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MOMENTOUS ISSUES.

We cannot agree with the statement that there are no great questions at issue in the present provincial political campaign. There are issues of tremendous magnitude before the people.

There are many minor reforms necessary to place British Columbia upon a firm and sure foundation, reforms which leading Conservatives of the province have had the opportunity of effecting for the last dozen years, but which they have absolutely refused to touch.

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sible to utilize them. Why? Because a few fishermen on the Fraser river have always stood by Mr. McPherson, and he vows he will never desert them.

There is no evidence that the operation of fish-traps along the coast of Vancouver Island would inflict any injury upon the interests of the Fraser river fishermen.

It has been demonstrated by the experience of trap operation on Pigot Sound that fishermen obtain steadier work at higher wages and with less danger to life under the new system of taking fish than under the old. As to the effect of the establishment of traps on the run of salmon there is some doubt.

But there is no doubt of the fact that the system is being yearly extended on Puget Sound, and that if we were empowered to adopt the same methods as our commercial rivals we should be the first to take toll upon the run. Nor is there any question of the further fact that the fishing industry supports a very large population, is the mainstay in the state of Washington of two cities nearly as large as Victoria.

IS THE EMPIRE MENACED?

We wonder whether the vociferous, exulting opponents in Great Britain of Mr. Chamberlain have noticed that the alleged downfall of the late Colonial Secretary is taken in the United States, and no doubt in all countries whose statesmen believe that their political, industrial and commercial interests will be served by the dismemberment of the British Empire, as a distinct triumph for the cause they have always more or less secretly hoped for and advocated.

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The news of the death of Capt. Rodin will be received with deep regret in all sections of British Columbia.

As a war department the colonial office is most successful, and the operations against Kano and Sokoto were marred by not a single outward incident.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NEW WESTMINSTER. W. T. Stein, local secretary of the British Columbia Manufacturers' Association, has written to the city council to the effect that the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will reach this city on September 29th, and that the arrangements for the day are in the hands of L. A. Lewis. The whole council will be a special committee to see what can be done for the entertainment of the delegates.

PHOENIX. William Anderson, the engineer in charge of the works of the Cascade Water Power & Light Company at Cascade and Phoenix, is asking for tenders for the new line for the purpose of supplying power to the Greenwood smelter. Work will be pushed on as rapidly as possible. The distance of the end of the line in Greenwood from the falls of the Cottle river at Cascade, via Phoenix, when completed, will be about 25 or 27 miles. When completed and in operation this will make the second Boundary smelter using Cascade power, the Grand smelter having been utilizing the same for some months.

VANCOUVER. At the meeting of the board of school trustees, held Monday evening, the contract for the erection of the new High school, according to the plans of W. T. McLuckie, was awarded to Mr. J. M. McLaughlin, whose tender was \$72,000. W. H. Keary, manager of the New Westminster exhibition, wrote asking the board to grant a general holiday in the Vancouver schools on "Children's Day," October 2nd, to enable the pupils to attend the exhibition. Granted, subject to the permission of the provincial superintendent of education.

The Westminister exhibition people have asked the city council that Thursday, October 1st, be declared a public holiday to enable Vancouver citizens to attend the show. Ald. Wood moved that a half-holiday be made, seconded by Ald. Wilson. The motion carried. Word has been received from Lillooet that the large gold dredge, which is being built there for the Lillooet-Gold Mining Company by Robert Hamilton, of the Westminister Hamilton Manufacturing Company, was successfully launched on Thursday last, the 17th inst.

KASLO. A real estate boom is now on at Poplar Creek. All litigation in regard to the ownership has been settled, and the townsite stands back in the name of Colonel O. T. Stone, of Kaslo, who is giving clear title to the prospector. Many buildings heretofore planned will now be rushed to completion. Among properties being actively developed may be mentioned the Lucky Jack, Swedger Kelly group, Marquis & Gilbert, Ruster, Palmer, Grosvid, Spiers and Kerlin groups, on all of which are shown bodies of ore that promise great wealth to the fortunate owner, and assure the future prospects of the camp. Orders for large quantities of supplies are being received here by the merchants, and visiting miners are too busy to take and hurry back to the mines at the first opportunity. Jas. Spiers, who took the contract for clearing the Poplar streets, covered another vein that shows values that puts those of their first finds in the shade. This is the sixth independent discovery made on this group of ore carrying fabulous values. Two trains are running on the Kootenay & Arrowhead railroad.

ROSSLAND. A Chinaman was brought from Robson on Thursday night's train in a critical condition after a terrible experience in the hills. The man was cook at the Maud S. mine, eight miles from Waterloo, and has devoted his leisure time to hunting grouse in the neighborhood. About two weeks ago he took his gun and dog and started up the hill. He was not seen until twelve days afterwards, when he was found by James Chambers of this city, who had been commissioned by Sheriff Robinson to find the missing man. Prior to the time that Mr. Chambers commenced his search, anxious friends of the missing cook had appealed to Chief of Police Devitt of Trail. Chief Devitt used his two bloodhounds without delay, but failed to meet with success. The Chinaman was discovered by Mr. Chambers in a shack some miles down the river from the Maud S. mine, a considerable distance from the last, with his master, but both the Chinaman and the dog were on the verge of starvation. The celestial was a sight to behold. He was lying helpless on a rough bed and in a stupefied condition. With considerable difficulty he was moved across the river and eventually brought to Rossland. It is thought that he will soon recover if unforeseen complications do not set in.

THE CABINET VACANCIES.

Names of the New Ministers Not Yet Given Out.

London, Sept. 22.—Premier Balfour is apparently meeting with considerable difficulty in the task of constructing his cabinet. It is stated that Mr. Wyndham has been offered the choice of several portfolios, but has decided to remain as chief secretary for Ireland. Owing to the decision that the fifth and sixth army corps of War Secretary Breadrick's scheme shall not be constituted through lack of necessary recruits, it is reported that General Hunter, who was nominated for the command of the sixth corps, is to be transferred to India or Madras district. This has led to renewed rumors that General Hunter will succeed Lord Kitchener as commander-in-chief in India, and that the latter will be called home to succeed Mr. Breadrick as secretary of war. All this, however, is merely speculation. Much public feeling has been displayed against appointing Mr. Breadrick to the India office, and it is believed the difficulty centres in providing a secretary of war and a secretary for India.

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THREATENED SPLIT In the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 22.—Samuel J. Parks early today predicted a split in the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers if the annual convention at today's session should refuse to recognize union No. 2, of New York city, of which he is a member. The union had been expelled by President Buchanan, and up to late last night the credentials committee, appointed yesterday, had wrestled with the question of sustaining this action. The committee was ready to act today. President Buchanan called the delegates to order shortly after 10 o'clock. The meeting of the credentials committee had been held in secret, and no intimation of its conclusions had been given out. "I do not care what they do," said Mr. Parks to a reporter. "I am going to win out in the end. If the convention sustains the committee, we'll walk out and go back to New York and continue our little league of 5,000 members, just like we did before there was any International Union." Before the convention opened President Buchanan intimated that his candidacy for re-election would depend upon the convention's action in the Parks case. If the delegates from the union suspended by the president are seated, probably, it is stated, will not run.

TIDE MAY TURN. Many Irish People Who Emigrated to States May Go Back to Native Land. London, Sept. 22.—Interest has been evoked here by a letter from Secretary O'Callaghan, of the United Irish League of America, to Mr. Condon M. P., saying that since the passage of the Irish Land Act many evicted tenants now residing in the United States have been making anxious inquiries regarding the possibility of reacquiring their former holdings. Mr. O'Callaghan expressed the belief that should a large proportion of the tenants solving the question of emigration and turn the tide back to Ireland.

After a trial lasting eight days, the jury at Cynthiana, Ky., in the case of Curt J. Fort, charged with the murder of Town Marshal Cockell, at Jackson, Ky., July 21st, 1902, have rendered a verdict of guilty, and fixed the punishment as death.

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NOTICE. All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel, and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 92 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has made application to the Governor-in-Council for approval of the construction of a wharf in the harbor of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, and that plans thereof and a description of the site of the proposed wharf have been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Victoria, in the said Province.

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