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BRITISH COLUMBIA'S REFORMERS.

The Nelson Economist may be unusual and unprofessional, but it sheds a great light upon the harmony that prevails in the ranks of the Conservative party in British Columbia, when it says: "David Bogle of the Victoria Colonist, touches for the integrity, genius and honesty of purpose of John Houston."

Now, will some gentleman vouch for the integrity, genius and honesty of purpose of David Bogle? E. V. Bodwell is not barred." John Houston is President of the British Columbia Conservative Association, and is determined to be the candidate of the party in Nelson constituency.

The Economist supports the candidature of Mr. Lennie, who has been selected by the apparently dominant faction of the party to contest the seat against Mr. S. S. Taylor, the nominee of the Liberals.

The situation in Nelson may be taken as a sample of the general condition of affairs in most of the important sections of the province. The better elements everywhere are insisting that the "old gang" must go. They feel in their souls that there must be a general cleaning out before the confidence essential to success at the polls can be restored.

John Keen has spoken out frankly, the Economist is equally candid on behalf of the Conservatives of Nelson, the Victoria dissidents have not attempted to conceal their dissatisfaction, while the rumblings in other places are none the less distinct, although the dissatisfaction has not been expressly manifested chiefly because of lack of means of making it public.

The quarrel between the President of the Conservative Association and the party which should be under his immediate control cannot be set down as a particularly pretty one, but the compliments the principals are exchanging should be of interest to the electors of the province as showing the disposition of the men who declared for party lines with the sole object of rescuing British Columbia from the depths to which she had been sunk by the waywardness of politicians who were actuated by no great principles.

The Economist, a consistently Conservative paper, refers in the following terms to the President of the Association which has undertaken the task of lifting us all up and setting us upon a lofty pinnacle of political probity: "John Houston is a type of the class who believe in the efficacy of distracting attention from their own misdeeds by accusing others of practices which, if all accounts be true, Mr. Houston considers as strictly within the sphere of the legitimate operation of a newspaper."

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REGISTER. EVERYONE WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED HIS VOTE SINCE WEDNESDAY, 17th DAY OF JUNE, 1903, MUST DO SO WITHOUT DELAY, OTHERWISE HE WILL HAVE NO VOTE AT THE NEXT ELECTION.

MR. BLAIR'S RETIREMENT. Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways and Canals, has resigned his portfolio in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

In a body of men of such calibre as the Dominion cabinet there are bound to be conflicts of opinion. In the governing bodies of all constitutionally governed countries there are constantly arising divergencies of view on matters of detail.

On the general question of the necessity for a second transcontinental railway across the Dominion of Canada the cabinet was of one mind. The matter of detail as to the route shall be taken through the province of New Brunswick may seem of no particular significance. We are too far from the scene to have an adequate perception of the depth of local prejudices or preferences.

Conservatives will of course affect to derive great comfort from the retirement of the Minister of Railways and Canals. They are sadly in need of something to chortle over and to cheer them up. They cannot understand the case of a man who resigns a good thing except under compulsion. Their principles do not extend to the virtue of resignation.

Such little disagreements may be permitted to remind our temporarily Julian friends, are signs of strength, not evidences of weakness. They indicate that Sir Wilfrid Laurier purposes to pursue a straight, definite course, regardless of the opinions of individuals. There have been governments in Canada which could not, or rather dared not, do that.

ments, and have actually wielded unbounded influence upon some governments. For close upon eighteen years the people of British Columbia had been petitioning and praying directly and through their legislature for restriction and prohibition—and the answer was a poll tax of fifty dollars a head. And now a body of men rises up in this province and in the name of the Conservative party, which during all the years it was in power imposed a head tax of fifty dollars, demands that Liberals shall be condemned because of the attitude of their friends at Ottawa. To add to the subtlety of the spectacle, the Colonist, with its unique connections and associations, is at the head of that party. In justice to the party men and party newspapers of other sections, it must be admitted that they perceive the grotesque nature of the farce and refuse to participate in it.

It is the Japanese have not been included in the prohibitive measure. We have repeatedly shown the reasons why they are not. They are admitted to be substantial reasons. Japan objected, and the Imperial authorities heeded her objections. Our Eastern neighbors undertook to pass measures which would be satisfactory to the people of British Columbia. The restrictions imposed were admitted by Mr. Foley, possibly as disinterested a friend of labor as the Colonist or its leader under protest, Mr. Richard McBride, to be satisfactory. If they are not satisfactory the Dominion government is pledged to see that they shall be made satisfactory. A Liberal government will be elected in British Columbia, and it will take more reasonable measures to secure a satisfactory law than usurpation of the prerogative of the Dominion and defiance of the federal and Imperial governments.

Our mendacious contemporary, as the culmination of its attempts to deceive, says this morning that the province of British Columbia is committed by the advice of the Colonial Office to the principles of the Natal Act in dealing with the question of Oriental immigration. This is the manner in which the province is advised by the Colonial Office: "It is understood from press reports that the act (the disallowance of which was recommended) is of a restrictive nature, based on the Natal Act, and having regard to the general principles on which the British North America Act is based, it would appear that such a measure is ultra vires for any legislative body in Canada other than the Dominion Parliament." That is what Mr. Chamberlain said to Lord Minto.

Hamilton Times: Mr. E. F. Clarke, of Toronto, knows a thing or two, but he was up against it when he undertook to scold Sir William Mulock for not treating the letter carriers with sufficient liberality. The Postmaster-General recalled the fact that the Mackenzie government had increased the minimum pay of the letter carriers from \$300 to \$400 a year, but when the Tories got into office in 1878, they reduced the minimum to \$300, without protest from

Mr. Clarke. In 1884 they raised it to \$390, and kept it at that figure till they went out in 1896. The Tory government also reduced the amount of the annual increase in pay from \$10 to \$50. Sir William Mulock has bettered the pay of the letter carriers, the increase ranging from \$20 to \$144, yet Mr. Clarke rails at him on the ground that most of the men who get increased pay are men appointed since the change of government. If Sir William has devised a plan to help the Brits while not hurting the Tories, he must be very ingenious. But the very idea seems ridiculous.

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begin to feel a deep sympathy for the poor, that ever happened, we have made up our mind to keep him. In our present excited condition it is impossible for us to give an extended description of this remarkable child this week. We have changed our mind on the boy question, however, and





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Take notice that probate of the last will and testament of the deceased has this day been granted to Mary Godfrey, the executor therein named. All persons having claims against the estate are requested to send full particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of July, 1903, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice, and the executor will not be liable for the assets to any person or persons of whose claims she shall not have had notice at the time of distribution.
Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 2nd day of July, 1903.
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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

NELSON.
Word has been received in the city of a drowning accident which had occurred on Thursday near Kootenay Crossing, which resulted in the death of Harry Williams, the fourteen-year-old son of James Williams, the foreman of the Granite mine. Mr. Williams owns a ranch on the north side of the Kootenay river, almost opposite the Granite-Poor man mill, and daily crosses back and forward in a rowboat. The boy, who was well accustomed to handling a boat, was in the habit of crossing every day, and at 4 o'clock on Thursday he left the mill as usual for the ranch. His father was watching him from the mine with a field glass, as he had done daily since the river reached the high water stage. Half way across the boy stood up and leaned over the side of the boat, apparently to catch an owl which had become unshipped. The boat lurched as he did so, and he went overboard. Mr. Williams instantly gave the alarm, and made for the river bank followed by the other men of the mill. When they reached the river bank the boat was some distance down stream, but there was no sign of the boy. A word was sent at once up to the mine, and all the men employed there came down the hill to assist in the search, which was without success.

MR. SANDEL CANED.
Presentation to Retiring Manager of Lens & Leiser's Factory.
A. N. Sandel, who has been for some time manager of Lens & Leiser's factory, has severed his connection with that firm, and will leave in a few days for the East, where he will probably engage in business. Mr. Sandel was on Saturday afternoon made the recipient of a handsome souvenir of his connection with the establishment. At a picnic of the employees at Oak Bay, to which he was invited, he was presented with an address, accompanied by a gold-headed cane. The cane head was suitably inscribed, and the address inscribed in full on the handle in which Mr. Sandel is held by the employees.

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The Unionist Free Traders held another meeting under the chairmanship of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, former chancellor of the exchequer, in a committee room of the Imperial House of Commons. A Union Free Trade League was formally organized, and it was announced that a large campaign fund was accumulating. The league will immediately start an educational crusade. An appeal was made to Premier Balfour to set an early day for a full fiscal debate.

ROSSLAND.
"Reports to hand daily indicate that the passage of the boundary on Canadian lead promises to do all that was expected of it in the direction of stimulating the production of lead ores, and thereby rejuvenating the various important silver-lead producing camps of the country," says the Miner. "The Trail smelter will share in the prosperity that is inaugurated in the silver-lead mining camps. As is generally known, the Canadian Smelting Works has for some months had the matter of zinc smelting in close contemplation and a more or less active campaign has been conducted having in view the compilation of information that would affect the installation of an addition to the works for the purpose of treating zinc-blende. The excessive cost of erecting such works is the principal drawback to its adoption, when coupled with the uncertainty as to the supply of zinc-blende obtainable in the Kootenays, and the wide variation in the ores with respect to their zinc contents. At the present time the smelter has its field force at work on the problem, while at the plant continuous investigation is being carried on with a magnetic separator. The results of these investigations is that the properties of the country are being catalogued, with a statement of the average zinc production so far as can be obtained from the tests now under way. The matter of inaugurating zinc smelting is

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