

One on Premier Bowser.

British Columbia's new Premier, "Boss" Bowser, is quite a different type of person from sunny Sir "Dick" McBride. The latter's strong point, as everybody knows, was his genial and ingratiating manner. He was a past master in the art of recalling names and faces, was strong on the handshake, and generally gave the impression that every man was his dearest friend. His successor, on the other hand, while a man of great force of character, a hard-working executive and famous as an organizer, is cold, reserved, and quite undemonstrative.

In the early days of his political career, the "Boss" did try to make himself personally popular, a la McBride model, but without very much success. In this connection he tells quite a good story at his own expense. It was when he was endeavoring to school himself into remembering faces. He was walking along a street in Vancouver with a friend, and noticed a man coming towards him. The fellow's appearance looked familiar, and he racked his brain to recall who he was, but for the life of him he could not remember. However, concluding that it was one of his political supporters, he gave him as pleasant a salutation in passing as he was capable of. The man returned the greeting in most surly fashion and walked on. Turning to his companion, Mr. Bowser exclaimed:

"Who was that chap?"

"Don't you remember?" returned the other with a laugh. "Why, that was ———, the man you prosecuted for theft last week."