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A MANLY SPEECH

At the great Liberal meeting last night, T. D. Pattullo, Liberal candidate for Prince Rupert, delivered an able, statesmanlike speech. He applied the searchlight of sound common sense to the Conservative defences, and then proceeded to riddle them with deadly precision. He drew a picture of British Columbia bound, gagged and helpless, and at the mercy of a Conservative board which had squandered the timber, coal and agricultural resources of the province, while any enterprising individual who endeavored to do real development work was met at every turn by unjust licences.

It was a fighting speech, every word of which rang true. It was not the speech of a whimpering camp follower who will go to Victoria and beg for a share of "the stuff," but that of a MAN who will demand that justice to the people be done, not only in his own constituency, but throughout the province. It was the straightforward speech of a business man who will honestly strive to the last ounce to rescue British Columbia from the tangle of graft and corruption into which it has been flung.

Mr. Pattullo places the welfare of British Columbia and Canada far above party gain or political expediency. In outlining the Liberal platform, he did not sail up into the clouds and promise to hand down the moon. In clear, lucid terms, he dealt with the development of the resources of the province along sane, businesslike lines, providing for the sustenance of our population, as against the enrichment of the capitalist. In dealing at length with Workmen's Compensation he showed that the Liberals had for years demanded an adequate compensation act, and stated that such an act would be immediately passed by the Liberal administration, while the Conservatives are content to dangle a tentative act before the public as political bait. Mr. Pattullo showed that he had an intimate knowledge of conditions in this part of the province, and that he is just the man to assist in the wholesale house-cleaning which is long overdue.

JUGGLING

The Journal attempts some crude juggling when it tries to explain away the overpayments made to J. W. MacFarlane, the Bella Coola road and vote boss. The public accounts, from 1st April, 1913, to March 31st, 1914, distinctly show that this man received wages for 243 days at \$5.50, 122 days at \$5.50 and one month at \$155. The

Journal suggests, with Matsonian ingenuity, that the amounts covered two years, but the accounts are against it, and William Manson says the accounts are correct. Wherever arrears have been paid, in other instances, the accounts state so expressly. It is up to the Journal to try some more juggling.

LIBERALS HAVE CROWDED AND ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

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will endeavor to carry out," and he proceeded to deal with them.

Financial Housecleaning.

There must be a thorough investigation into the financial affairs of the province. A financial housecleaning would divulge the improper application of millions against the hundreds of thousands in Manitoba where Ministers of the Crown are now standing trial for fraud and perjury. Long since more than enough has already come to light to indicate clearly just what has been going on for years.

The credit of the province has greatly suffered through the huge railway guarantees and has suffered also through the knowledge of the outside world that the administration of affairs is in the hands of men who have been exploiting the resources of the province for personal gain.

A financial housecleaning by a new administration will do much to restore the confidence of the investing public in B. C. securities.

Develop Our Resources

Every energy must be bent towards opening up and developing our natural resources so that our population may become self-sustaining. Too much stress could not be laid upon this point. If this plan had been begun ten years ago we would not now be in the uncomfortable position in which we now find ourselves.

Timber.

In the matter of timber we have some of the finest in the world, yet for years the lumber trade has languished. Instead of mousing nebulous nothings about the words of B. C., if the government had turned its serious attention in a common sense way to assisting the lumbering interests to find and retain a ready market, that business would be on a very different basis today. The representative of this district would probably say that the lumber business was now being carefully investigated by the Minister of Lands. A friend of Mr. Pattullo's had told him that he had received more than a dozen letters from the representative of this district over a period of a couple of years and each letter advised him that the subject matter was being carefully investigated.

The Liberal party favors a policy of timber for actual users only. At the present time there are large areas held for speculative purposes which cannot be made use of for years. It is a

crime to alienate the resources of the province in this manner. Mr. Bowser would no doubt say that this means that these limits will inevitably fall back into the hands of the government and that therefore, the government is ahead of the governmental charges. Mr. Bowser would gloat over this prospect just as he did in connection with the unpaid-for lands upon the occasion of the evening of abuse in which he indulged in Vancouver in a vain attempt to reply to the charges made by the Ministerial Union in their pamphlet called "The Crisis." The manner in which Bowser would boastfully do up his friends, the speculators, is nothing to the manner in which his administration has done up the public of British Columbia for the past years, a process which was only made possible through the easy going acquiescence of members of the calibre of our own representative.

Agriculture.

Our agricultural areas must be developed. Conditions are usually adverse to the starting of a project due to competition from older communities, but these difficulties are gradually overcome. A carefully conceived plan of community settlement must be worked out so that instead of settlers being scattered as at present, thus rendering the maintenance of roads, schools, mail delivery, etc., impossible, all these facilities may be afforded.

The Liberal platform provides for loans to settlers upon easy terms, but there are other considerations also which enter into the problem, such as the marketing of the produce and all these things must be taken into account. If a comprehensive scheme had been begun years ago we would not now be importing the huge amount of agricultural products which we now do.

Mining.

Encouragement should be given to the mining industry. No better man lives than the genuine miner. Not the fireside miner who sits around a warm stove telling of the hills that he is going to pull down, but the good old sourdough who puts a pack on his back, treads a trailless tract and burrows into the hills, giving to the world new and untold wealth for the benefit of generations to come. Tangible assistance can be and should be given to legitimate prospects.

Fishing.

No opportunity should be overlooked to encourage this industry. It should be removed from the

field of monopoly. The Almighty did not put the fish in the sea for the special exploitation of Bowserites and the industry should be freed from unjust and irritating regulations and licences.

Removal of Unjust Licences.

We must also remove a lot of other irritating and unjust licences which are now collectable. The outside man, that is the man who works outside, can hardly move without paying a licence. Fish licence, gun licence, loggers' licence, trappers' licence, and so on. Some men do a little of all these things each year, so that one can imagine what a burden it is. Unjust licences must be removed.

Manufacturing.

With the timber, mining, agricultural and fishing industries developed, who could doubt the prosperity of this province and with the development of these industries would come the more rapid development of manufacturing industries. Every day this province is getting closer to a basis of equality with eastern centres of competition.

The Government's Duty.

The paramount duty before us is the development of our resources and in this the government must take a prominent part. We need pay very little attention to the buncombe that the government might assume too many functions of the private individual. The speaker believed that whenever the best needs and the good of the community as a whole demands governmental action, it is the duty of the government to take that action.

Apart from the development of our natural resources, Mr. Pattullo referred to many other requirements all of which he explained were part of the Liberal platform.

Coal Mines.

For instance, "Government coal mines to develop cheap fuel." The government should not hesitate to step in and regulate the operation of coal mines now existing so that the consumer might obtain coal at a reasonable price, also that those who work in the mines should have every protection of life and limb.

Workmen's Compensation Act.

The Liberal party is pledged to immediately pass an adequate Workmen's Compensation Act. The present government knowing that this had been a plank in the Liberal platform for years, appointed a commission in this matter and last session a bill was laid on the table of the legislature as a consequence of the report of that commission, but no action was taken. McKenzie and Mann took good care of that. Although the attorney-general recently lauded the perfections of this bill, he has since appointed another commission, one member of which is a member of the

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