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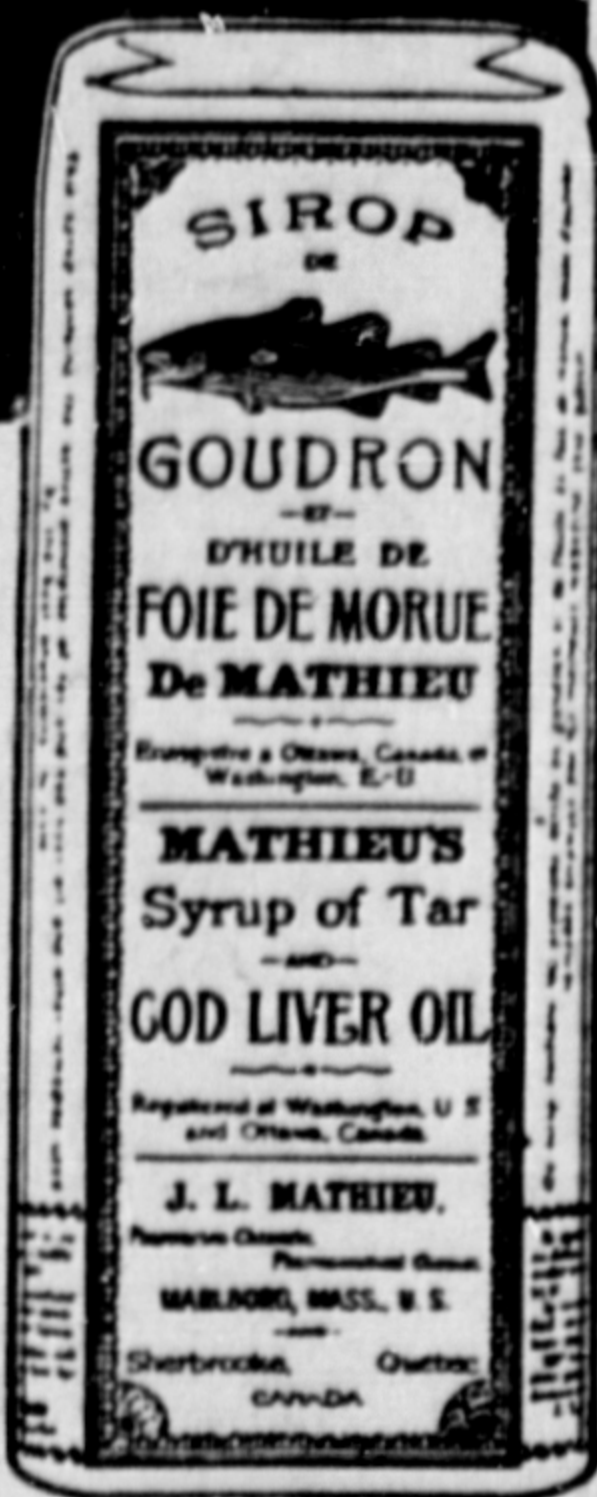
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## PICKINGS FROM "TRUTH"

The Morning Journal of the Independent Conservatives

## PROVINCIAL STAKES SILENT VOTE FEARED

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### Starters.

THE DENTIST.  
By People's Choice—Fighting  
Chance.

THE LAWYER.  
By Ginger—Forlorn Hope.

SILENT WILLIAM.  
By Broken Promises—Side-  
stepper.

SOCIALIST.  
By Wild Irishman—Red Flag.

This race is causing widespread interest, and excitement will be high until the winning post is passed. The Dentist is a good horse and can always be depended upon to run well in fast company. In his last race he showed a great burst of speed under a heavy handicap.

Great reports concerning the Lawyer are to hand from his training stables, but as he has not yet performed in public we would prefer taking one of the other horses and must pass him over.

Silent William has generally run well and at present is a slight favorite, but his fatal habit of sidestepping may throw him off his balance and lose him the race.

Socialist is a fine, upstanding colt and will run brilliantly for a short distance, but over the full course will be outclassed. We confidently expect to see The Dentist roll home an easy winner, with Silent William and The Lawyer fighting it out for second place.

### SOME HOME TRUTHS.

We would like to ask the Conservatives of this city a few questions:

Why was the telegraph office moved with such indecent haste, immediately after the late Dominion election?

Why has the Post Office been handed over at the earliest possible moment to the defeated candidate for mayor?

Why is a man who has struggled along in a one-horse retail grocery, occupying only half of a small building, erecting an immense warehouse to go into the wholesale trade?

Why did a two-by-four semi-weekly newspaper branch out as a daily, when the daily field was already well covered by two papers which have hard work to make both ends meet?

The answer to all these questions is the same. A few men have secured control of the local member and through him are able to exert a strong influence on the Dominion member, and unless their plans miscarry will be able to hog all the patronage of both governments.

What has the great body of Conservatives in the city to gain by a continuance of these conditions? Even putting the matter on the very lowest plane of self-interest, where do the rest of you get off at? These men constitute a close corporation to which no new members are admitted. All branches of business are represented. Furniture, Hardware, Groceries, Real Estate—they are prepared to handle them all, and you need not think you will get the crumbs, because there won't be any crumbs. We ask you again, where do you come in even if you have something you want to sell the government?

### THAT WICKED RING.

(With Apologies to Edgar Allan Poe.)

Hear the clamour of the Ring,  
Wicked Ring.

What a heap of coals on fire upon  
their heads they'll bring,  
While the party start to groan  
At the Ring as it is known  
But their voters must have flown;  
What defeat they'll have to own,  
Will the Ring, the Ring, Ring,  
Ring, Ring.

How discordant is the tone  
Of the Ring.

Manson, that is, Obsequious Bill, would have gone in flying had he shaken off that lethargy and stood alone, but, alas—Mene, Mene Tekel Upharsin!

So W. E. Fisher says Clayton has not got the courage of his convictions. The trouble with Billy is that he has neither courage nor convictions.

Intelligence and Common Sense  
Will Defeat William Man-  
son at the Polls.

His Weakness and Incompetence  
Openly Deplored by Re-  
maining Friends.

There is a great growing intellectual force in this country to which we owe the fact that we are on the whole fairly well governed, and to which civilization owes its gradual rise from the cave man and his club to the polished statesman of today. This force, to which we all take off our hats on election day, is the Great Independent Elector and His Silent Vote.

If the people of Canada were to remain perpetually divided into two great camps, and every man voted exactly as his fathers had done before him, it would only be necessary to take a poll among the immigrants. For the native born the census would be sufficient to show which party was entitled to hold the reins of power and considerable expense might be spared. But fortunately there is a large body of the electorate which insists on being shown every election day that the representative of a constituency shall be worthy of its confidence, and the result is that parties are generally careful to select the very best man available.

That the system of party government, as we have it, has worked out well no one can deny, and that party loyalty—when not carried too far—is also a good thing is equally true. But when party loyalty is pushed to the extreme of supporting a party candidate irrespective of his qualifications, or the manner of his nomination, it becomes ridiculous and a menace to good government.

Also we see here men who have fought openly and fearlessly against the ring which manipulated the nomination, and which they admit is a curse to their party, being carried away by the spurious cry of party loyalty. Party Loyalty! True party loyalty consists in ridding the party ship of the barnacles which clog its progress. True party loyalty should consist in a determination that the representative of the party should be in every way worthy of public confidence.

There is a loyalty above party loyalty which is loyalty to one's country.

### MANSON WAY.

Of course you've heard of the  
Manson Way.

It's a way that leads to a wharf.  
There are several other Manson  
ways;

And some of them lead through  
a terrible maze.

And are likely to carry him off.

Now Manson has a particular  
way.

And he finds it hard to kill  
With wool pulled over, obscuring  
his gaze.

By men inspired with a selfish  
craze;

He will bow to their evil will.

Now Manson has a good clean  
way

If left to himself alone;

But he never would stand an  
earthly show

If ruled by Jack, M. M., or Joe,  
For their sins he could never  
atone.

In the balance some day will  
Manson weigh;

And shall he be wanting then;  
Or will he for freedom a bold bid  
make;

And from his shoulders the para-  
site shake;

And the grafter return to his  
den?

While William has brains with-  
out backbone—

Wee Alec has backbone only—  
Doe Clayton possesses backbone  
and brains;

So we'll give him a chance to  
handle the reins;

And the Manson way will be  
lonely.

### LITTLE TRUTHS

Why doesn't the Empire give  
some notice before taking one of  
its sensational flops. These sud-  
den shocks are bad for one's  
nerves.

If we have to petition or send  
a delegation to Victoria every  
time we want our rights recog-  
nized, why go to the expense of  
electing a member. There's

nothing to it. We've just got to  
have Clayton.

It is often said that politics  
make strange bedfellows, but  
the sight of J. F. McDonald,  
Bill Sibbald, Joe Merryfield and  
M. M. Stephens in the same bed  
is enough to make the gods  
weep.

Manson called off his adver-  
tised meeting in Hazelton rather  
than meet Clayton on the plat-  
form. We suppose Fisher would  
call that having the courage of  
one's convictions.

We will read the Empire a les-  
son in courtesy and publish the  
following ad. free of charge if it  
so desires: For Sale, cheap, 1  
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the ring.

We always thought Newton  
was a false alarm, but we were  
hardly prepared to see him take  
another somersault quite so soon.

Prince Rupert is sure born  
lucky. Just imagine having  
Newton for our member at Otta-  
wa as well as Mayor.

Publicity Committee of the  
Ring: W. E. Fisher, Orlando H.  
Nelson and Neil Mackay. Ye  
Gods and little fishes! Manson  
sure is safe now.

The road leading to the gov-  
ernment wharf is called the  
Manson Way. The manager of  
this wharf was taken from his  
duties and sent around the coun-  
try gathering up proxies to help  
Manson steal a nomination.  
This is also the Manson way.

What a time Halsey will have  
telling those people of Bella  
Coola how "his friends," the  
Minister of Marine and Fisheries,  
put the protection boat Falcon at  
his disposal. Wonder if he will  
have time to mention anything  
about Manson.

If the election campaign shots  
of the Empire are not copyright-  
ed we might be able to use some  
of them. Both McBride and  
Manson seem to be unfortunate  
in their self-appointed champi-  
ons in this city.

We hope that Publicity Com-  
mittee of the ring gets paid for  
overtime.

To hear some of these road  
bosses talk you would think that  
the government would withdraw  
its appropriation for roads and  
bridges from the Skeena district  
if Wm. Joliffe is defeated. Don't  
worry, Clayton will look after  
that.

If Halsey only got seventeen  
people to attend his meeting at  
Bella Coola, after going there in  
state in a government boat, how  
many would have attended if he  
went in a gasoline launch?

It was hardly necessary to  
send Halsey all the way to Bella  
Coola to tell the electors about  
Wm. Manson. They know him  
too well know.

Owing to his success as a ro-  
fessional organizer, Mr. Wad-  
man has received several offers.  
We think Sunday School picnics  
about his size (if the clergy and  
parents are not too particular).

Didn't Halsey start his politi-  
cal career as a Socialist? Per-  
haps he is only applying some of  
the Socialist doctrines of con-  
fiscation.

Another prominent ring mem-  
ber says he cast his first vote as  
a Liberal. Later he also had So-  
cialistic leanings. Why should  
the party of the great Sir John  
be the refuge for all this political  
driftwood.

The Socialists are to be con-  
gratulated on their candidate  
this year. Alderman Montgom-  
ery is a gentleman in the very  
best sense of that much-abused  
term.

The saddest thing about this  
campaign is to see one or two  
good citizens lined up with the  
ring from a mistaken sense of  
party loyalty. True loyalty to  
the party consists in ridding it  
of the grafters who are bringing  
it into disrepute.

Mayor Newton says we should  
re-elect Wm. Manson as it may  
be necessary for him (Newton)  
to go to Victoria again soon and  
he would feel more at home if  
Manson was there also. We have  
heard many queer reasons ad-  
vanced lately for re-electing  
Wm. Manson, but this is the  
richest. But why can't Newton  
take Manson along as a valet.

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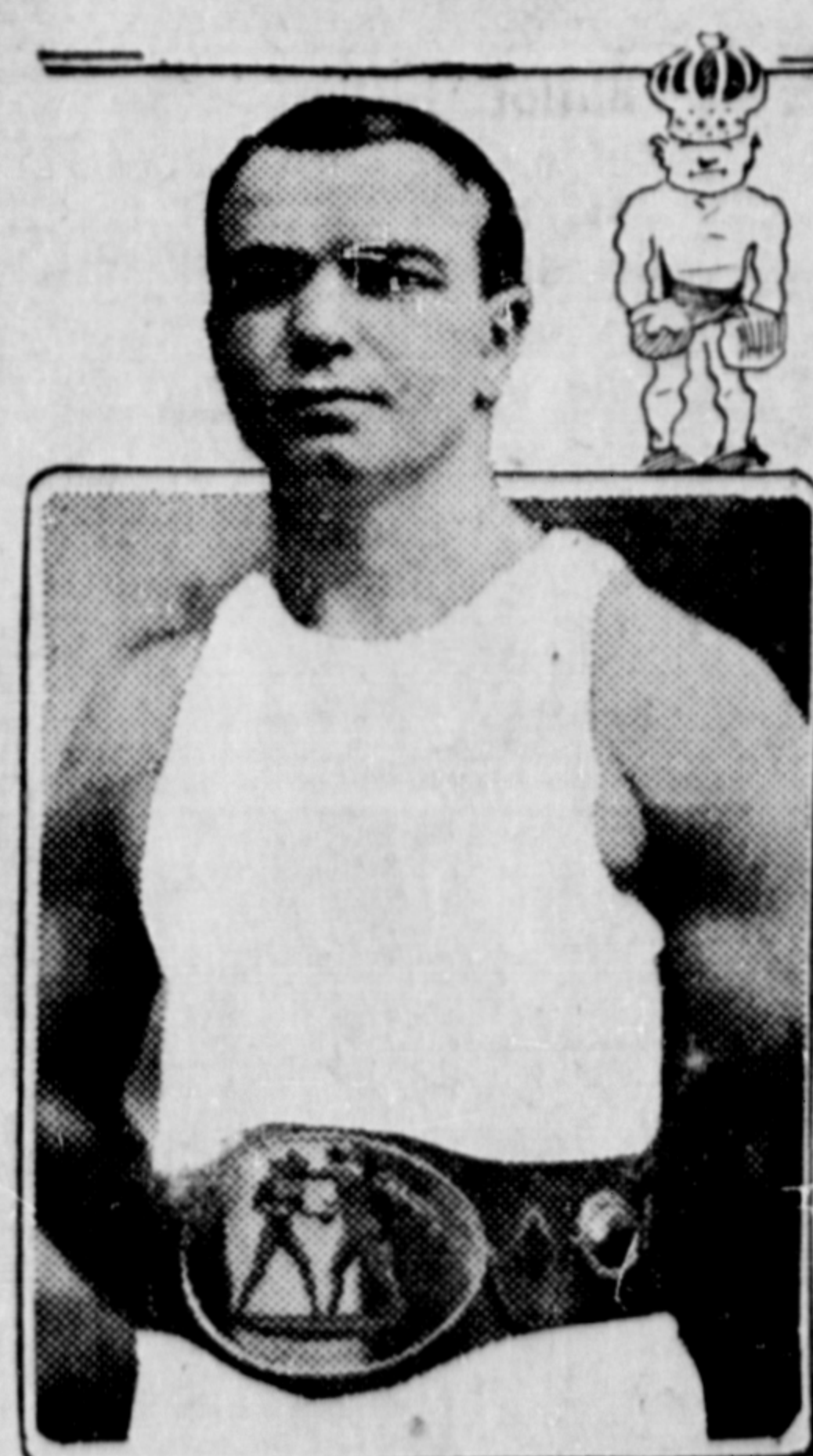
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