

The Weekly British Colonist and Chronicle.

Tuesday, March 31, 1868

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Frederick Seymour, Governor-in-Chief of the British Columbia and its Dependencies and Ordinary of the

the Legislative Council in Council assembled. Great pleasure the statement of prospects of the Colony allusion has been graciously

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