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CABINET TALK

RIFE IN SOUTH

GOSSIP SETTLES SOME PORTFOLIOS
BUT OTHERS ARE IN DOUBT

VICTORIA, July 23—All prognosticators seem to be agreed that R. L. Maitland, youthful Vancouver barrister, will in all probability be the new attorney general in the Tolmie government and there is also agreement on Joshua Hinckleff of Victoria as minister of education. W. C. Shelley of Vancouver as minister of finance, Dr. L. E. Borden of Nelson as provincial secretary and minister of health and W. A. Mackenzie as minister of public works.

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"Pat" Maitland, despite his youth, is the general favorite for the post of attorney general though R. H. Pooley, former Conservative house leader and long a member of the legislature, for Esquimalt, is also mentioned. Though Mr. Pooley is not as popular throughout the province as he is in his own riding, it is generally felt that some reward is due him for the yeoman service he has given his party. He is being especially boosted as a possible provincial secretary.

With Dr. A. M. Sanford of New Westminster defeated, there is little opposition in Conservative ranks at least to the mantle of minister of education falling upon the shoulders of Joshua Hinckleff, already eight years a member of Victoria.

Nels Lougheed is considered the favorite for the portfolio of minister of lands though W. F. Kennedy of North Okanagan is also spoken of. The only handicap in the latter's way is that too many cabinet positions could not go to the Okanagan district whence J. W. Jones and W. A. Mackenzie already come.

If Dr. Tolmie separates agriculture

from his Premiership, it is possible the portfolio may go to William Atkinson, an experienced farmer who defeated the former Liberal minister of agriculture, Hon. E. D. Barrow, in Chilliwack.

The only prospective rival for the public works portfolio against W. A. Mackenzie of Similkameen appears to be E. W. Bruhn, the naturalized Scandinavian, of Salmon Arm.

With both N. A. Wallinger of Cranbrook and T. W. Falconer of Atlin defeated, there is much speculation as to who will be given the mines ministership. J. H. Schofield, the dean of the legislature from Trail, has some claim to honors and it is possible he may get this post although he has never been an outstanding legislator. It is more likely, however, that Dr. L. E. Borden of Nelson as provincial secretary and minister of health and W. A. Mackenzie as minister of public

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For the important position of Speaker a number of names are mentioned including those of F. P. Burden, Fort George; Col. C. W. Peck, V.C., the Islands; Col. Fred Lister, Creston; Michael Manson, Mackenzie. This is also the post where many friends of J. H. Schofield of Trail would like to see him placed.

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