THE BUILDINGS MUDDLE.

The premier yesterday succeeded in placing before the public his own version of the parliament buildings affair but he does not appear to have suc ceeded in making the case of the government much better. It was rather odd, to begin with, to see the leader of a government making such a statement in the assembly in refutation of the report of an investigating committee on which the government had a majority. The position was in fact somewhat ridiculo is. Mr. Davie alleged that he did not know what course of proceedings the committee were following, and that they were eliciting wrong and misleading ev. ence all unknown to the members of the gavernment. That seems to us a state ment most uncomplimentary to the government supporters on the committee, to the chief commissioner of lands and works and to the premier himself, for Hewitt Bostock. In all 798 votes were each and everyone of these should have cast, of which number Mr. Templeman made it his duty to see that the evidence brought out was true and not in any way misleading. We may point out that the incident affords a fresh and doors were opened. Benches were placvery strong illustration of a fact apon ed along the aisles, and these were soon which we have repeatedly insisted, namely, that the practice of holding such committee meetings in secret is utterly crowd, and yet every individual was foolish and reprehensible. If this investigation had been a public one the evidence would have been reported from day to day, and every person would have known just what it amounted to. Then cause in Victoria. Each person was adthere would have been full opportunity to have corrected any misleading statements and avoid the omission or suppression of material evidence. The premier | cast their maiden Dominion vote at the would then have been spared the painful necessity of rising in the house to offer his ex parte statement in regard to tha report. We are utterly unable to find and there could be seen the familiar facany good reason for continuing this star | es of men who had been for years supchamber system in connection with assembly committee meetings; in fact no reason for it is ever advanced, the prac-

As to the premier's attempt to rescue for the muddle little need be said. The muddle is there, and who is responsible if not the government, the party with the supreme power over the matter? The contractor and the architect are but subordinates. Mr. Davie yesterday said: "Quantities were prepared, which indicated exactly the minutest amounts of every description of material and labor requisite to complete the building. Each item was priced out in detail and in making alterations bey have simply to omit or add to these individual items, at the prices indicated in the margin. All uncertainty is thus avoided, and an absolute way of settling all disputes in respect to alterations is provided, whilst the exact cost of such alterations is known." But in point of fact all uncertainties were not avoided and the building work got into a fearfu mess. If the system adopted is so admirable as Mr. Davie represents, then there must have been some remarkable blundering in its administration. We fear that the premier did not in this conrection improve the position of the gov

The report is abroad to-day that the government have decided to take the centract from the Adams firm and give the difficulty. It is to be hoped that the action to be taken will clear up the nuddle, allow the men to go to work and protect the province from a part of the serious loss which threatens it. This desirable consummation will not be reached through the proposed change, however, unless the government's part of the business is better looked after.

IGNORING THE CONSUMER.

Under the gentlemanly heading of "A Insolent Liar," our contemporary offers a statement which entirely ignores the important fact that there is a class of people in Canada who are consumers. If the Colonist can furnish a few items outside of tartar emetic, grease, arsenic, saugage skins (uncleaned), rags and articles of this character which are free to the masses we shall be glad to consider them. We do not deny that 25% --474,140 pounds of sugar came in free, but we deny that any refined sugar or any grade that can be used for the consumer, without it first having to go through the refinery, came in free. On all this sugar the combine extracted eight-tenths of a cent per pound from the consumer. The same system applies to the other articles mentioned by

cur neighbor. The Tucker family of Todd county, Ky., is no small potato affair. Old Levi Tucker weighs 268 pounds; his wife, 256 pounds, and his two sylph-like daughters pull the scales at 234 and 236 pounds, respectively.

The Meeking Times Is This Victoria?

Yes, This is Victoria, But Aroused | ahead it was only right that the Liberand Disenthralled it Declares for Laurier.

An Opposition Convention of Over 800 Unanimonsly Select

Wm. Templeman and Dr. Milne the Standard Bearers-Great Enthusiasm.

Dr. Milne and William Templeman will contest the city of Victoria in the Liberal interest at the approaching Dominion election. A monster convention of Liberals held at Institute hall last night selected them as the standard bearers for the Liberal party. There were three candidates in nomination: William Templeman, Dr. Milne and received 691, Dr. Milne 480 and Mr. Bostock 383.

Institute hall was thronged. Every seat was taken very shortly after the occupied. It was not long before standing room was at a premium. Packed up like sardines was the enthusiastic contented and happy; he was all good humor and determination; he had come there for a purpose to conscientiously cast his ballot for the men he thought mitted by ticket. There were old Liberals and young Liberals, men who have been casting Liberal votes for twenty or thirty years, and young men who will forthcoming election. There were capitalists; there were merchants; there were poor men, jostled together in friendship and good nature, and here porters of the protection policy and of the Conservative government. once Liberal opponents, now their allies, warmly grasped them by the hand and

Hewitt Bostock was the first of the candidates to enter the hall, and hearty applause greeted him. Dr. Milne arrived a few minutes after and was enthusiastically received; and W. Templeman entered the hall amid cheering, clapping of hands and stamping of feet. A few minutes more and the convention had been begun. A glance at the audience at this moment revealed the faces of prominent and well known men. There present: Messrs. E. V. Bodwell, Senator McInnes, C. E. Renouf, George Powell, ex-Ald. Dwyer, ex-Mayor John Grant, Captain Cox, R. H. Hall, F. H. Worlock, D. Cartmel, D. M. Carley. Captain McLeod, A. H. Scaife, Robert Porter, W. Munsie, T. J. Burnes, Ald. Humphreys, R. B. Oxley, Capt. Warren, S. Schoen, Major Nicholles, ex-Alderman Ledingham, O. Few, G. Rookledge, Monroe Miller, Ald. Cameron, J. T. Bethune, ex-Ald. Munn, L. Spragge, W. C. Patching, J. A. Griffiths, J. B. Carmichael, J. A. Winnett, T. J. Burnes, jr., William Burnes, W. Tulloch, W. Hetherbell, Dr. Watt, Oscar Bass, A. St. Clair Blackett, G. T. Tubman, J. Hawkins, George Moss, J. Kingham, Michael McCahill, Dr. Lang, C. A. Lombard, Michael McTiernan, H. Cuthbert, J. T. Howell, J. Sluggett, A. G. Mc-Candless, - Higginbottom, J. Smith, Rev. Dr. Campbell, Dr. Hall, William them in choosing the strongest men; the Wilson, Dr. McKechnie, Hedley Chapman, Dr. Meredith Jones, Fred Weldon, Steve Jones, H. McCutcheon, Kamloops, A. B. Clayburn, Vancouver; Gus Leiser, and many others. Ald. McMillan mounted the platform

and invited to seats there the three candidates, their proposers and seconders. i to another as a way of escaping from The gentlemen named took the platform Ottawa in only one capacity, as the reamid round after round of hearty cheers. The chairman stepped to the front and said he was pleased and he was proud. He was pleased because he saw such a large and representative meeting, and he was proud to be the chairman of that meeting. The poet Campbell had said that coming events cast their shadows before. If this meeting were the shadthe result was victory. (Applause.) It meeting of having five minutes extra;

Mr. Marchant proposed W. Temple-Templeman—(cheers)—a man

als of Victoria should honor themselves by honoring him. Mr. Templeman had never faltered or failed. True to his party, true to himself and true to his principles, he was a man most eminently fitted to lead the Liberal forces in Victoria. (Cheers.) The Times newspaper, of which he was the manager, had done priceless service to the cause in the province. He could see victory ahead; he could see a government steeped in infamy, a government that had broken every pledge, degraded labor and enslaved industry, swept from power and in its place planted the standard of Liberalism, and Mr. Laurier at the head of affairs, and then the sun would shine upon a regenerated country. (Loud ap-

J. C. Blackett seconded the nomina-He re-echoed the sentiments of Mr. Marchant. He asked the Liberals of Victoria to stand shoulder to shoulder and support their two standard bearers to victory. He could answer that Mr. Templeman, whether he received the nomination or not, would work with all enthusiasm for the Liberal party. They should cast their ballots without fear or favor. He saw victory ahead not only in Victoria but throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion. (Ap-

Chairman McMillan called upon Capt.

Captain Irving had great pleasure in nominating Dr. Milne, an old resident of the province, a man who had all his interests centred in British Columbia, and who would do his best for the country. He, the speaker, was not a slave to any party. He did not claim to be either Conservative or Liberal, but he was a British Columbian, and would advocate the interests of the province. (Cheers.) It was time for a change, and he proposed to help in making a change, regardless of pressure or coercion from any quarter. (Great cheering.) asked them to vote for Dr. Milne.

B. H. West seconded the nomination fore the convention for nomination were good men; he was sorry they could only nominate two; he would have liked to have had all three. (Laughter.) But they had to choose; it was for them to meeting was to elect candidates. choose the better men, and when they had made their choice, solid and united they should stand, record their ballots tives; the Liberals should welcome them their feelings. The speaker briefly conland was better off than France or Germany; and he asserted that the govern- British Columbia. tection had been relegated to monopolies and the people were slaves. Things had been tending that way in Canada torate was about to assert its rights, sweep from power the Conservatives and place in their stead the Liberal party. (Lond applance)

Hon, A. N. Richards was called by the that though a man was a comparative on why he should not be put in nomination. Mr. Marchant had been a stranger, and he was nominated at the last election. The responsibility lay with men that can poll the most votes were the men that were wanted. Mr. Bos- ir ation: the committee had asked him to tock, whether he was nominated or not, allow his name to be placed in nominawould be an active and energetic supporter of the nominees of the party. W. A. Robertson seconded the nomination. Mr. Bostock had never looked for the nomination, and he would go to teria until 1893. He had large interests presentative of Victoria. He was not doing what he could to advance the incasting insinuations; he was only speak-

ing of the character of Mr. Bostock. Whoever should be nominated the party should stand by as one man. The candidates were then called upon for addresses Mr. Templeman was cheered on com-

ing forward to speak. He said it was a ow, then the event was the election and great surprise to him. He did not expeet to be a candidate for nomination. was the duty of the chair, as a force up- but he appreciated the honor they had on which the society depended, to pre- conferred on him in placing his name serve law and order, not the law of the in nomination. They had come together policeman's baton, but the unwritten law to select candidates for the house or of society-a law essential to the good commons. He had had assurance of conduct of all things. He would en- support-he spoke for the Liberal party deavor to execute his duties to the best and not personally-from the business of his ability, and asked their co-opera- men of Victoria, and from almost the (Applause.) The proposer and entire mass of workmen. If the meeting seconder of a candidate would be allow- was an expression of public opinion ed each a five minutes speech and the then Col. Prior and Mr. Earle, if they candidates ten minutes, and Mr. Mar- were to be the Conservative nominees, chant would be done the honor by the could rest assured of being in a similar position to Mr. Marchant and himself he had been an old standard bearer of at the last election, when they forfested Liberalism, and was entitled to that \$200 each to the Dominion treasury. (Laughter and cheers.) Mr. Marchant had been too laudatory in his praises. He was glad to address such a What he had done for Liberalism, he large and intelligent body of citizens, had done from conviction. For years supporters of the Hon. Wilfrid Laurier le had published a paper in the Liberal audience to deposit ballots given them at and opponents of bad government and interest, and he could assure them that the door on entrance in the ballot box corruption. (Cheers.) His name had he had never enjoyed any government and leave the hall temporarily. When been mentioned as a candidate. He psp. (Cheers.) He asked them to vote all ballots had been taken they could appreciated that honor, but he saw that for him if they considered him one of then return and witness the counting, it was in the interests of the Liberal the strongest, and to vote against him. and after the result was known speech party that he should withdraw, and i. they did not think so; and he would withdraw he had, and would be a hearty humbly bow to their decision. (Cheers.) were appointed as follows: For Mr. supporter of the two candidates elected He stood by the principles of the Otti- Templeman, George Powell and George by the convention. (Cheers.) He re-garded it an honor to nominate Mr. the newspapers and they all knew the and J. H. Fafconer; for Mr. Bostock, who planks of that platform. The corner F B. Gregory and Archer Martin. The through thick and thin had gallantly stone was the tariff, the elimination audience then filed out of the hall and stood by the Liberal party. He had from the tariff of protective principarch each man deposited his ballot in the box been foremost in all its battles in times ple. To that platform, so far as British presided over by the scrutineers. of adversity, and now that victory was Columbia was concerned, he was in fa- took half an hour to deposit ballots and

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ver of adding another plank, no matter the last man out the poll was declared what party was in power-British Columbia was entitled to cabinet representhe interests of the province be properly which lasted an hour and a half; it was and attentively considered at Ottawa. In conclusion he asked them to vote for the strongest men, to forget any little friction that might have taken place, and to loyally support the nominees of the party. (Loud applause.)

Dr. Milne was well received. He said: In Eastern Canada Mr. Laurier had adhe stood up before thousands and marked the enthusiasm with which he was re ceived, he had said: "Is this Montreal? Is this the great Conservative protectionist city of Canada" And at Toronto he said: "Is this the great protectionist city of Toronto?" And looking round him to-night the speaker asked in the "Is this Vicwords of Mr. Laurier: toria Is this British Columbia, the great Conservative stronghold? (Cheers.) The speaker contrasted the large and enthusiastic meeting with the slim gathering that welcomed John Charlton, M. on his visit to the Pacific province many years ago. The speaker had been identified with the Liberal interest since of Dr. Milne. The three gentlemen be that date, and since 1886 had been the president of the Liberal Association. He it now. (Cheers.) The object of the gave his hearty support to the Liberal be in the interest of the Dominion, and on election day and elect their men. (Ap- especially in the interest of the province plause.) A few years ago Liberals of British Columbia. Protection it vas them for the nomination and hoped that were politically ostracized in British Columbia, and look at the change to-day. Protection it was that was dwarfing its in a complimentary manner to the good The hundreds of people before him were growth. British Columbia had more poll that Mr. Bostock had made. a living testimony to that change. (Ap- area than Quebec, was four times the had a white population of but 65,000 | Liberal cause. under free trade, and showed that Eng- the east, and he asked why should not a the Liberal party would be triumphantthe province would be benefitted and it at the meeting. would do good to the Dominion as a for sixteen years, but an intelligent elec- of support and respect by the Liberal he took occasion to compliment Mr. Bosparty. greatest peace and prosperity for the terests of Liberalism in British Columcountry. The speaker asked them for bit. chair to move the nomination of Mr. their support, but, if Mr. Templeman Bostock. Mr. Richards pointed out and Mr. Bostock were nominated, there | Scaffe and unimously carried, and the stranger in the province, it was no reas- between them and him after nomination as there now existed. Hewitt Bostock, who was warmly ap-

> meeting for his hearty reception., He was glad to see that the Liberal party was so strong. He had not solicited nontion and he had done so. It was true he was not long a resident in British Columbia. He had first come here in 1888 but had not come to reside in Vicin the city and in the province and was terests of the place. More people were wanted in British Columbia; more people to settle the millions of acres of available land, and, to get the people here reilroad communication was needed; the more railroads the better. Free trace would benefit British Columbia and the Dominion. The trade with Australia could be increased, and that with China and Japan he predicted would receive or impetus at the close of the war. Ow ing to there being three candidates and only two to be nominated, a little feeling had been created, but he believed that was past. He would speak for himself and say that he would stand by the nominees of the party. (Cheers.) He believed in the Ottawa platform because he thought it was for the best interests of the country, and he would do all his his power to further the interests of the

plauded on rising to speak, thanked the

Liberal party. Mr. Bostock was loudly applauded a the conclusion of the address. The addresses concluded the chairman announced that it was in order to ballot on candidates. There was such a crowd in the hall that the mode of taking the ballot would have to be changed. They could not collect ballots. He asked the es would then be in order. Scrutineer:

closed, the ballot box was brought to the stage, the crowd swarmed in again, and Then, and not till then, would then began the counting of the ballots, midnight when the result was declared. But the lateness of the hour counted for nothing. The crowd sat there and waited and amused themselves by keep-When the last ballot had been tallied, the result had been made up and handed to the chairman. The whisperings ceased and all waited for dressed large meetings in the centres of the result. Chairman McMillan stepped pretection districts. At Montreal when to the front of the platform and said: "There have been 798 ballots cast. Mr. Templeman heads the poll with tel; Dr. Milne 480 and Mr. Bostock 383. The result was received amid general cheering, and when Mr. Bostock came to the front and asked that the vote be declared unanimous for Mr. Templeman and Dr. Milne, the enthusiasm of the meeting knew no bounds. Shouts and cheers were kept up for a long time. He briefly thanked those who had voted for him and again pledged himself a firm supporter of the party.

There were cries of "Templeman," and Mr. Templeman took the platform. He and contrasted the number of votes poll ed for his nomination as Liberal candidate with the total vote polled by Mr. Lad been allied with the Liberal cause Marchant and himself at the last generin the days of trial, as he was allied 10 al election. He had been nominated by They had polled last elec-691 votes. He tion only 540 votes. He affirmed that it was a good beginning and hoped that platform. He thought freer trade would | Liberals in the city would organize and carry into effect their wishes.

Dr. Milne in a short speech thanked

Mr. E. V. Bodwell said he was never plause.) He was happy to see the stam- size of Manitoba, four times the size of so glad as to-night since he was a small pede from the ranks of the Conserva- Great Britain and Ireland together, and boy and first threw up his hat for the (Cheers.) with open arms and do nothing to hurt | What was wanted were railways to open | this meeting was the death knell of the up the country and to settle the vast in | Conservative party and predicted that trasted the positions of countries working terior of the province. The government when the results of the election, come ing under protection and those working had given \$3200 a mile to railroads in when it may, shall have been known, little of the \$3200 a mile be given to ly returned from all parts of the Do-British Columbia. The 256,000,000 minion. In conclusion he moved a vote ment of the United States under pro- acres of land would then be opened up, of thanks to Ald. McMillan for presiding

A. H. Scaife seconded the vote of whole. Mr. Laurier was a man worthy thanks in a very happy speech, in which He took his principles from such | tock on the splendid run he had made men as Bright, Cobden and Gladstone. and upon the whole-hearted manner in (cheers) and he wished to secure the which he had devoted himself to the in-

The vote of thanks was put by Mr. would still exist the same good feeling great convention of Victoria Liberals was at an end. It was half an hour past midnight and they had been in ser sion four hours and a half.

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The delay in the arriv er Mariposa, which arr morning, was caused b vy weather thoughout t The situation at the isla by all the passengers than at the last advice yer, of Boston, who n verano, daughter of minister, said everybod awaiting the final repo martial. Among the well defined sentiment ishment should be meter leaders. F. G. Reed, Los Angeles town coun citement has resolved ation talk everywhere. ly there was desire to p measures there is now than to deal gently, with instigators of the is his opinion that der eur, and he said in thi up to the very last mor the intention of the go port Widemann, Gregg others. Their familie of the contemplated mo the wharf to bid goodby army, however, had ent erous protest, and depo andoned. There is, he of any further uprising the policy of the govern time to impress upon futility of any such mo ject will be borne in m sequent proceedings tha may take.
Dr. McDaniel, of Sciences

has acted as surgeon f ing the recent uprising. general impi event of any verdict not commensurate with of the crimes, the cor safety would see that would not get off with transportation. It is said, to state directly ment would be meted ers. The feeling ran

them. President Dole spent board the steamer pri ture, doubtless in cone tended deportation of six other whites. It board the Mariposa tha had four prisoners un deportation on minor of presentative of the U unable to verify the discovered a young ma said to have been an United States steamer serted in Honolulu. had been sent on boa remark made against government. Smith terviewed.

The transportation toun and Johnstone wa ed withojut some di The German consul by Muller answered t right and that he was with that. United Sta lis, on the contrary, view of Cranstoun's upon entered a prote portation without trial. ed his sorrow that should persist in such illegal course and a they should hear abou ney-general assured h ernment had thorough subject and were qui

their action. At the conclusion of was read on behalf which she related knowledge either dire of the intended revolt, information concerning whom procured. was her intention to o whenever her restorat fected and that she free will and was actu aim of doing good to queen expressed her re ed danger to women a hands of the Hawaiiai had no foundation w nies the right of the c her and claims that b lates the constitution force in the country. the court to remember ment of Hawaii is or world and that it will outcome. She conclude the prosperity and ha are in their hands and commencing a new er history she hopes they dom to lead it in the ance and to consolida anxious to advance in ization outlined by An In court on the 8th Mrs. Dominis the cour passages in her state before it could be ad Neumann spoke one that the evidence failed accused had any know rising. The judge at