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The Referendum.

The speech from the throne intimates that the Government is about to fulfill another of its promises to the electorate by bringing in a measure at the present session of the Legislature



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to provide for the referendum on important measures and the * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * initiative for those who wish legislation which the Government * is not prepared to submit. That puts the law making more in * the hands of the people than it has ever before been. It is the most democratic measure that any Canadian Government has ever introduced.

Only a few years ago even Liberals looked upon the refer- |* endum and the initiative as two visionary measures, pleasant to talk about but not within the realm of practical politics. Shortly before the last provincial elections it was adopted as part of the platform of the party, but even yet many would not believe that |* it would ever be implemented into legislation. There seemed to * be a prevalent idea that it was simply a catch vote plank inserted to please the trades unionists and more socialistic members of the community.

Government Will Be Absolutely Democratic.

With the giving of the franchise to women and the submission of important measures to a vote of the people the Government of this province becomes absolutely democratic. The people land:-may now do almost anything, as long as it comes within the powers of the province. It is as democratic a form as a soviet. If the north boundary of Lot 2353, with the the workingmen want to take charge of the Government they can easily do so by getting a majority of the electors to support them. line; thence following shore line to the As a matter of fact this Liberal Government with Farmer John Oliver at its head is already pretty much a workingmen's government.

It will be interesting to find out just what the Government intends to do in connection with the changes in the Prohibition Act, but it is supposed to be about to make changes that will make IN THE MATTER OF THE ADMINISTRAthe bone dry act rather dryer than it is at present. In view of 'he recent action of the United States in bringing total prohibition version to former conditions.

Air Service

Development.

Yesterday's news dispatches contained two interesting announcements in regard to developments of the air service. One of these was the purchase of ten million dollars' worth of equip- DATED this 14th day of January, 1919. ment from the British Government by an American for commer- IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH cial purposes, and the other the consideration of the feasibility of an air service between Victoria and Vancouver for carrying passengers and mail.

If it is found practicable to run an air service over the eighty miles between the capital of B. C. and the chief industrial centre Honour F. McB. Young, made the 13th day Wahrf, Prince Rupert, B. C. we shall soon have an air service to this city. That will save building roads. It will be quite easy to leave work at five o'clock Givotto, deceased, and all parties having and dine with friends at Terrace, or make a business visit to Smithers during the afternoon and return in time to put the plane in the drome before dark. The possibilities are limitless if only the amount of their indebtedness to me there is money enough behind the desire. Those who find the rough sea a terror will find it much pleasnter to cross to Buckley Bay by plane than to take the Prince John, comfortable and pleasant as she may be for a boat of her size.

Million Men to Police Europe.

Nine hundred thousand British soldiers will be needed to police Germany and other enemy countries for some time to come. The other millions will return to their homes. All Cana- Administrator to the estate of Yone Yama- the said Lien by sale of your interest un dians probably will return home, for Canada is better able to take claims against the said estate are hereby ceiling the registration of the said Agree care of her returned men than is Great Britain. Over there it will be a stupendous matter, getting the men back into civil life, February, A. D. 1919, and all parties in- 25th day of January, A. D. 1919. With the building of warships stopped, ammunition plants shut the amount of their indebtedness to me down and with no more manufacture of war materials it is difficult to understand what the people will do. Many of them, doubtless, will come to Canada, and it would seem reasonable to think

JOHN H. MCMULLIN, Official Administrator.

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