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The following are two clauses selected from the new Municipal Act. Let the readers of The News decide if they are proper clauses to be in the hands of a dictator like W. J. Bowser:

Section 475. "The inspector of municipalities shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him and shall be attached to the office of the attorney-general and be under his control."

Sec. 479 (4). "Notwithstanding anything contained in this act no municipality shall issue any debentures, stock or treasury certificates without the debentures, stock or treasury certificates being first approved by the inspector of municipalities under this act and evidenced by his certificate."

The above sections show the trend of politics in British Columbia. Step by step Bowser is backing the people up against a wall and soon all our boasted liberties will be gone. Indeed, it would not be surprising to see him introduce an act giving authority

to his agents to decide who shall be privileged to vote.

Prince Rupert might as well have no charter at all if this act becomes law. That charter will be absolutely in the control of W. J. Bowser. The act says the inspector of municipalities shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to him by the attorney-general. Can any one imagine a more sweeping clause? Indeed it is possible that the powers of that inspector will be unlimited. Perhaps he will even have assigned to him the duty of keeping every Liberal off the voters' list.

The better class of Conservatives in Prince Rupert as elsewhere are strongly opposed to this act, yet the fact that the attorney-general has favored it makes it certain that it will be put through.

It remains for a few well-backed individuals to champion the cause of Bowser. Of course the quarterly "relief fund" would not be forthcoming unless they did this. The public, however, know from experience in licence and police matters that such a clause

is dangerous in the hands of a man like Bowser. Indeed they are dangerous in the hands of any man. So long as vote-getting is the outstanding feature of politics no city should be under the domination of the provincial party in power.

MEDICINE HAT GETS \$800,000 IN LONDON

Well Handled Issue is Over-subscribed, but London Market Still Thin

In announcing the over-subscription of the issue of £162,000 of five per cent Medicine Hat debentures in London, the Canadian Associated Press says: "Investors just now are biting freely and are in the most joyous mood for many months." Although the reception tendered the initial effort of Medicine Hat in London market must be gratifying to the municipality, its financial agents Messrs. Wood, Gundy & Co., and the Union bank, the agents for the loan, the result in financial quarters is not taken to mean that the London market is as easy of access to borrowers as ever. The success of any loan, according to private advices from London, will be problematical for some time to come, and the market can easily receive a further setback if requests for capital become very numerous in the near future. London cables to Canadian banks are to the effect that the Medicine Hat loan was exceptionally well handled. The debentures offered are payable at par at twenty, thirty and forty years, and were issued at 92.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC OF BIG SEA PORT

Nearly Million and Half Transatlantic Passengers Land at One Port

"It is surprising the number of passengers that will land from steamers at a big port during one year," remarked a transportation man in the C. P. R. steamship office this morning. "There were nearly one million and a half passengers landed in New York last year off the transatlantic steamers alone."

A tabulated list of the passengers coming in shows the North German Lloyd to have brought over 218,014 passengers, Hamburg American line 162,937, Cunard line 124,079, Red Star 89,753, French line 91,248, Holland American 69,747. In the grand total there were 152,446 first class passengers and one million steerage.

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TWINS JOINED TOGETHER BY A TISSUE OF FAT

Another pair of "Siamese" twins born in France. The most astonishing case before the medical world today is that of the babies Susanna and Medeleine, who were born with a tissue of flesh connecting one to the other. The young ladies, as shown in the photograph, will be for some time compelled to live in the awkward face-to-face position seen here. Medical men the world over are watching and studying the case with the interest it deserves. A formation of cells about three inches long and seven inches in thickness, joins the two babies just above the navel. Professor Le Filiatre, the noted surgeon and dean of the French Academy of Medicine, will personally perform the operation, which he feels certain will separate the two youngsters, who will then become normal children. They were born about six weeks ago at Champagne, France. The operation will be a bloodless one, the tissue substance being similar to a lump of fat.

POLITICAL HISTORY

On February 3, 1894, the dissolution of parliament was announced and Sir John Macdonald made what was destined to be his last appeal to the country. Immediately following the announcement the first shot of the campaign was fired with the publication of a despatch which outlined the terms of reciprocity negotiations with the United States, contemplating a joint commission for the consideration of the renewal of the reciprocity treaty of 1854, with necessary modifications, and a consideration of fishery matters. The Liberals were willing to go much further in trade concessions than Sir John would, and the campaign was enlivened by the publication of a statement by James G. Blaine, then head of the United States department of state, virtually supporting the Liberal platform, and declaring that the Conservative reciprocity programme would not be considered. Sir John Macdonald's manifesto and Wilfrid Laurier's address to the people of Canada, by way of reply, were other features of a political contest that attracted international attention.

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