to explain it, and we think with good reason, for they would have to concede that it is due to the excellence of the Administration, or to the weakness of the Opposition, or to both. Our own explanation is that the excellence of the Administration has destroyed all opposition except that of a partizan nature.

We note that our Liberal friends have not advanced a single proposition as an alternative to the government policy in any of its aspects. They have given absolutely no reason why they should be entrusted with office, or cited a valid reason why the presence of one of their candidates in the House would be of advantage to the country. An Opposition that stands for some principal may have its uses; but there is no place in our system of parliamentary government for an Opposition that simply opposes.

Why has the opposition to the McBride administration resolved itself into a mere effort to keep a political party alive? The answer is to be found in the record of the ministry. When Mr. McBride took office he was confronted with two principle problems. One of them was how the public credit could be most speedily restored, and the other was how the province could be most speedily and advantageously developed. His most hostile critic will not deny that he has placed provincial credit on a very high plane or that he has been instrumental in inaugurating works of development on a scale commensurate with the greatness of the province and the reasonable aspirations of the people. When he took office there was a heavy overdraft in the bank whose managers were in a position to impose their will upon any government that might be in power. It became Mr. McBride's first duty to restore healthy financial conditions and ensure a sufficient revenue to warrant the introduction of progressive measures. In this he succeeded beyond all expectations, we think we can say even beyond his own. Certainly it was not long before the deficit was wiped out and the banks, that had looked askance at the provincial account, came to regard it as a highly desirable branch of their business. In the course of time the deficit was converted into the greatest cash surplus ever held by any Canadian province, and, we think, greater than has ever been held by the Dominion in actual available money.

This great result was acheived not by the imposition of taxation but by the judicious utilization of the great natural resources of the province. There were, it is true, a few additional taxes imposed, but the receipts from them formed only a small part of the revenue. We repeat that the restoration of the provincial credit and the change of a heavy deficit into an unprecedented surplus was the result of the judicious utilization of the natural resources of the province. By far the greater part of the settlement of the province during the past ten years has been upon land privately owned. Pre-emption as a means of settling the vacant areas of the province has been proved by years of trial to be very largely a failure. There are areas on which there is not a single settler; there are other areas, no better situated or more suitable for cultivation, where private owners have built up very prosperous communities. The policy of permitting private persons to acquire large areas of crown lands, which it will be to their interest to place in the hands of actual settlers, should be judged by its results—and the results in British Columbia have been satisfactory to the public. No one has lost it, for the purchasers have had value for their money. The province has gained not only by the money received for the land but by the conversion of non-revenue producing areas into taxable areas, but even more so by the conversion of what was once wilderness into thriving settlements. The communities in the great Okanagan Valley, which are the admiration of all who see them, are not due to the policy of pre-emption but have resulted from the broad vision of private owners, who went to the people, told them what the land was like, and brought them to it. What has been done there has been done, and is being done elsewhere, and every person who has made an impartial study of the question must admit that British Columbia will only be successfully colonized through the instrumentality of private owners. It is easy to call the man who buys a tract of land, subdivides it and sells it to settlers a speculator; but that proves nothing. If to pay the government for land, to survey and subdivide it, to advertise it; to bring it personally under the attention of persons suitable to become settlers: to bring the settlers to the land; to assist them in making homes; to give them long time

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B. C. FISHERIES

Canners Seek Further Protection—Present Regulations Make Impossible White Fishing Population—Changes Contemplated.

The B. C. Fisheries and the existing regulations have been commanding the attention of the minister at Ottawa, Mr. Hazen, as well as that of the canners of B. C.

It is proposed to abolish the present regulation, which forbids the exportation of fresh fish, also to modify, or entirely remove, the boat-rating regulation now in force in the north.

Messrs. Taylor, Stevens and Goodeve, M. P.'s, have been urging this course, and as a result of their action a delegation of canners, headed by Mr. Bell-Irwin, journeyed to Ottawa to protest, which was quite natural in view of the fact that the present regulations were designed purposely for the canners and gives governmental sanction to one of the tightest food combines in Canada.

In characteristic language Mr. Bell-Irwin told the B. C. members, who differed from him, that they were "ignorant cranks," and "pumped full of nonsense by irresponsible persons;" inferring that any one who dared to differ from Mr. Bell-Irwin was incapable of thinking for himself.

The canners' claim may be summed up in the following quotation from Mr. Bell-Irwin's oration before the Minister, and which has all the earmarks of a carefully prepared speech, memorized for the occasion. Said he: "Imagine, Mr. Minister, one of our magnificent British Columbia fiords, extending inland ten, twenty, perhaps fifty miles, with the mountains rising on either side and capped with the everlasting snow, with no living creature except the bear and the eagle to witness its grandeur; imagine, sir, the waters of this fiord teeming with millions of salmon, sporting themselves in its clear depths, food only for these bears and eagles, when, lo, along comes the cannery man, and at great expense—forty thousand dollars—erects a cannery. Am I not right, sir, in saying that those fish belong to the cannery man? Is he not entitled to protection?"

Just at this point of his oration a member dared to interrupt with the suggestion that **perhaps the fish might be said to belong to the people as a whole.** Such crass ignorance of the first principles of the cannery combine and of the law of **special privilege** naturally stirred up the wrath of the orator and resulted in his contemptuous reference that **the member was an ignorant crank and he should remember that if it were not for the canneryman there would be no canning industry,** to which the aforesaid "**ignorant crank**" of a member replied that if there were no fish there would be no canneryman.

It was this ignorance on the part of the members, and their suggestion that the public had rights and that the fisherman should be considered, which so exasperated Mr. Bell-Irvin, and no doubt on his return he will take good care to tell the people of Vancouver and New Westminster what a pair of chumps they have representing them at Ottawa, men who had not yet learned that Bell-Irvin and his kind were the dictators of the public rights.

Let us briefly examine these two regulations which call for personal attention of men of such eminent ability as Mr. Bell-Irvin et al.

First the export duty which the minister cancelled.

The cannerymen at the present time arbitrarily set the price to be **paid the fisherman for his fish,** and also have the privilege of **refusing to take fish when offered,** in which case the only thing the fisherman can do is to throw them over board, as he cannot export. The cannerymen have the **privilege of bringing in fish** from the American traps, which he frequently does. Now it must be remembered that the canneries are limited in capacity and the fish run in bunches or large schools, and in the past, during the years of the "big runs," it has frequently happened that the canneries have been "full up" and would only take a portion of a man's catch, or none of it if it suited them to do so, with the result that our fishermen have been compelled to dump over-board a large amount of their catch, because they were not allowed to **export.** But worse than that—the cannerymen have brought in scow-loads of cheap American fish from the traps (when traps were over-loaded) and refused to purchase our fishermen's catch, with the afore-mentioned result.

This does not occur every year, **but it has occurred all too often,** although Mr. Bell-Irvin will seek to becloud the fact with specious arguments. That such a thing **has ever occurred,** or that it is **possible** for it to occur, is good and sufficient grounds to warrant a change in the regulation. We contend that the fisherman should have the privilege of selling his fish on the open market, and if the American buyer wishes to out-bid the local buyer the fisherman **has the right to this increased price.**

The canners contend that this means that **our fish** will be **canned in American canneries.** Horrible thought—"better far," say the canners, "that these fish should be dumped into the Fraser than that the fisherman should sell them to be canned by the unholy American canner." The answer is, that by virtue of his position the Fraser river canner has a distinct advantage over the Puget Sound canner, as far as Canadian fish is concerned, and, **if he will,** can out-bid him in price.

The truth is, that the removal of this prohibitory export law will **take out of the hands of the canner** a weapon which he has successfully used to keep the fisherman in line, and will make it impossible for the canner to drive out of the business a **fisherman who does not readily accept his,** the canners, **terms;** but it will give the fisherman the right to **sell his fish in the open market,** which is the inherant privilege of every man.

Now a word on the boat-rating **regulation,** which applies to the northern part of B. C.

By this regulation each cannery is permitted to fish a stipulated number of boats according to the size of the cannery. It is argued that this regulation was made for the purpose of **protecting the fish;** in practice it has resulted in the **protection of the canners,** and in fostering a combine of unparalleled audacity.

When a fisherman wishes to secure a license to fish, he goes to the government inspector who demands the regular fee **AND A COPY OF A CONTRACT WITH SOME CANNER TO THE EFFECT THAT HE** (the fisherman) **WILL DELIVER ALL OF HIS FISH TO THAT CANNER AND TO NO ONE ELSE,** and at the canners own price, as it will at once be observed that this contract with the canner must be made **before the fisherman can get a license to fish.** In other words, every fisherman is the serf of the canner. Whatever may have been the intention of the government when making this regulation, it is clear that it would be impossible to conceive of a more nefarious rule in practice.

The contention of the three B. C. members is that this rule should be abolished, and that the fishermen be allowed to sell their fish to the highest bidder. There are about 800 boats fishing on the Skeena, divided among about 16 canneries, let the government issue the 800 licenses and let the canners compete for the fish. At present the canners set the price and as a man must sign a contract before he can get a license, it is clear who holds the control. Last year the canners in the north paid ten cents a fish, whereas they could have afforded to pay double that sum, but owing to the boat-rating they were not compelled to do so. No wonder they do not wish the regulation removed. A very good illustration of how this works out is the case of Bob Kelly's cannery on Smith's Inlet. Kelly has an exclusive license on that inlet and no one else is allowed in. He has taken a profit, out of a privilege for which he pays $50.00 per annum, of from $40,000.00 to $70,000.00 per year; recently he sold the privilege (with the cannery worth about $40,000.00) for $325,000.00, on which he is reported to have received $60,000.00 down, but the balance has not been paid, because of the threatened change in regulations by Ottawa.

We confess that it is rather rough on Bob for the Government to change its regulations just at this time, and no doubt he will heartily second Bell-Irvin's statement, that these meddling members of parliament are "ignorant cranks, pumped full of nonsense."

We dare, however, to affirm that no man is entitled to $325,000.00 for a privilege from which the government only receive $50.00.

Mr. Bell-Irvin also said that the result of removal of the boat-rating would be, that men would get an out-fit from a cannery and then sell his fish to another competing cannery. Our answer is, that that is not the business of the government **but a private contract between the can-**

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THE HON. PRIEMIER McBRIDE

(By Professor E. Odlum, M.A., B.Sc.)

Some 1500 electors listened to Premier McBride in the Vancouver Opera House last week. All who know the ability of the honourable gentleman and heard him on that occasion, were struck with wonder at the vigor and staying power he must possess. He came to Vancouver after travelling thousands of miles, speaking night and day for nearly a month, addressing tens of thousands of the British Columbia electors, losing much sleep and rest, and then, on the platform in the Opera House, he delivered an able utterance.

This he did in spite of the fact that he was pestered by a lot of noisy and senseless hoodlums who have no stake or interest in the country.

What tremendous endurance of body, mind and spirit is required for such strenuous efforts extending over so long a period! How can any but a truly strong and capable man accomplish a task so great?

When the next provincial campaign comes around, I think the people of Vancouver should ask Premier McBride to open the contest, by coming to the Terminal City at his best. We shall ask him to come with the fullness of his best and freshest vigor, and then our hardest critics will be enabled to see that British Columbia has, at its head, one of the very ablest statesmen living today. His language, thought, expression of his clear precepts and concepts in the aptest terms, his splendid presence and manner make him a most striking and forceful speaker at all times; but, when he steps into the arena fresh at the opening of the campaign, then we shall have a masterpiece from a master stateaman and platform debater.

Very much of the same language can be applied to the Honourable Attorney General, who accompanied the Premier in his arduous journeys and shared his toils and participated in his honors. He, like the Premier, is always able to give a splendid account of himself and of his work at Victoria. Though tired and well tried for long

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NOTES OF THE WEST

(Contributed by W. D.)

Appealing unto Caesar, as the quaint old Hebrew phrased it, will in a few days become an actuality in Vancouver when the electorate are called upon to choose their representatives in the Hall of Legislature for the next Parliamentary term.

In addition to the Socialist there are five Liberals assiduously seeking the suffrages of the people—for what?

'Put us in power," is their cry. "See what we will do for you, our good friends—we are your only friends. We are the real Codlin—not Short. Watch us abuse the other fellow."

Now, that's just what a good many of the electors like myself have been doing, and the impression is irresistibly borne in upon one that "abuse is no argument."

Invective is cheap, and noisy, and makes a good many catch votes with the unthinking few—but what about the others who do think?

They, I opine, argue somewhat after this fashion: "Well, I am not a one-sided party man. I am one of the moderate crowd, and it seems to me there is only one policy before us."

Only one sound, progressive policy, and that is McBride's own railway, roads and development of natural resources policy; the other fellow is only "hollering" to be let in the back way, or any old way, only let them in. "See how easily we call down Bowser, and what choice adjectives we have for McBride." Don't you think, Mr. Elector, that a party who is so keen on mud-slinging can do a lot of good? YOU DON'T?

Well, well! What a surprise.

On the other hand, what is the plain duty of not only every good Conservative but of every other sane business man but to support McBride against the forces of disorder that are marshalling on the other side?

See where that coiling serpent, Lloyd George, —Hello! How's that for epithets, ye "Sun-worshippers"? See what evil communications will do even to a purist—I am saying see what that **Coiling Serpent, Lloyd George,** has done for trade and happiness of Old England with his unending class war.

Do you want the same disturbing influences at work here? "YES," I can hear my Socialist friends shout, "WE do."

But stay a moment, you who have nothing to lose and spout fiery treason. Will you be any better off, either, under choas?

I trow not, as from a long conversation which I had with one of you only this week end it is plain that ye yourselves know not where it is that your theories are leading you.

You assert, do you, that society is based up-

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MORROW & DEANE, corner Seventh Avenue and Yew Street, are popular Kitsilano grocers and provision merchants. They conduct one of the finest and busiest grocery establishments in the section of the city where they are located and their large and growing trade is justly merited. They carry a very large assortment of choice family groceries and their prices are as low as strict commercial principles will permit. They have operated two years in Kitsilano and were in the downtown section two years prior to locating in the bon-ton residential section of Vancouver. They formerly were in the same line in Ireland, their native land, prior to coming to Canada. They are both prominent members of fraternity organizations and among them are the Sons of Ireland or Scotland, the Orange Order, and the Masons.

THOMAS HUGHES, 2037 Fourth Avenue West, conducts a flourishing hardware store and handles all kinds of shelf hardware and graniteware. His establishment is particularly neat and attractive and well stocked. Mr. Hughes has been doing business in Kitsilano nearly one year and already has built up a very substantial and growing trade. He has had fifteen years' experience as a hardware merchant and knows the business thoroughly. He is a distinguished graduate of Wellington College, Shropshire, England. He leaves no stone unturned to please each and every customer and makes each sale an advertisement for succeeding ones. His prices challenge all honorable competition and he makes friends easily. Personally he is a gentleman of broad and liberal views to meet and of the progressive, enterprising and go-ahead type. When you want hardware, phone Bayview 1361.

THE CRESCENT MEAT ANW FISH MARKET, 2089 Fourth Avenue West, corner Arbutus, is conducted by Mr. F. D. Gore, a live young man who has followed the butcher business for the past thirteen years. For ten years he was in the employ of the Burns' Markets and three years in Porter's in Vancouver. He has just recently opened up at Kitsilano for himself and everything would indicate that he will move right along steadily on the pathway of success. Everything is spotlessly neat and clean as a new pin, and the tastiest housewife could scarcely keep her pantry looking cleaner and more attractive. Mr. Gore's motto is "Quality." He believes in the best and that the best is none too good for Kitsilano residents. He is a genial young fellow to meet. His phone is Bayview 1520.

THE FAIRVIEW MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 2050-2058 Sixth Avenue West, are manufacturers and dealers in soft yellow fir and red cedar doors, sash mouldings, turning, band sawing, detail work in all kinds of builders' supplies and house furnishings. They have a splendid factory well equipped with the latest modern machinery and attend to all orders whether large or small, with dispatch. They have operated here four years and their business is constantly increasing. They give employment to several experienced millmen and skilled workmen in the various departments. The personnell of the company is composed of Messrs. R. M. Dawson, F. P. Baldwin and P. E. Sutherland, gentlemen of wide experience in this important branch of commerce and industry. Kitsilano and Fairview West are well supplied and receive the best money can buy when they trade with the Fairview Manufacturing Company, 2050 Sixth Avenue West. Their phone is Bayview 266.

THE FAIRVIEW TRANSFER & CARTAGE Co., LTD., 1698 Fourth Avenue West, make a specialty of Piano and Furniture moving, baggage express, draying and general teaming work, and also horses bought and sold. They operate fifteen outfits, vans, wagons, and outfits of various kinds for this special line of business, and in conjunction with the above have recently bought over the Ideal Cartage Company's business, located at the rear of 919 Homer Street. The personnel of the company is composed of Messrs. W. H. Dobson and W. Caulfield, who have operated in this line here during the past two years. They have recently incorporated the company and are prepared to handle all kinds of heavy teaming contracts and execute the same with efficiency and dispatch. Their charges are moderate and they are particularly well equipped with big covered vans for moving house furniture and pianos with care. Phone Bayview 220.

A. C. Giles conducts the Yew Street Dry Goods Store at 2071 Yew Street, and also the postoffice sub-station No. 5. He has operated in Kitsilano nearly two years and enjoys a good trade. He is ably assisted in the conducting of his growing business by Mrs. Giles, a very pleasing and business-like lady, who has had several years' experience in mercantile lines and understands this line thoroughly. Also customers are waited on promptly and politely by a very pleasant and beautiful rosy-cheeked young lady clerk who likes Kitsilano, and The Call is quite sure Kitsilano will like this pretty belle, who made her debut here today.

MRS. ALICE RICHARDS, 2206 Vine Street, conducts Kitsilano's popular millinery parlors. She has followed the business for fourteen years and has operated in Kitsilano a little over one year. This is where the elite ladies are properly served and get hats to set them off, as Mrs. Richards' specialty is trimming, which she has down to a fine art, and few on the Coast understand the work to the same degree of excellence as this pleasant and business-like woman. The Call is pleased to note her success. She also carries ribbons, veilings, mechlins, chiffons, etc. Remember the place.

D. S. MACDONALD, 2232 Fourth Avenue West, near Yew Street, conducts a flourishing real estate business. He makes a specialty of buying and selling. He formerly operated as an auctioneer in Manitoba and was several years in Portage la Prairie, where he won fame and fortune in his line. He was born in Prince Edward Island. He has fine properties listed for sale, although has seen much in his travels he now heralds the praises of Kitsilano—the bonton residential district of Vancouver, B. C. His phone is 1691.

THE IDEAL MARKET, 1738 Fourth Avenue West, is conducted by Messrs. G. M. Anderson and H. H. Morton, manager. They deal in fresh meats, cured hams and bacon, dairy butter and fresh country eggs and all kinds of fruit in season. Mr. Morton has had many years' experience in this line of business, both in the Emerald Isle, his native commonwealth prior to coming to America, and also in Canada prior to locating in Kitsilano. They have been established here six months, during which time Messrs. Anderson and Morton have made many friends and business patrons, and are doing well. Their phone is Bayview 1108.

MACDONALD'S CAFE, 1611 Yew Street, is a popular eating place for visitors and tourists taking an outing at the Kitsilano beach. Regular meals and short orders as well are served from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Macdonald makes a specialty of afternoon teas for parties, picnics, and his place is well equipped for banquets. Meals are served from 25 cents and up. This is the place to get the best meal served in Kitsilano.

JAMES WHITELAW, 2013 Yew Street, Kitsilano, the famous boot and shoe maker, conducts a splendid shoe store and repair shop. He makes a specialty of making loggers' shoes, and all kinds of repairs are promptly and neatly done at moderate prices. He uses the best materials and has followed the business thirty years. He has operated three years in Kitsilano. He learned his trade in Scotland, the land of his nativity, and the country noted for its "bonnie lassies" and honest sons of toil.

S. F. WHITE & CO., 2208 Cornwall Street, near Yew, Kitsilano, conduct a general real estate business. They make a specialty of Kitsilano property and have a large list of splendid properties on sale. Mr. White was in Vancouver eighteen years ago and has traveled extensively at home and abroad, since then. He followed mining sometime in Africa and in Siberia, and is a graduate of the I. M. M., London. "Everything is looking active," remarked Mr. White. He rents houses and makes collections, looks after property for absentees and makes loans. His phone is Bayview 1346.

BEETON & DICKSON, 2210 Vine Street, are grocers and provision merchants who are building up an excellent run of custom. They carry a fine stock of family groceries and their prices are right. These energetic and active young business fellows are progressive from the word "go," and are sure to win, as they are hard-working and honest to the penny. They have operated here one year. Mr. Beeton hails from England and Mr. Dickson from the "Emerald Isle" as the land of his nativity.

McMULLEN'S MAKERY, 2059 Fourth Avenue West, is the place for bread, cakes and pies like what your mother used to make. Mr. McMullen has a large, commodious bakeshop and can turn out one thousand loaves of choice bread every two hours. He makes a specialty of family trade and has two tricycles for quick deliveries, and a large store trade. Mr. McMullen was associated with Spiking & Co., bakers for the Royal Family in London, England, for some time. He operates the famous Middleby Oven and takes contracts for banquets and wedding supplies, etc. Mrs. McMullen is the pleasant store attendant.

JOHN GILLIS, corner Third and Maple Street, conducts a liberally patronized family grocery and provision store. He has been in the grocery line all his life and has operated one year in Kitsilano. He is a good buyer and goods right bought are more than half sold. This is a great secret in mercantile life and Mr. Gillis understands it. He is a live wire and progressive. He hails from Nova Scotia.

CHANDLER'S GROCERY STORE, corner Seventh Avenue West and Fir Street, Fairview, is conducted by Mr. G. K. Chandler, who started business nearly one year and a half ago, and during that short period has become an important factor in mercantile circles. He carries a splendid stock of family groceries well displayed, and each month sees a big increase in his business. He was in Winnipeg ten years in business prior to coming west and also officiated four years as steward on steamships. He is specially well posted in his line and men of his enterprising type make good in any calling or business. He is a live wire and progressive from the word "go."

McLELLAN & McCARTER, LTD., 1605 Sixth Avenue West, is one of the larger concerns operating in Fairview. They deal in grain, hay and feed, and make deliveries to all parts of Vancouver. The business is zealously looked after by Messrs. F. S. Bacon, and T. E. Robinson, in the absence of Mr. Norman McLellan, proprietor, who is on a tour in California this winter. This concern has recently bought out Arbuthnot & Helmer's sash and door factory adjoining them and contemplate putting in a big grain elevator with a capacity of probably a hundred thousand bushels. They can fill very large contracts quickly. Phone 5510.

Z. STEVENS, 1833 Fourth Avenue West, Fairview, conducts a splendid store well stocked with groceries and provisions of all kinds. Mr. Stevens is well up in his line, and although just recently started in his present new location, we predict for him shining success. He is progressive and makes a friend of each and every patron. He sells on a very close margin and carries the latest vegetables and fruits the markets afford. He was born in Austria.

COOK BROS., 1617 Fourth Avenue West, come in for prominent mention here as we call the roll of Kitsilano and Fairview West's leading business enterprises. They deal in family groceries and provisions and have followed this line twelve years. They have been established in Fairview three months and were formerly in Alberta. They carry a nice stock of bakery goods, fresh eggs, dairy creamery butter, and fancy as well as staple groceries. Their phone is Bayview 1401.

J. G. CAMPBELL, corner of Fourth Avenue West and C. P. R. tracks, Fairview, conducts a liberally patronized confectionery, fruit and cigar store. He has recently opened up here and formerly was in the employ of the B. C. E. R. as motorman eight years, four of which was on the interurban line. He is a live young man and is interested considerably in Vancouver real estate, as he is quite a financier. He hails from Campbellton, New Brunswick, as the land of his birth.

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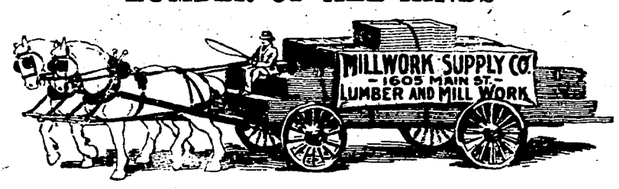

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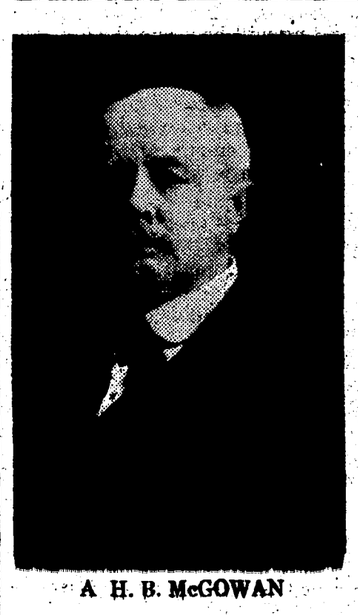

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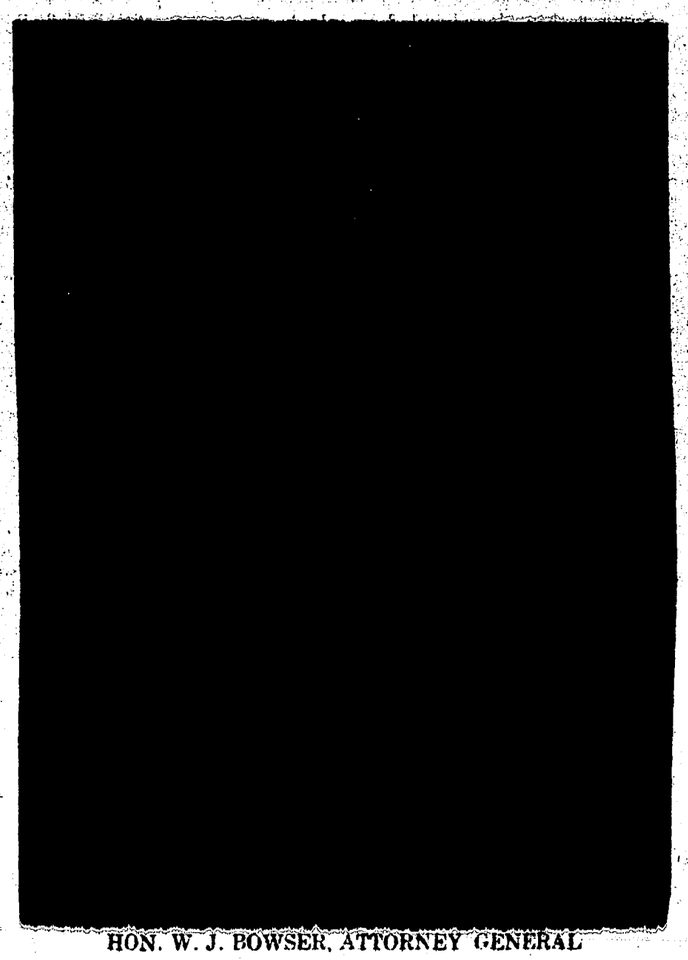

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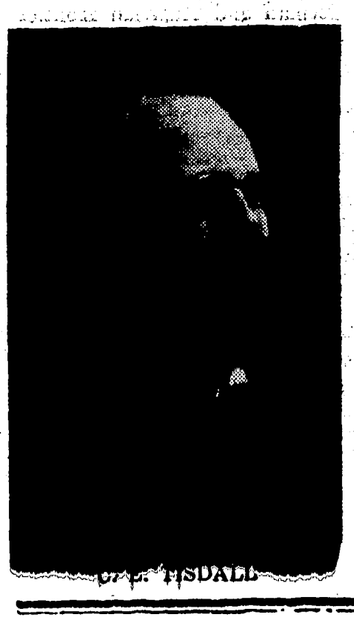

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THE HONOURABLE PREMIER McBRIDE.

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weeks, he did yeoman service at the Opera House last week. The cause they espouse is the cause of the public, of the whole people.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S FOREST POLICY.

Every candid, intelligent man, who has studied the question of the various forest policies of this continent and that of Europe, must admit that for the purposes to be served, the forest policy of British Columbia is unsurpassed. It is the result of much thought, comparison and planning on the part of experienced, able and honest men.

Here is one of the best elements of this policy. By the regulations now in force, the increment of annual increase in value is preserved to the whole public. It does not go to the timber men. They simply make their money by the annual handling of their limits.

Another fine feature is this: The licensees, whether they work or not, pay to the government, and therefore to the people, an annual interest on the value of the timber preserved, or reserved for them. By this means the government has a steady and a fairly well-known annual revenue, coming in from the forests under licenses. The old method gave an uncertain and spasmodic return. This policy carries certainty as against uncertainty of the previous plans, and, moreover, it gives a better return to the public.

In 1904 the REVENUE FROM THE TIMBER SOURCES AMOUNTED TO $455,000.00. In 1908 IT HAD MOUNTED UP TO $2,785,000.00. This is significant and telling. In the last seven years the income from this one source of revenue was $13,000,000.00. This is nearly $2,000,000.00 annually.

Here, then, is good ground to give praise to the men who made an improvement of such value.

THE AGRICULTURAL POLICY OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT.

Some rather clear-headed people have wrong notions of what is being done in relation to the LAND POLICY of this province. I, at times, am filled with wonder at the opinions of the adverse critics. One would almost imagine that they expect the members of the Cabinet and Legislature to go out to the forest with axe, shovel, pick, dynamite, plow, harrow, and all the other requisites of farm-making. This may be very well for some of them, but it would not suit all.

They have a better plan, and one of a more practical sort. They have done many useful and necessary things. They have pushed forward the making of roads, bridges, trails and distributive surveying. This is one of the most valuable and telling methods known, to give the would-be new farmer a chance to go upon the land.

This is not all. They have inaugurated the BEST SYSTEM OF RAILWAY BUILDING adopted in Canada. The new railways are to go forward at a rapid rate, and are so distributed as to open up districts in almost every part of the province. These railways will give strings of villages, towns and cities, which will make it possible for the farmers to find markets when they do settle on the lands. With the trails, bridges, roads, railways, and the consequent centres of population which at once follow, we have the very best basis of a permanent and successful LAND POLICY.

Add to this the fact that millions of acres are already surveyed, and are awaiting the coming of the farmer and gardener, and we see that much effective work has been accomplished. In further addition, we may refer to the excellent and stable government that insures the inflow of both money and immigration. Surely all these things go far to make clear that the government has been pursuing a strong, steady, definite and wise course in relation to the use of our farm lands.

CURRENT TOPICS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Alas and alack for Aldermen Ramsay and Baxter! The sledge-hammer "Lady Van" has decided to pen-punish these aldermen and their coadjutors for their adverse vote concerning the Women's Club. When the heavy fist of this big, ponderous writer falls on any human mortal, especially upon a man, then, alas for that man! This "Lady Van" has jumped out into the arena where men are busy and she tries to wade in **as if she understood the problems with which they are dealing.** Her language shows lack of fine spirit, and manifests considerable coarseness, badly messed with slang.

When one sees how she strikes left and right at the Aldermen, the representatives of the Vancouver electorate; how she snarls at Mr. H. H. Stevens, M. P., the choice of the Burrard electorate, and as he reads her rude language referring to the Library Board, he is apt to think that this Lady Van is not a refined person, that she lacks in good sense, and is truly using a pseudonym when using the term "'Lady' Van." The very heft of her pen-fist puts one in mind of King Henry's wife from Flanders. Let "Lady Van" enter the arena of the press critic, but she would do well not to venture beyond her strength, depth, and the language of good taste. She seems to be an apt copyist of the other critic known as "Bruce." She—if she be not a male person—must be the teacher of "Bruce," or an apt scholar. Refinement in dealing with public men and questions is always in order, and especially when a real "Lady" and not a mannish woman is writing.

Rowdies at Public Meetings.

The Liberals, at their public meeting last Friday evening, had to make threats of throwing out the noisy, debased and cowardly hoodlums who pose as Socialists. These men are the meanest and lowest of the "genus homo." They have lost all sense of shame, are a disgrace to their homes—if they have any—and are unfit to have any standing in or among the public.

Some of these idiotic creatures were thrown out of the Opera House by the Conservatives, and should have been thrown out an hour sooner. The time has come when these rowdies must be treated as they deserve when they trot around from one hall to another in order to interrupt public meetings of every sort. In fact, they have not the good sense to hold a meeting among themselves without much horse-play and general tumult. They glory in their shame, while they preach anarchy and try to put their diabolic teachings into practice.

They are not Socialists, and have no claims on Socialism. They are anarchists, and in their hearts ready-to-hand murderers. The men who would destroy a community would murder an individual of that community. If those of us who claim and advocate the principles of Socialism as sound at heart are afraid to throw out these public thugs, then our cause must suffer and stink in the nostrils of all fair-minded men.

The Socialists who permit these vile creatures to enter their organizations and give them "good standing" are making a serious mistake. Socialism is going down into rottenness in British Columbia because they permit the vilest scum to remain attached. Most of these rascals are foreigners, and as such should not be permitted to create a disturbance a second time in any meeting. The ignorant Englishman at the Opera House who kept shouting "He-aw, He-aw" got his medicine, but it came none too soon.

Lord Churchill and Kaiser Wilhelm.

Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, spoke to Germany and the whole world with Saxon bluntness. He spoke the truth to the letter, and the Germans clearly understand. The Sea-Lord says, "If Germany builds three ships-of-war, England will build five. If Germany takes a year off and refrains from building three vessels for war purposes, England will cease building five. Let Germany increase by three and England will increase by five. This is plain, sensible, practical, and the essence of a manly and outspoken statesmanship. And England has five times the wealth and population of Germany.

Incidentally, we read that Austria has lanuched another dreadnought or two; and the whole world knows that these are intended for German use in an emergency. Let us look at this proposition. Germany shakes at Great Britain the Austrian ships-of-war. She imagines that this extra attempt at navy building will bring up the Teuton fleet to that of the Saxon. But Germany goes further yet in thought and intent. She intends to press into her military and naval combination the power of Italy. She may succeed, but she is dealing with a doubtful element, and may find at the last moment that she is playing with fire.

Let us look on the other side of the German Empire. The Kaiser has in mind the sudden capture of the naval power of Norway, Belgium and Holland, with that of Denmark. I am not dreaming. British and other statesmen know that this is true, and they have made deep plans to prevent this very thing.

In the event of war Germany must keep her troops in readiness for France and Russia. These two countries would—tomorrow, if they were sure they could—smash Germany. Now let Germany, Austria—and Italy, if so forced—undertake a war upon Britain and what will happen?

France dare not let this war be undertaken without her most strenuous opposition, both with men and money. She would be forced to act at once.

But this is not all. Russia would move her troops along the German and Austrian frontier in such a manner as to keep one-half of the German troops back from France.

Further yet, Britain has an alliance with Japan. It is the most business and matter-of-fact kind of an alliance in force among the nations. She, by its terms, would be forced to take action; and most gladly. In a few months she would clean out the Germans from northeast China and join Britain in destroying her African possessions. Germany would within a few months loose all her over-the-seas territories and be limited to Europe. Britain and Japan would become the African over-lords of the captured Teuton Africa. This is just what Japan would delight in, and what is coming if such a war ensue.

In fact, such a war would suit Japan better than any other of the nations involved. Surely there are tremendous possibilities within the lap of Dame Nature to be made manifest in the near future.

The one important thing not yet referred to is this: The rest of the British Empire would throw its mighty resources unreservedly into such a struggle, and these resources are of so vast a moment as to cause many anxious moments to those who would attack Britania, the **"Ship Covenant Nation."**

It Would Be Very Interesting.

Let us suppose, in the coming election, that the following three Liberals managed to get into the Provincial Legislature: Mr. L. D. Taylor, Mr. Maxwell Smith, and Mr. "Bruce." It would be funny. The theatricals of the cities could not furnish a comedy, or a tragedy, or a drama, or a moving picture show, or a vaudeville, or any combination that would, or could, equal the amusement furnished to the people that these three loving Liberals could and would furnish. Look at the terms of endearment used by Mr. Maxwell Smith when he mentions Bruce. And see how sweetly Bruce refers to Mr. L. D. Taylor. And lo, the "World"—that is, Mr. L. D. Taylor—has a few endearing words for Bruce. But can the people pay the price for the putting on of such comedy—per haps tragedy?

PORTUGUESE COLONIES COMING TO BRITAIN.

The influential Portugese who are agitating to hand over to Britain the African possessions are showing good sense. They see clearly two things: They cannot manage to govern and develop these large African territories. And they are sure they will soon be defrauded of them by Germany, hence they are wise in moving to give their lands to their long-time friend, Great Britain. And moreover, "Abraham is the heir of the world." Hence his seed must have possession of their possessions sooner or later. The sooner the better. Hers is the most liberal and enlightened rule in the history of mankind. Her mild, but firm and successful sway is acting as a magnet to draw all mankind within her fold. And they will come, too. What a most glorious prospect! The nations that will not serve will be broken. This is the word divine.

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A RECORD OF PROGRESS.

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for payment; to establish communities in lieu of isolated farms; if to do these things on the chance of making a moderate profit is speculation, then, we suppose, the land companies are speculators; but they are doing a great work for the province.

With a full treasury, restored provincial credit and an assured yearly income, the Government was able to inaugurate a policy of provincial development. For this purpose Mr. McBride resolved to employ both the money and credit of the Province, feeling that the only proper use to put the accumulated millions to was the provision of needed public works, and the provincial credit could be safely employed in assisting the construction of necessary railways. It is needless to recapitulate what has been accomplished in this way, or to go over the plans which the Premier has told us he has in view for additional development work. The effect of this policy of progress is seen on every hand, and every line of business and industry is feeling the beneficial consequences. The whole province has received such an impetus as was never enjoyed in the past and has never been surpassed in any part of the world.

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on the ownership of the means of life by the capitalist or master class, and that as a consequence there is an enslavement of the working class, by whose means alone—I quote from your manifesto—wealth is produced?

That, in plain language, means there is no result from high mentality at all—simply muscular labor as expended by the working class. But, let me tell you, kind friends, there is just as much worth and benefit from high mentality in the working as in any other class.

Mark me, I am not "agen" the Socialists as a body, neither do I fear them—as they wish so many to do. They will not admit the existence of Labor-Capitalism, as against Money-Capitalism, therefore it is hardly possible to argue with them. The use of the word "slave" is an unctuous feast to your true Socialist—forgetting that he is himself one of the greatest of slaves to his own narrow views.

His own body is also a slave who has to work for him; and as to WEALTH, that does not consist of money alone. But "away with it," cries this band of crude reformers, and we will show you how to rule."

Show us nothing. They cannot even show common sense, and it is almost a waste of time to pen a line on them; but what I do just want to say is this, that even the Socialists have done some good.

Not, perhaps, in the way they intended, but I for one am willing to concede that factory and other useful legislation came mainly from their efforts. The trouble with them is they will only admit one side of the argument. There is no other side, they say.

Very well, gentlemen, we shall see on Thursday next when Vancouver, Victoria, and all the unpolled places will manfully do their duty by voting for McBRIDE'S PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

B. C. FISHERIES

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ner and the fisherman and the place to enforce that contract **is through the civil courts**, and not by governmental regulations.

He also said that if the men were permitted to sell their fish where they wish, **some canneries would get more** than others. The answer is obvious, **the canner who paid the highest price** would get the fish, and that is as it should be.

To sum up and briefly reply to the contention of the canners that they wish these regulations to protect the fish. Experience teaches us that the canners are not in the business to conserve the fish, but to can them and to **make money**, and judging from the fortunes which have been made the latter point seems to have been most successfully handled.

To conserve the fish on the Fraser it is necessary to secure the co-operation of the American authorities as the depletion occurs in the operation of the American traps which capture the fish before they can reach the river. This is the real cause of decrease in Fraser River salmon, and no amount of conservation on the Canadian side will stop the depletion. We therefore urge the view that **if possible** the co-operation of the American authorities be secured. In the meantime strict enforcement by the Government of its regulation be maintained on the Canadian side.

In the north the Americans do not interfere to any appreciable degree, so that all we require is adequate "closed hours" (now 36 each week) and strict enforcement of the regulation, together with sufficient hatcheries and the removal of obstructions in the streams so that the salmon can get up them successfully. In conclusion permit the statement, that **we cannot expect a decent self-respecting fishing population until these invidious regulations are removed, which constitute a fisherman a serf of the canners, instead of an independent citizen.**

We hear much about "pessimism" and "optimism." The words are of Latin origin, and come from the adjectives meaning "worst" and "best." The theory of the one is that this is a poor world, possibly the worst that could be made, and is growing worse, and that the outlook for human society is gloomy. The theory of the other is the opposite. Optimism counts this a good world, the best possibly the Lord could make, and that it is growing better every year, and that the outlook for the race is bright and glorious. Whether one is an optimist or a pessimist is partly a matter of temperament, possibly of health, partly of experience and more largely of faith. Men of faith have a touch of optimism despite everything else. As to personal comfort, one will feel better to cultivate the optimistic view. Some one has said that an optimist is a man who can see a fried cake without noticing the hole in it.

ENGLAND'S GRIP ON THE WORLD.

That Great Britain has a hold on the Trade and Commerce of the world far beyond what is generally supposed is easily shown by an illustration. Take Canada as an instance.

In the year 1911 Britain imported from Canada the value of about twenty-five million pounds sterling, and exported to Canada about twenty million pounds sterling. This gives a trade balance of five million pounds, or $25,000,000 against England and in favor of Canada.

But Canada has over two billions of dollars of English money, on which it pays interest or dividends. It is safe to say that at least the British capitalist gets 4 1-2 per cent. on that enormous investment. 4 1-2 per cent. on $2,000,000,000 gives no less than $90,000,000 annually. Now deduct the trade balance of $25,000,000 in favor of Canada and we get $65,000,000 annually in favor of Great Britain.

Now look at Australia. In 1911 Great Britain imported from Australia fifty-six million nine hundred and forty-seven thousand pounds sterling, and exported to Australia forty million six hundred thousand pounds sterling. The difference here is roughly sixteen million pounds in favor of Australia.

But an Old Country financial statement appeared not long since which set forth that over $2,000,000,000 of British money is invested in Australia. This at 4 1-2 per cent. would give $90,000,000 annually, thus leaving a final balance of $10,000,000 in favor of England annually.

Now look at India. England in 1911 imported from India 45,000,000 pounds sterling and exported to India 52,000,000 pounds sterling. Here there is a trade balance in favor of England amounting to $35,000,000.

The same financial statement already referred to set forth that the investment of British capital in India amounted to over $2,000,000,000. Now, once more, at 4 1-2 per cent., we get $90,000,000 of interest annually paid by India to Britain. Put these two amounts together and we find Britain ahead by $125,000,000.

We shall now suppose that South Africa East and West Africa and the balance of the British possessions outside of Canada, Australia and India have borrowed an amount equal to that of Canada. If so, then the annual interest paid to Britain at 4 1-2 per cent. would be $90,000,000.

Britain exported to these countries about 41,000,000 pounds sterling and imported from them about 40,000,000 pounds sterling. This gives England a trade balance of $5,000,000. To this add the annual interest of $90,000,000 and we get $95,000,000 to the advantage of Great Britain.

Let us put these final balances together and we arrive at the enormous sum of $295,000,000 annually. Thus then in her trade, commerce and finance Britain is ahead of her colonies and dependencies by this vast amount. But this is not all.

Of foreign countries there are a goodly number which fall behind Britain in trade balances, and in addition owe her vast sums of money on which they must pay their 4 1-2 per cent. or more, usually more. The final annual advantage to England is enormous, and really past actual count. Of those countries which have trade balances against Britain most, if not all, have large annual interest amounts to send to Britain, which place the gain against them and in favor of the "nation that eats up the nations."

There are other phases of this problem of deep interest. For instance, in all the British possessions there are vast numbers from the Home Land who annually send to their friends goodly sums that run to large amounts.

EXTREME WANT OF CONFIDENCE AMONG THE LIBERALS.

There is a party in Vancouver which says that it wants opposition at Victoria. This party has eighteen candidates in the field, from which a nucleus of such opposition might be drawn. But if the candidates were asked their opinion of each other we should find that they would greatly prefer a solid Conservative Legislation than an opposition composed of their own comrades. For example, there is Mr. Maxwell Smith, of the Vancouver ticket. How would he like to sit in opposition as colleague to a polecat? That is the term which he applied only the other day to Mr. McConnell, the editor of the Liberal organ and Liberal candidate for Yale. The description was given in a letter which appeared in a Vancouver paper over Mr. Smith's signature.

Then Mr. McConnell himself has reciprocal views concerning Mr. Maxwell Smith which might make him also prefer other companionship. But whom would the candidate for Yale select as the remainder of the nucleus? Not the Liberal candidate for Rossland, since, as editor of the "Sun," he has represented that candidate and his Vancouver journal to be mercenaries and traitors; which descriptions go with nearly two columns of alleged particulars of corruption and perfidy. Most of us would not like to believe all these accounts, which were given within the last month in the journal of which Mr. McConnell is the editor. Mr. Taylor has expressed through the "World" his views of the inept and fatuous teachings of the "Sun" group in a way that does not suggest a desire on his part to help them oppose at Victoria.

Thus it appears that the average Liberal campaigner who demands an opposition in the name of a Liberal party would rather that there should be none elected than it should be composed of other Liberal campaigners in sight.

One of the most unfortunate things I know of is the home which is not illuminated by at least one cheerful, bright, sunny young face; which does not ring with the persistent laughter and merry voice of a child.

No man or woman is perfectly normal who is distressed or vexed by the playing of children.

There is so much reason for singing in the sweet world, when one thinks rightly of it. None for grumbling, provided always that ye have entered in at the straight gate.—Ruskin.

ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN, MARCH, 1912.

Issues Before the Electorate Upon Which the Fate of the McBride Administration Will Be Decided.

By William Blakemore.

After nine years of successful management of the affairs of the province the McBride administration is again appealing to the electors for a renewal of their confidence. The answer to that appeal will depend upon two things: the impression made upon the public by the record of the government over which Mr. McBride has presided, and the character of the policy outlined for the future. Discussing the matter upon these broad issues it would be well to look at the outstanding features of the policy which has been carried out by the government since 1903, and to note its effect in developing, upbuilding, and enriching the province.

Administration of the Law.

British Columbia has always been noted for the ability and integrity of its judiciary. The standard has been well maintained under the McBride administration. The law has been fearlessly enforced, and laws affecting public morality within the control of the Provincial Government have been greatly strengthened.

The Liquor Act.

Among the most notable achievements in this direction is the Liquor Act with which the name of Attorney-General Bowser will always be associated. This act has been in force for a year. It has reduced drunkenness; it has eliminated other crying evils of the traffic, and has deprived law-breaking licensees of their licenses. The amendments introduced at the recent session of parliament are chiefly aimed at the better protection of the interdict, the severer punishment of those who furnish him with liquor, and the prevention of "bootlegging." It is generally conceded that these amendments will strengthen the act and promote its usefulness.

Law and Order.

A zealous and efficient administration of the police department, both in municipal and rural districts, has kept crime under, and has rendered British Columbia one of the safest of provinces to live in. In addition to the general preservation of law and order, the government has been resourceful in rendering the law a terror to evil-doers. These conditions depend both on good laws and on strict administration, and to that extent the McBride government is entitled to credit and to the confidence of the people.

Development Work.

The real work of any government in British Columbia at the present time is to develop the province on well-conceived lines, looking to its future greatness. Anyone who will take the trouble to follow step by step the unfolding of Premier McBride's plans, will realize that he is content to build slowly in order that he may build surely. Whether it be railways, roads, trails, bridges, or public buildings, it will be found that the various parts fit into a comprehensive scheme and are devised for the province and not for a section.

Expansion of Trade.

The following figures show the general expansion of trade in British Columbia, and how it is spread over the various industries. The figures are instructive as illustrating the diversified interests involved, and the broad foundation upon which our prosperity is developing. The increase of the year 1911 over 1910 is indeed remarkable:

	1910.	1911.
Manufactures	$35,000,000	$45,000,000
Mining	26,183,505	23,211,816
Timber	17,160,0[illegible]	21,823,000
Agriculture	14,399,090	20,837,893
Fisheries	8,000,000	11,000,000
	$100,742,595	124,872,709

Rapid Settlement.

The effect of this generous policy is already making itself felt in the rapid settlement of the province, and settlement is the one thing most required.

The big rush awaits the road and the steel, and the stimulating effect of its approach may be well noted in the Fort George district, where the permanent settlers have increased in number during the last year to a remarkable extent, on the assurance that the new railway policy will undoubtedly include a railway from the south, to say nothing of the impending connection with the G. T. P. from the East. Indeed, wherever the advance guard of the railway surveying staff is found, men begin to assemble. It is with governments as with private individuals; they have to go slowly at first and cut their coat according to their cloth. And so with the McBride government, which has had to pay its debts, restore its credit. There is no doubt that the extent of railway construction in the future will not be limited for want of capital.

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It is a joy and an honor to meet the truly devoted and loyal Christian in the daily turmoil of business, and to know that he or she has the highest possible ideal in mind and is trying to live up to that ideal.

I know that some are foolish enough to imagine I, and others like me, think that the Roman Catholics or Greek Church devotees are not Christian. This is far wrong. Closely all my life I have been in touch with the Roman Catholics and have admired many of them as most devoted and conscientious Christians. Their lives are a blessing to those who know them. When I and other writers attack certain claims of the Roman Catholic Church, we have no thought or intention of hurting the true men and women who are in that communion in multitudes. We only aim at showing the falsity and insolence of many of the claims put forward by the Political Machine within the Church and not by the Church as a truly spiritual body.

Any man who claims to have the power of sending another man to heaven or hell at will, should be chased out of the country. He terifies those who are led from babyhood to believe in his monstrous claims. He is an imposter and a traitor to all peoples and nations as well as to those who believe in his lies. There are tens of thousands of honest, Christian and enlightened Roman Catholics desiring to be freed from the bondage of this terrible priestcraft. These I bondage of this terrible priest craft. These I would gladly help. And from their ranks come over to Protestantism thousands annually.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

Jesus was ready for every duty because he came up to it strengthened by perfect discharge of the duty preceding it.—Rev. James Stalker, D.D.

All I have seen teaches me to trust God for all I have not seen.—Emerson.

Some old-fashioned customs were well worth keeping, such, for example, as Sabbath observance, the church-going habit, family prayer, family discipline, and **plain living**.

Conceit can puc a man up, but never prop him up.—Ruskin.

BRITAIN AND JAPAN IN ALLIANCE.

Viscount Uchida, one of the ablest men in Japan, says: "It will, no doubt, be highly gratifying to you, as it is to myself, to find a steady advancement of friendship between this country and foreign powers."

"Above all, our relations with Great Britain have been constantly growing in cordiality, while the revision of the Anglo-Japanese agreement which was effected last year has, I am sure, given additional strength and solidity to the alliance."

These are important words. They are far-reaching. I remember well when the first treaty was entered into between Great Britain and Japan, that I wrote to the press, saying the alliance was natural only on one permanent basis. This was that the two peoples are of the same Hebrew stock. The ground I then took is this: The British are descendants of Abraham and passed over to Britain after their exile in Assyria. On the other hand, the Japanese are also descended from Abraham and after their exile they passed Eastward and finally landed in China, Korea and Japan. The high class, ruling peoples of these three empires were of Hebraic ancestry. In time most of them concentrated in Korea and Japan. This would give a permanent basis for a treaty of a character such as is embodied in the alliance now in force between Britain and Japan.

It is remarkable that never in the history of either empire did either enter into a similar alliance. This was the first attempt of each, and it has been wonderfully effective and of the highest value to both countries, as well as to the world. The Almighty has this matter in hand and is making good His promises of thousands of years ago.

PRAYER IS GOOD FOR MAN.

The world is full of answers to prayer, and millions of believers who have perceived this truth are cheered by this knowledge.

The present status of Christianity is largely an answer to prayer. Its power on earth is the result of activity in praying weaklings who have had no civil authority, social prestige or military force. Its wealth has sprung up despite the poverty of most of its subjects. Its conspicuous position has been attained through the agency of obscure pleaders and toilers. Like its great Founder, it has been despised and rejected of men, yet it lives and flourishes chiefly because its adherents believe and pray.

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Monday	May 20th
Wednesday	June 5th
Thurrday	June 20th
Friday	July 5th
Saturday	July 20th
Monday	August 5th
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Friday	September 20th
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Monday	October 21st
Tuesday	November 5th
Wednesday	November 20th
Thursday	December 5th
Friday	December 20th

Police Committee, 9:30 a. m.
Health Committee, 10:30 a .m.
Board of Works, 2 p. m.
Fire, Water and Light, 7:30 p. m.

Thursday	April 4th
Friday	April 19th
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It Was hard to give up this holiday, and harder to leave her to spend it with that haw-haw young fool from the Old Country.

"I don't half like letting you go back by yourself, Mrs. Rolt," he said, "nor I don't like spoiling your pleasure, but those fellows will be out of the country before we can get on to their trail if I don't get a move on."

"Don't worry about us, Jim, we can get home all right, only we must not stand here talking any longer. What are you going to do with Pretty Dick?"

"Send him along with you with your ictas. I don't want him too near me. He is a Chilcotin himself, if he is half civilized. But hold on a minute."

He stood shading his eyes and looking far away to the west.

"You haven't got that pair of glasses with you, have you, Anstruther?"

"Yes, here they are."

Jim fumbled with them for some time. Like many outdoor men in the West he was not very familiar with the use of binoculars.

"They ain't no good to me. Guess I don't savvy them properly. You take a look through them for me. Ain't that smoke there to the west?"

Anstruther looked and Jim watched him.

"No, not there," he said irritably." "Lord! a man could count the rings on a rattler that far. Away beyond on the next big bench towards the river, near those clumps of pine."

Anstruther could not see the pines. He saw a dark line, but that it meant pines was not obvious to him as it seemed to Jim's naked eye.

Mrs. Rolt took the glasses from him. "Let me try," she said. "I know what to look for. That is half the battle," and then, after a short scrutiny, she said:—

"Yes, I believe that there is a column of smoke or mist just to the right of the pines."

"It ain't mist. There's no swamp up there. I'll bet my socks that's th camp. Tell you what, Mrs. Rolt, if you've a mind to come along, I've almost a mind to take you. They might not suspicion anything if they saw ladies along and so give me a show to see more'n I would if I went by my lonely."

Kitty clasped her hands and let her horse go.

"Hold on," cried Jim. "You'll want some blankets, won't you? We shan't make it back to the ranche to-night. I mean to camp alongside those fellows."

He turned, calling Anstruther to follow him, and rode after Pretty Dick's wagon, from which they returned with all the blankets they could carry.

"You and me will have to rough it to-night, but it won't hurt us any, if we keep up a good fire."

The other made no objection. In the warm sunlight the prospect of a cold, sleepless night does not seem very terrible. It is wher the slow hours give you time to think of your discomfort that the pinch comes.

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CHAPTER IV.

It was a glorious and memorable ride for all of them. Four perfect horsemen in a horseman's country. Such a taste of paradise as, in this weary old world, generally precedes trouble.

"How much of this belongs to the Risky Ranch, Mrs. Rolt?" asked Anstruther.

"All of it as far as you can see."

"None of it," corrected Jim, "except a few meadows and some water front on the Fraser as you can't see."

"How annoying you are, Jim. You know what I mean perfectly well.'

"Only you don't say it, and he doesn't know."

"Well, if it isn't yours," persisted the puzzled Anstruther, looking from one to the other, "why should not anyone run their cattle over it?"

"They might if they did not need water or hay. These two Harrison boys are trying it now."

"What Jim means, Mr. Anstruther, is that we have corralled, oh, I beg your pardon, Kitty, secured the exclusive right to all the water and all the hay meadows in the district, and without these the run would not be worth anything. Stock must have water, and in winter must sometimes have hay."

"I see, but how do you keep your cattle. I don't see any fences."

"We don't keep them, they keep themselves, in summer, and in winter—" she broke off abruptly, and pointed to where a number of slow-moving beasts were strung out in line of march towards the river.

"Do you see that band? Those are the first of our beasts coming in. For the next fortnight you will see them wandering in by hundreds. They know the seasons as well or better than we do."

"Do you mean that they have been out all the summer and are coming in now of their own accord?"

"Just that. In all sorts of beautiful little parks islanded in that black timber; in groves shady and deep, by little streams we have hardly seen., they have dreamed away their summer undisturbed and now they are coming home with their calves behind them, our income."

"It seems easy. Where does the work come in?"

Mrs. Rolt turned laughingly in her saddle to Jim.

"Isn't any work, is there, Jim?"

Jim, who was riding in his shirt-sleeves, with his coat in a roll at the back of his saddle, looked meditatively at his own bare corded arms.

"Might be some in the meadows in 'skeeter time,'" he suggested. "Rounding up the strays keeps a man in the saddle quite a while, and there's some don't hanker after too much branding and such like, but it's all in a lifetime. If it is work it is better than any play I ever heard tell of. Guess if I was the boss of the Risky, I wouldn't change places with anyone."

"That is pretty of you, Jim."

He looked at her smiling, no ways abashed.

"I guess the boss agrees with me, and he knows England as well as he knows B.C., and has sampled the best there is to be had pretty nigh all over."

"Yes, but he had his fill of England first, Jim, and he is older."

Her eyes followed the laughing couple which preceded them, as her thoughts followed Combe's, and the pain in his honest grey eyes was reflected in hers. She was sorry for her old friend, and knew that it was useless to explain. The old world had called its own, and both knew that Kitty had listened to its call.

Meanwhile the others had ridden ahead, and were now holding up their hands to keep the stragglers back. They left their horses, and stole quietly on to some tall trees which fringed a small lake, a blue turquoise set in the red gold of the reeds, and islanded amongst the grey green of the sage brush.

For the last fifty yards the boy and girl, they were little more, crept on their hands and knees, and when they raised their heads above the reeds there was a sudden splashing and scurry as a bunch of mallards sprang quacking from the water. In quick succession four reports followed one another, and two of the ducks tumbled back headlong into the lake. For a moment the rest of the birds looked as if they were going straight away, but some foolish prompting of curiosity brought them back, swinging in a circle high overhead.

"Stand still, Miss Clifford," they heard the Englishman say, "now let them have it," and again there were four flashes, but even to the onlookers it was almost impossible to distinguish more than two reports.

Again two birds came down, not all asiant on struggling wings, but with their heads under them, dead in mid air, killed instantly, as if by lightning.

"That's a fine performance, Miss Clifford. Very few girls at home could beat that," they heard Anstruther say. "You were too quick for me."

"What! didn't you shoot?"

"No," he lied gallantly. "See, my gun is loaded still, and he threw open the breach, showing the two cartridges which he had slipped in with the rapidity of an old hand almost as he spoke.

"Then I killed those two myself."

"Unless they died for love of you."

"And who killed the others?"

"I suppose that you did."

"Oh, nonsense; I'm not going to believe that."

"Well, we'll take one each then if I can get them. Give me your hand, please, for a moment," and under the transparent pretext of wanting support whilst he balanced himself upon a partially submerged pine pole, Anstruther managed to retrieve his game.

Perhaps he held the little warm hand a trifle longer and pressed it a trifle harder than the circumstances warranted, but the girl's rosy face registered no serious protest.

"He's a very fluent liar," muttered Mrs. Rolt half to herself as they rode up.

"Bags his game very neatly," answered Jim.

"And she's a little fool," said the lady viciously, but Anstruther neither heard the criticism nor the praise any more than did Kitty.

In their veins the young blood was beating so that their ears were deafened to everything except the measure of one old song, which once truly learned becomes the music of a lifetime.

For them the scent of the sage brush, the hurry and roar of rising wings, and the blue of lonely upland lakes, would be as the keys of paradise as long as they both should live, bringing back dreams with which duck-shooting should have little enough to do.

Unfortunately that song is a duet, and gives pleasure to two only, so that though the pools seemed innumerable, and the glory of the day unstinted, an end came to Jim's loquacity. He was all eyes, but his tongue had failed him.

Suddenly as Jim and the boss's wife followed soberly behind the younger couple, an owl called from the timber which they were now skirting.

The two in front had pulled up, and were waiting for Mrs. Rolt to join them. When they came alongside Anstruther asked:

"Did you hear that owl, Combe? Isn't it early in the day for him to be calling? There do you hear him? He must be quite close to us."

"That ain't no owl,"

"What is it, then?"

"A Chilcoten telling his pals that there are white men coming. You'll see the smoke of their camp as soon as this timber opens up again. I guess I'll ride on ahead," and so saying he put his horse into a gallop.

"Why is he in such a hurry?"

"I expect he wants to get a glimpse of their camp before they have had time to cache anything," replied Mrs. Rolt. "Jim is looking for things not mentioned in the game list.

But when the three reached the Indian camp they found Jim Combe sitting loosely in his saddle, the bridle thrown carelessly on his horse's neck, talking with the utmost good temper to a grey-haired old mummy, as if he were enjoying a gossip in his native tongue.

"Says that the tribe is hungry, that the wolves have grown numerous, and the deer all gone back away off," said he as the others came up, mimicking the old woman's manner. "Seems like it, doesn't it?" and he pointed to a great square stack of fresh hides. "There's another stack just back of that, under those trees. They must have killed forty or fifty deer. How many suns have you been hunting?" he asked, turning again to the squaw.

"Ten suns," showing the number on her bent claws.

"And how many men stop here?"

"My son, his fader, and two more."

"Who is your son? What you call him?"

"Kinee'..aw," whined the old hag in a curious sing-song.

"Oh! Cultus Jack, eh?"

"Nawitka, white man's name Cultus Jack."

"Then his father is Khelowna. You Khelowna's wife, Emma?"

"Nawitka, me Emma."

"You don't mean to say that awful old woman is the chief's wife," whispered Mrs. Rolt.

"Yes. She's the princess. Nice princess, isn't she? Well, we're going to camp here, Emma."

Anstruther smiled at Kitty. Combe's seemed a somewhat informal manner of addressing a princess.

"Not much wood," grumbled the crone.

"Oh, the wood's all right. It's a warm night and we shan't want much."

"Water very bad, makes men sick."

"That is why you have camped by it. All right, old Loveliness. I'm on to your curves. Doesn't seem to hanker much after our society, does she, Mrs. Rolt?" he said laughingly, as he took the horses, and led them away.

Returning in a little while, his axe chopped out the roots at which Anstruther had been vainly tugging, cut down a dozen trees and stripped them whilst he whistled, so that the beds were heaped high with sweet-smelling hemlock; the fly was tightened and set firmly between its guy, and the fire made to leap and glow like a merry heart in the gloom.

It is not a bad thing for other people to have one man amongst them who knows how to help himself.

And now as the afternoon waned, an Indian appeared dragging the first deer into camp.

In the course of the next hour he and four others returned at one time, bringing with them seven deer in all, enough meat to last them with ordinary care for a month or six weeks.

"I wonder if it is too dark to take a photograph," asked Anstruther, who had grown tired of doing nothing. "Just think what a ripping picture all those solemn-looking beggars would make, squatting by the fire, with the princess grubbing in the ashes.

"It's much too dark, and, besides, I don't think that they would like it," replied Mrs. Rolt.

"Like it. It can't hurt them. They ought to feel flattered that any one cares to preserve their awful faces," and so saying, he strolled nonchalantly over to the neighboring camp.

"I wish he would not do it," muttered Mrs. Rolt, undecidedly.

"Oh, what nonsense, Mary," replied the girl, "you really are too absurd about those Indians. I've photographed them before and they did not mind a bit, but he will come back if you call him."

Unfortunately, Mrs. Rolt wavered and neglected her opportunity.

With perfect assurance Anstruther strolled up to the four sullen figures who glowered at him as he came, but did not move a muscle.

"Nice evening," he said, "isn't it. I don't happen to speak your lingo but hope I see you well. Ever had your pictures taken?"

Still the four remained motionless.

"Not in a conversational mood, eh? Well, perhaps that is better. Mustn't talk whilst the operation is being performed. Put your head a little on one side, sir. No savvy, eh! Well, think of 'er, old chapple," and he pointed to Emma with a grin, and kneeling down adjusted his camera, aiming it right into the faces of the silent group.

"As he did so Emma disappeared into the tent.

"Whoop! Gone to ground," he shouted with a laugh, and the four, rising with a growl, turned their backs upon him.

For a moment he was nonplussed, but the devil of island insolence had possession of him, and he knew that Kitty was watching him. Still on his knees he reached for a long stick from the fire, and bending forward, tossed it so the hot end of it fell upon the nearest Indian's bare foot.

Quick as thought the Chilcoten turned, and for a moment the women drew their breath and feared for what was to come, but the camera clicked and the fire still divided the aggressor from his victim.

"Got you, my beauty," said the unconscious artist," with quite your most engaging smile on," and utterly careless of the dumb wrath in the man's eyes, he put his camera into its case, and walked back, laughing, to his friends.

Mrs. Rolt and Jim, who had returned too late to interfere, did not join in his laugh, but the sullen faces of the outraged four, and the sight of Emma, the beautiful, peeping out to see if all was safe again, were too much for Kitty, who laughed till the tears ran down her cheeks.

"Oh, surely, Mrs. Rolt," protested Anstruther, between his peals of laughter, "there is nothing to look so serious about. One would think that you had been photographed. I didn't hurt the sulky brutes, and if they didn't like being photographed, what matter. You aren't afraid of Indians in this country, are you?"

"No, but we don't want enemies. At any rate, for goodness' sake, stop laughing. You can see how they hate it."

It is a curious trait of the Indians, at any rate of the Far West, that they themselves seldom or never laugh, whilst the merest hint that you are laughing even in the mildest way at them, puts their backs up immediately.

Like the vast plains and dumb forests through which they roam, they are by nature sombre, and a laugh is as much of an outrage to them as a thrush's song would be to the forest silence.

CHAPTER V.

If Anstruther had not been young and reckless, and the ladies accustomed for years to look upon all Indians as inoffensive, there would have been but little sleep in the white people's camp that night.

Th Indians did not sleep.

Through all that long night the hunters of the Chilcotens sat round their fire, smoking and muttering among themselves, casting now and again evil glances toward the spot where the white people lay.

Constant contact with men, armed with weapons of precision, has taken the courage out of the grizzly; it has had the same effect upon a tribe which is naturally one of the boldest and fiercest in Western Canada, but the instincts of the savage remain, and anyone with half an eye would have recognized that dull glow in the forest gloom as a storm centre.

An hour or two passed by, the night deepened, the drone of growing voices went on and then a figure detached itself from the gloom and slipped without a sound into the firelit circle.

Just then Jim Combe stirred in his sleep, and throwing one arm restlessly from his blankets, turning over on his side towards the Indian's fire, muttering in his sleep.

As he did so, the figure glided back into the shadows.

The bushes which seemed to have crept nearer to the fire listening, until their black leaves were tipped with red light, swallowed him up and for a full minute the droning ceased.

The silence which followed was more ominous even than that incessant muttering. The intent scrutiny of these watching eyes made itself felt. At last the chief spoke.

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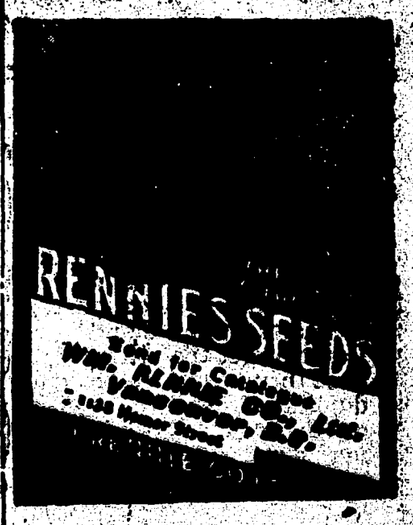

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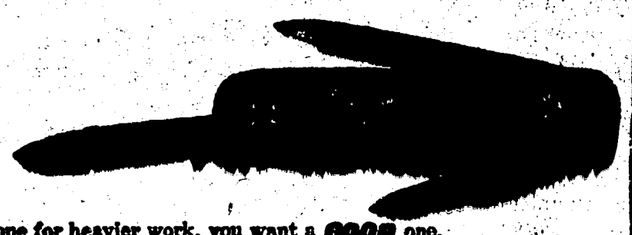

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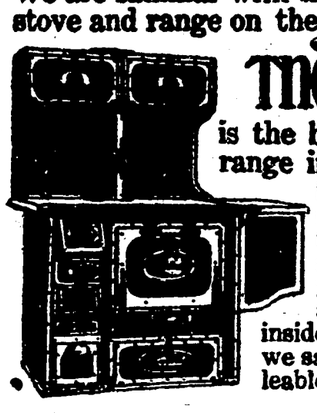

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Local and Otherwise

As a result of a conference between South Vancouver officials and representatives of the C. P. R., the work of connecting up the recently discovered spring of water, which will add 150,000 gallons of water to the daily supply of the municipality, with the waterworks system was commenced last week. The railway company has agreed to allow the municipality to draw water from the spring, which is situated on the company's property, for the next two years. After that further negotiations will be opened up.

A statement to the effect that the Fraser Avenue Improvement Association may soon take steps to eliminate the dust nuisance on unpaved streets has been made by the secretary, James B. Martin.

The recently formed Knight Road Improvement Association are anxious for the British Columbia Electric Railway Company to start work on the Knight road carline extension without delay.

Members of the River Road Improvement Association, which was formed last Thursday, are perfecting a resolution to widen that road twenty feet. Councillor Campbell, who was present at the meeting, informed the members that the municipal engineer had been instructed to draw up plans in accordance with the proposed widening.

The newly erected I. O. O. F. hall on the corner of Main street and Twentieth avenue was formally opened last Thursday evening with a membership of fifty, and funds in hand to the extent of $500.

Twenty-one mills on unimproved land and ten on improved was the tax rate for Burnaby fixed by the council last Wednesday. The estimated assessment was $247,320.89. The estimated receipts and cash surplus of 1911 of $38,158.61 makes the total receipts $291,748.50.

Revised assessments on improved lands figure $12,737,270; on unimproved lands, $7,845,480; making a total of $20,582,750.

The engineer's estimates of expenditure for the year was reduced from $177,930 to $100,000. A surplus from last year's appropriation brings the engineer's funds up to $144,000.

The Woman's Guild of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church held their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, 20th inst. There was a very large attendance, and much business was done. The first undertaking of this society is to be an "At Home" given by the executive at the residence of Mrs. G. R. Maxwell, 375 Twelfth avenue, 29th inst., from 3 till 5:30 p.m. An admission charge of 25 cents will be made, and the proceeds will go towards the Guild's organ fund. It is to be hoped that many ladies on the hill will wend their way to this tea on Friday, and thus encourage the Guild in the good work they are doing.

The Icthus Mission Circle of Mount Pleasant Methodist church gave a very successful entertainment Tuesday evening in the Methodist church. The crowd was good, the programme was good; it was all good, and everybody enjoyed it.

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THE MARCH ROD AND GUN.

"An Experience Off the Coast of Newfoundland: Hunting the Hair Seal" opens the March issue of Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont., and the interest of this article is a criterion of the interest of those that follow, which include articles descriptive of outdoor life from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Among these is the first of a series of articles on the Culture of Black and Silver Foxes, which should prove of value to the many seeking practical information on this subject. A new feature this month is the creation of a Game Conservation Department edited by Mr. Frank Hyde, wherein matters pertaining to the subject of game conservation will be freely discussed. As this subject is a live one at the present time and is likely to be for some time to come, or until the improved laws for which good sportsmen are agitating have been enacted, this department should prove of exceptional interest.

Financial Administration.

The popular and practical test of government is the handling of the public accounts, and if the McBride government is to be measured by this standard and accredited accordingly, then its record entitles it to a longer lease of life than one can speculate on at present. The first question which may be asked is, whether the prosperity which the government claims is continuing. Perhaps the best assurance on this point is the fact that the actual revenue last year exceeded the estimates by $3,492,865. The principal surpluses were those items which indicate progress, such as land sales, $931,231; land revenue, $171,586; timber royalties, etc., $214,809; probate fees, etc., $150,499; registry fees, $363,092. At the end of the year the province had a cash balance in the bank of $8,526,647. In two years the balance in the public accounts has changed from the debit to the credit side, the change representing a saving of $4,792,271. The production of the province last year reached the enormous total of $124,872,709, an increase of 25 per cent. in one year. The increase in the Agricultural Department was the greatest, amounting to no less than six and a half millions in the year, an increase of 45 per cent.

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Roads and Trails.

Meanwhile the preliminary work of roads, trails and bridges has engaged the attention of the government, and under the direction of an excellent minister in the Hon. Thomas Taylor, a sum of money is being spent which only a few years ago would have seemed fabulous. The amount appropriated this year is $8,000,000, a sum practically fifteen times the amount available when Mr. McBride first assumed the reins of office. It is no longer the plough and the shovel which alone are used in the construction of provincial highways, but modern mechanical appliances and a free use of surfacing material is giving the public a far better class of road. Steel and concrete are replacing wood, and in every department the best expert advice is being sought and the most up-to-date plans adopted.

A Record and a Verdict.

This is the record of Mr. McBride's administration of the affairs of the province for eight years. It is a record of success beyond the wildest hopes, success based upon an intelligent conception and a wise development of the unrivalled resouces of the province, a success which assures continued prosperity in the future. It is inconceivable that any reasonable body of men would wish to shift the reins of government. That is hardly a question for debate, but it does occur to any fair reviewer of the situation to suggest that such splendid service and such notable results entitle the administration to something more than words of praise, and that the least Mr. McBride and his colleagues have a right to expect from the electorate is a unanimous endorsation of their work.

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