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The mayor of the city designates as a "grab" the request of the board of trade for an appropriation of \$10,000 by the council this year for publicity purposes. He says it is a "grab," too, in face of the fact that the city council passed a resolution favoring the appropriation. At the recent board of trade luncheon the mayor expressed himself as favoring the proposition and intimated that he thought it would be possible to make some arrangement for the expenditure of the money under a joint control of the board of trade and the city council.

The board of trade is composed of a large number of the leading men of the city and the work it is doing is of very great advantage. Yet the mayor answers with insult a respectful suggestion made in the interests of the city.

In view of the attitude of the mayor as expressed by himself at the recent luncheon already referred to, is it not possible that his change of attitude is due to the fact that the board would not make him an honorary member without fees?

Some people talk in a very foolish manner about the harm that Vancouver and Victoria and other cities have done themselves by over publicity.

Where would these cities be today had it not been for publicity work and the so-called "boosting"?

It is perfectly true that these cities have more people than can find work to do, but this condition will soon right itself, and meantime, instead of remaining in the village

class, they are now large cities.

Nearly all good brings a measure of attendant evil, and those people who are afraid to face the problem of a large increase of population in Prince Rupert had better move over to Metlakatla.

Don't be a stickinthe mud. Don't be afraid of the competition of your neighbor. Competition is the life of trade, and if you can't keep up with the procession you will have to follow in the wake. Don't expect everybody else to wait on you.

R. L. Borden's pulchrious platitudes out of office stand out in striking contrast to the pusillanimity of his practice in office.

Borden is a disappointment to the country. His lack of moral courage puts him on a plane with his associates of the Bob Rogers type.

People had hoped that the influence of Borden would have been a power towards keeping the conduct of government upon a high level. On the contrary there has been never before in Canada been such a low political morality as exists today.

Statesmen do things for the people. Politicians do things to the people. There are innumerable politicians but few statesmen in British Columbia.

The political wolves for a long time have been feeding upon the credulity of the people. Credulity, however, has been pretty well whittled down to the bone, and from now on the pickings will be lean.

How is Wm. Manson like R. L. Borden? Neither of them has any backbone.



FORMER COMMISSIONER OF SALVATION ARMY RETURNS TO CANADA

Miss Eva Booth, commander of the army in the United States, received a great reception in Massey hall, Toronto, when she told of the life work of her father, General Booth. Miss Eva Booth delivered a stirring address. "The General," she said, "wanted freedom to preach the gospel as he thought it should be preached, and when the request for liberty was refused still pleaded before a conference for permission to go and talk to the poor according to his convictions, enquiring, 'Must I, must I disobey the call of God?' My beautiful mother," said Miss Booth, "rose in the gallery and cried 'Never.' In the moment of silence that followed he looked upon the voice as a star to guide him, and that day Evangelist Booth gathered in his arms the woman who was to become my mother, kissed her, and in that kiss the Salvation Army was conceived."

TALKED ABOUT B. C. NATURAL RESOURCES

Premier McBride Gave Address Before Committee of House of Commons, Ottawa

Ottawa, March 26.—Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, addressed the forest and waterways committee of the house of commons today on the question of the desirability of conserving the natural resources of the Dominion of Canada, with more particular reference to British Columbia.

He expressed the opinion that British Columbia possessed the richest mineral zone in the world. Only a small portion of it, he said, had been opened up. He said the mining laws of the province were planned on broad and liberal lines.

Speaking of the timber and lumber policy of the provincial government, he described it as one making for economy and the conservation of the forest wealth of the province. It was designed to prevent waste and destruction by forest fires.

With regard to the water powers in British Columbia, he said that the provincial policy pro-

hibited corporations and individuals from filing water records unless the intention was to make use of the water within a reasonable time. If they did not use these rights they reverted to the province. The policy would add millions to the wealth of Canada, said Sir Richard.

PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETY DEBATES MILITANCY

That the methods of the militant suffragettes are justifiable was the opinion of the large audience which assembled in the Presbyterian hall on Wednesday night. This contentious subject was debated at length.

Mrs. Klower, who opened the affirmative, gave a historical account of the movement, and showed that as in Ulster at the present time, men always had recourse to violent methods to obtain their ends, and women were equally justified in following their lead. Mrs. Klower was ably seconded by Mrs. A. T. Parkin, who delivered a stirring speech.

On the negative side Mrs. Paterson emphasized the fact that women's great power lay along the line of passive persuasion, which in the long run was the best. She was followed by Mr. Klower, who opposed the resolution.

There was a spirited discussion among the ladies and gentlemen of the audience. Those contributing their opinions for or against were Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Geo. Wilson, Dr. Clayton, Mrs. Clayton, Mr. C. R. Murray, and Mr. E. H. Paterson.

On a vote being taken the resolution was upheld by 33 to 22.

Next week Mr. C. R. Murray gives a paper on Home Rule.

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GROSS EXAGGERATION BY PARTY PAPERS

Report on Transcontinental Construction Injures Canadian Credit

The following comment on the commissioners' report on the Transcontinental railway construction appears in Canadian Finance, an independent journal of considerable influence:

"In their eagerness to secure party advantage from the report on the cost of the National Transcontinental, certain newspapers are indulging in gross exaggeration. Granted that there was extravagance in details, a non-partisan reading of the report shows that a high standard of construction was responsible for the major part of the alleged 'steal' of \$40,000,000. Possibly the standard set was too high—that is a point on which qualified authorities differ, and will continue to differ. There is much to be said for the theory that the best is cheaper than the second best, even though it may cost more.

"At any rate, for the sake of the Dominion's credit it is high time to call in the loose journalistic statements that the late Dominion government piled up a staggering debt to 'provide money for a carnival of graft' in connection with the National Transcontinental. The work on this road was provided for mainly out of surplus current revenues—provided, it is true, by the country's rapidly expanding business rather than by any special governmental skill.

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"Whatever may be said as to over-borrowing for some phases of Canada's activities in recent years, government issues have not been of a volume to tax Dominion credit to the straining point."

Sir George Ross' Will

Toronto, March 26.—From the will of the late Senator Ross, which has been admitted to probate, it appears that the estate left by the distinguished senator amounted in all to a total of \$55,000. This sum includes the life insurance, and according to the testamentary dispositions the whole amount is to be divided between the widow, Lady Ross, and the family of the deceased.

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