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With both houses of parliament in session a great many subjects for public discussion are now before the people. It is rather a pity that questions of this kind could not be discussed without the bias of party interest. To all these questions there is a right and a wrong side, and they should be decided entirely on their merits.

As it is, however, the party in power is by force of interests compelled to uphold whatever legislation those in authority wish to advance. In private indeed they may condemn those actions, but in public never. Were it otherwise legislators would consider very seriously before bringing up any questions that might be unfair to the common people.

Moreover, it is a difficult matter for even an opposition newspaper to criticize a government in an effective way. Criticism there must be if popular government is to survive. At the same time, on account of the large amount of prejudice that exists the truth itself can hardly be forced into the minds of some people. It is only when startling outrages are committed that the people are compelled to think and that is why in British Columbia today an active agitation is on foot.

One of the recent actions of the McBride government is open for the severest censure. Governments make laws, but when those laws are set at defiance by their very authors how can the common people

be expected to respect them? It is rightly held to be an illegal thing for members of the legislature to traffic with the government's business. They are supposed to keep aloof and conduct the public business in an impartial manner.

At the opening of the present session it was found that some members of the legislature had been in the employ of the government. As such they were not only disqualified as legislators but were liable to a fine. The highest legal authority in the province should have seen that the law was enforced. Bowser, however, does not believe that such laws apply to Tories, so he not only ignores the breach of the act but he takes steps to justify it. A new "Enabling Act" is passed for this special case in order that the members may take their seats. In other words he legalizes the breach of the law.

This is not the first time that Bowser has ridden rough shod over the laws of the country. At every time that a specific law has come in his road he has either set it aside or treated it with contempt. Indeed his actions in this respect are getting serious. We frequently hear a great deal about British justice, but how can there be British justice in a country where the highest authority in the land has no respect for law. The time has come for the people of this country to assert their rights and to cast from power a government who will trifle with our most sacred institutions.

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Great ceremony planned. It is planned by the European powers who selected Prince William Durazo and other ports with great pomp and show. His rival for the throne is Essad Pasha, who with 15,000 troops is virtually in charge of the country. Essad Pasha, it is said, has agreed to support Prince William, in which event the enthronement will be an occasion of great show.

Newest Notes on Science

There is a man in New York who makes a good living by buying worn out rugs from denizens for the particles of platinum and gold they contain.

English statistics place the number of automobiles in use in the world at more than 2,226,000, of which more than one-half are in the United States.

A series of electric buttons, the correct combination of which to produce results is known only to the authorized, features a new automobile starter.

That he has invented a malleable aluminum alloy with steel's strength but with only one third the weight of brass is the claim of an English chemist.

A new household convenience is a seat to be suspended by hooks from a bath tub, either inside for use in bathing or outside to aid a person in dressing.

Uruguay is building a deep water port on its Atlantic coast to serve as an outlet for a vast section tapped by a railroad extending across the republic.

It is estimated that 90 per cent. of industrial accidents can be eliminated, 60 per cent. by safety devices and 30 per cent. by the proper training of workers.

A recent census, the first of the kind ever taken, credited Denmark, which has about one third the area of Wisconsin with more than 5,400,000 fruit trees.

A gasoline engine, mounted on the frame, drives the brushes of a new machine for polishing floors designed for places where electric power is not available.

Rope filled horseshoes, which pick up small stones and sand and present a rough surface, have been invented in Germany for helping horses on slippery streets.

According to a government report 75 per cent. of the backward children in the public schools of the United States are

in that condition through defective vision.

According to an Italian scientist who has classified 4000 cases of self destruction, more suicides occur between the ages of 15 and 25 than any other period in life.

In the last 40 years there have been more than 10,000 boiler explosions in the United States in which about 11,000 persons have been killed and more than 15,000 injured.

Two cities in Colombia, on opposite sides of the Andes Mountains, will be connected by a steel ropeway more than thirty seven miles long which will transport both passengers and freight.

More than 240,000,000 barrels of petroleum were produced in the United States in 1913, a gain of about 8,000,000 barrels over 1912, which was the record until last year.

The Austrian Ministry of War has offered a \$10,000 prize for a non-rubber automobile tire with the elasticity of rubber and greater durability, or, if of less durability, lower cost.

A new type of electric street car has each wheel mounted independently to prevent the loss of power due to wheels carried on the ends of ordinary axles grinding on the rails at curves.

Sold Million Bonds

One million dollars worth of bonds of New Westminster city have been sold on the London market, the underwriters being Messrs. Cosgrove, Harrington & Co. The bonds constitute the issues unsold in 1912 and last year. They were sold at 85 net and bear interest at 5 per cent.

Some women would make any sacrifice to preserve their looks; they would rather be guilty of a double life than a double chin.

Editor Fielding Retires

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—The retirement of the Hon. W. S. Fielding from the editorship of the Montreal Telegraph, owing to his adherence to Liberal principles, and because of his refusal to work under any dictation from Sir Hugh Graham, will probably be followed shortly by his active re-entry into politics. His presence in the house of commons is desired by Liberals, and also by the best financial and commercial elements of the country, especially in view of trade and tariff issues now before parliament, and if Mr. Fielding will consent, a seat will be opened for him in Nova Scotia by the retirement of Mr. Law, the Liberal member for Yarmouth. There is no doubt that Mr. Fielding could carry the constituency, but there is some fear that the government would take advantage of Law's resignation to delay the election for months, thus keeping both Law and Fielding out of the house.

We are informed that on Saturday evening the delegates to the Conservative Convention attended the performance of "The Glad Eye" at the Royal Victoria theatre. They had already enjoyed "The Glad Hand" of Sir Richard McBride, and "The Glad Eye" would follow as a matter of course.—Victoria Times.

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