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## SCOTCHING THE WHEELS OF DEVELOPMENT.

The great sensation sprung  
by Mr. Borden on the opposi-  
tion was Mr. Churchill's opin-  
ion that Canada cannot build  
battleships of a certain type,  
and incidentally that Canada  
had better not go into the busi-  
ness at all, says the Toronto  
Star. The precise limitation  
of Canada's power to build  
ships is a matter of detail. In  
the ordinary course of develop-  
ment of this industry, as of  
any industry, we should make  
a modest beginning, building  
what we can and supplement-  
ing our own work by the work  
of British shipyards. As time  
went on, and our industry de-  
veloped, we should do more  
and more ourselves, and depend  
on others less and less.

In this respect we should be  
following the regular course of  
human life, from childhood to  
manhood, and the regular  
course of industrial develop-  
ment in Canada. We began  
with lumbering, fishing and  
farming. From cutting down  
the tree we went on to making  
various kinds of lumber, and  
then to the manufacture of  
furniture and the woodwork  
of pianos. The Canadian now  
thinks he can make a pretty  
good piano. Suppose that in  
the earlier stages of the de-  
velopment of woodworking in-  
dustries we had been told  
"You must not try to do any-  
thing more than cut down  
trees and make them into logs,  
for it is ridiculous to suppose  
that you could make such pi-  
anos and tables as are made  
in England." Today we see that  
such advice would have been  
not only discouraging, but ri-  
diculous. We progressed from  
stage to stage, until now we  
believe that we can do anything  
with wood that can be done  
in the world, or at least that we  
are on the way to that position.  
So with all our industries. We  
admit that we have much to  
learn. But we do not admit  
that there is anything that we  
cannot do, or hope to do, in  
the way of industrial develop-  
ment.

It will be exactly the same  
with the development of our  
navy and our shipbuilding in-  
dustry. We do not expect to  
be able to do everything at  
once. We do expect to develop  
a navy as we have developed  
other things in Canada. We  
do not admit that there is any-  
thing that cannot be done in  
Canada eventually, and as the  
result of evolution and develop-  
ment. And we want to begin, Want Ad.

and will not listen to anyone  
who tries to discourage us.

Just as we are told today that  
we cannot build battleships, so  
we were told seventy years ago  
that we could not manage our  
own local affairs. Attempts  
were made to discourage us  
and overawe us. We were told  
that things were managed  
much better in England. So  
they were, in some respects.  
But the point that your worthy  
advisers overlooked was that  
you will never do anything un-  
less you begin. What you do  
for yourself, rude and imper-  
fect though it may be, is bet-  
ter for you than what is done  
for you by somebody else. Your  
clumsy efforts at swimming  
are better than dependence on  
any kind of life belt. It is in  
this spirit that Canada must  
tackle the question of naval  
defence.

## DR. ELIOT DECLINES

Will Not Serve as United States  
Ambassador to Britain.

Cambridge, Mass., March 24.—  
Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president  
emeritus of Harvard, said last  
night that it was true that he had  
declined the post of ambassador  
to Great Britain.

While he could give no reason  
for declining, he said it was not  
on account of his age, the condi-  
tion of his health or financial  
considerations. Dr. Eliot's letter  
regretting his inability to serve  
was sent to President Wilson two  
days ago.

## TRICKS OF SUFFRAGETTES

Crawled from Beneath Platform  
on Which Lord Beauchamp  
Was Speaking.

London, March 24.—A dust  
begrimed suffragette carrying a  
light crawled from beneath a  
platform from which Lord Beau-  
champ was making a speech at  
Tunbridge Wells. She was ar-  
rested. The woman had hidden  
under the platform with the in-  
tention of setting the place afire,  
but failed.

Marjory Masters, a suffragette  
school teacher, threw a pot of  
green paint through a window of  
the Home Office. The liquid scat-  
tered over several desks. The  
woman was arrested.

The women used their ham-  
mers again last week. They  
smashed the windows of a jewel-  
ler's store in Bond street and a  
prominent shop in Holborn. Sev-  
eral of the women caught in the  
act were arrested by the police.

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# ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF BANKERS' TRUST COMPANY

AS STATED IN THE DIRECTORS' PETITION FOR AN ORDER  
TO WIND UP THE COMPANY

Vancouver, March 24th.—The  
petition on which the winding up  
order of the Chief Justice was  
based was filed following the  
passing by the Board of Manage-  
ment of the following motion:

"After consulting the honora-  
ble the Attorney-General as to  
the condition of the affairs of the  
Company, and after being advised  
by the honorable the Attorney  
General that his department  
could do nothing to assist the  
company, and it appearing that  
the company was in such finan-  
cial difficulties that the doors  
would have to be closed, it was  
moved by F. J. Popham and se-  
conded by C. Moses that the so-  
licitors of the company be forth-  
with advised to take such pro-  
ceedings as they may deem ex-  
pedient to wind up the company  
at the earliest possible moment."

The petition for the court or-  
der was signed by A. G. Sargison,  
first vice-president; J. H. Baker,  
third vice-president; F. J. Pop-  
ham, director, and Joseph Fle-  
tcher, director. The petition sets  
forth that the assets of the com-  
pany total \$374,446.60 and its  
liabilities \$312,008, but states  
that part of the assets comprise  
stock in certain companies which  
is of small value and at present

not negotiable. The assets are  
stated to be as follows: Victoria  
office premises, \$62,500; land in  
the Okanagan district, \$75,000;  
Bank of Vancouver stock, \$1,405;  
Great West Home Co. shares,  
\$25,000; Title Holding company  
bonds, \$23,200; stock of the Peo-  
ple's Trust, \$625; Western Uni-  
on Fire Insurance Co.'s shares,  
\$17,000; shares of the British  
Underwriters' Company, \$4,500;  
Anglo-American Timber bonds,  
\$30,216.60.

Relative to the action of Mr.  
Popham, at whose instance Cook  
was arrested on a charge of steal-  
ing \$8,000, the Bankers Trust  
Corporation, it is explained in  
the petition, was unable to re-  
turn the \$8,000 as the total am-  
ount of cash in the offices of  
Victoria, Vancouver, Nelson and  
Prince Rupert was under \$1,000.

The petition ends with the re-  
quest that, as judgments may be  
expected under the writs already  
issued, and as the company is  
unable to sell any more shares  
because of the misrepresenta-  
tions alleged to have been made  
by agents of The Negotiators,  
Limited, the winding-up order be  
issued and an order directing  
that no further dealings with the  
shares of the Bankers Trust Cor-  
poration be made.

## THE STATECRAFT OF SIR RICHARD M'BRIDE

"Some Methods of a Demagogue"  
Described in Canadian  
Collier's.

It was Sir Richard McBride  
who introduced a strongly parti-  
san administration. At the invi-  
tation of Sir Henry Joly de Lot-  
biniere, McBride on June 1, 1903,  
having served already in the  
Dunsmuir ministry from 1900 to  
1902, formed a government, tak-  
ing into his cabinet only Con-  
servatives. Thus, party govern-  
ment was introduced into British  
Columbia; almost at once the  
credit of the province appeared  
to improve. Money became  
easier. Men of capital and en-  
terprise flocked to Vancouver and  
Victoria. Since that date the  
province has prospered in a cer-  
tain sort of way.

The people of British Columbia  
have paid their debt to McBride  
over and over again, and still,  
year in and year out, he sits,  
smiling, upon their shoulders,  
like the old man of the sea sat  
on Sindbad's shoulders. He holds  
his position, first, by means of  
the most perfect political ma-  
chine in the Dominion, if, indeed,  
it does not rival the famous  
American Tammany Hall organ-  
ization; second, by taking up  
popular cries such as "British  
Columbia is a white man's prov-  
ince!" "Better terms for British  
Columbia!" and "More railways  
for the Pacific province," and fi-  
nally by the careful culling out of  
all promising Liberal leaders,  
either by giving them comfort-  
able government appointments,  
where they are effectually sil-  
enced, or by other means less di-  
rect. Men will tell you: "We  
don't like the McBride govern-  
ment, but what sort of men are  
there on the Liberal side to vote  
for?" And you cannot always  
answer satisfactorily. Also, Mc-  
Bride's political slogans count  
for much, because the old "na-  
tive son" element in the province  
is very strong; it accounts for a  
certain "snobbish" attitude on  
the part of British Columbia to-

ward outsiders, a sort of insular  
sufficiency and selfishness which  
makes any demagogue who will  
cry "Out with the Asiatics," and  
"More railways," etc., a political  
hero. Anyone who suggests  
moderation or caution in regard  
to these particular matters is  
liable to be hissed down by the  
unthinking element, which al-  
most always preponderates in  
election meetings in any part of  
Canada. Perhaps this is another  
reason why better men do not  
offer to run in opposition to the  
McBride candidates.

By one means and another a  
pedestal has been built under the  
feet of Sir Richard McBride, so  
that he now looms large in al-  
most every Conservative situa-  
tion. By judicial press agent  
work, and by one or two success-  
ful gallery plays, such as the time  
when Sir Richard ordered a fifteen  
thousand dollar reception given  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the prov-

ince, he has become a widely  
known figure. London receives  
him whenever he can make an  
excuse to get away. He gets  
publicity other men cannot get.  
British Columbians will some-  
times recite the history of this  
man to you in a manner as much  
as to say: "What do you East-  
erners make of it?" He is a little  
over forty, and yet in all those  
years has not done, they say, one  
thing—except his one act of po-  
litical courage already referred  
to—to justify the position he  
holds. Born at New Westminster,  
son of the Irish warden of the  
provincial jail, he passed an or-  
dinary boyhood, an ordinary  
career at school and at Dal-  
housie University in Nova Scotia.  
His advent in the practice of law  
in British Columbia was most  
modest, not to say obscure. His  
achievements in his fussy office,  
and before whatever tribunals his  
cases led him, were prosaic. Few  
people knew of Richard McBride  
until as "Judney Dick" he re-  
signed from the Dunsmuir min-  
istry on a minor point, and on  
the fall of the Prior ministry,  
shortly afterward, was asked to  
form a government by the Lieu-  
tenant Governor, because the  
older, wiser and seemingly more  
able politicians were busy argu-  
ing among themselves. Hesitat-  
ing, they were lost, and McBride  
found.

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