

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

There was an interesting discussion in the Dominion House of Commons a week or so ago upon the relations of the United States, Great Britain and Canada. Mr. Bourassa commenced it by asking for the production of papers bearing upon certain matters in dispute, which demand was resisted by the Premier on the ground that such production would prejudice matters which were in a fair way of being settled.

It seems the government of this country has never ceased to press for a settlement of the Alaska boundary question. When it became evident that the parties to the dispute were so far apart in their positions that nothing could be accomplished by the Joint High Commission, the question was transferred to diplomatic channels, and for a comparatively long time the ponderous machinery at Westminster and London has been rolling along, without making much apparent progress.

A QUESTION OF SEATS.

Our esteemed friend, the new Minister of Mines, did not improve his position by the explanation he gave of his action in reserving seats in the ladies' gallery for members of his family. It is hardly necessary for the Times to explain in this connection that we are not fighting against the charming and attractive members of the gallant Colonel's household.

It is not true then, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who the Times so strongly supports, reserves seats in any gallery at Ottawa for the families of Ministers. It may be the custom there, handed down from former Tory administrations, to reserve certain seats for certain people, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier has nothing to do with it.

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Mr. McPhillips—I just wish to say that one-quarter of the population of Victoria is Chinese.

We believe the facts to be (and the Colonel might as well be candid and confess) that the Minister of Mines knew perfectly well that all persons are free and equal in the galleries here; that we have all equal rights to gaze upon the Colonel's heroic figure; that Mr. Pooley (who has gained the confidence of both sides by the fairness and impartiality of his rulings), declined to put a reserve upon any part of the gallery. But as the Colonel evidently thinks that he is soon to succeed Mr. Dunsmuir as the "whole thing," he took the responsibility upon himself of setting apart a special place for his own.

POSITION OF THE MARTINITES.

Mr. Joseph Martin's utterance yesterday, we are told, "made a profound impression on the House." It did. It set the people wondering as to the next contention of that great political acrobat. He poses as the Liberal leader in British Columbia and arraigns the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for being in alliance with the C. P. R. to prevent the passage of such legislation as will relieve this province of the Oriental labor evil. He is in full accord with the principle of a resolution, and yet he will vote against it to keep a government in power which he cannot lift up his voice in defence of and whose Premier is the largest employer of Chinese labor in the province. No doubt he will attempt to exculpate himself on the plea that while the government is not all that it might be, the opposition would be still more incompetent if it were in power.

While dealing with this question of the position of the Martin wing of the government following, we propose to say our respects to the liberal, broad-minded, eloquent lieutenant of the quill, etc. His leader must know that if he hopes to increase the number of his followers to such an extent as to command a majority in the House, it behooves him to gain the confidence of the whole province and that it would be exceedingly unwise to unnecessarily antagonize any portion of it.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL.

The Colonist thinks it may be able to direct attention from railway questions in British Columbia by pointing out that through the efforts of Mr. Tarte the Intercolonial does not pay the people of Canada dividends. The Conservatives managed it for more than eighteen years and during all that time the annual deficits of the government road were greater than they have been during the past six. Then it was an out-of-date line kept out of the business centres because the masters of the government, the railway corporations, insisted that it should not be brought into competition with their private undertakings.

The Times explained that it would refrain from publishing the comments of the newspapers of other British Columbia cities upon the Victoria election, because the writers of such articles cannot be in a position to understand the peculiar circumstances under which the contest took place.

It will be remembered that the C. P. R. during the general elections of 1900 threatened Mr. Blair with political extinction by putting Mr. Geo. E. Foster up against him in St. John and that it was the C. P. R. candidate that was buried.

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A FORCIBLE POLICY.

A precedent has been discovered for the course of the government of British Columbia in refusing to give the province full representation in the Legislature until told to do so or resign.

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Mr. Gilmour—By the look of the streets you would think half of it was.

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REDISTRIBUTION OF THE PROVINCE A KNOTTY QUESTION FOR THE GOVERNMENT

Divergent Views Must Be Considered—Number of Members to Be Increased.

Hon. Mr. Eberle has given notice of the introduction of a redistribution measure on Monday. It is not probable that the bill will be ready by that date, since there are almost as many different opinions as there are members in the House regarding this important question. All these views have to be weighed and considered, and so far as supporters of the government and Mr. Martin are concerned cannot be disregarded.

THE STORM IN ENGLAND.

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In the northern part of Peru, in what is otherwise an arid district, the celebrated "rain tree" grows. This species, Betula veyra, though not large or of much commercial value, has a veritable South American wonder, having the extraordinary property of condensing what little moisture there is in the atmosphere so as to cause a continual mist to exude (seemingly) from its leaves and branches.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

HURRIED ADJOURN TO DEFEAT

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Press Gallery To-morrow the governor be heard. That much the fact that the Attorney General moved the adjournment of the Council.

Speech from the Throne Through comprise the complete answer to the argu position for it is not any of the other occu any benches will undr It is quite possible th will be heard from at has spoken, at these y Green and Neill who he in the debate. Both men are quite able to gals for their party, Attorney General has possi to believe that will miss the opportu fag end of the debate proved.

The Speaker's B The Speaker having Bride's motion to adju as not being brought time, here delivered t for the guidance of address: The practice of death to the King's Speech h recent years, and he in the debate was inid I therefore suggest t body that the followi be adopted upon consid of the Speech: The Speech should be whole.

Any member who in an amendment may s question, and to any fu that may be proposed. Only one amendment of the order has been introduced. An amendment of the order has been introduced. An amendment of the order has been introduced.

Mr. Hawthorthwait plauded as he resumed address. He deplored any reference to labor in the recent bye-election government had been en vince the working men for the working men to see no evidence of it.

Regarding the que raised by the Minister it looked as though the wished to establish a "city as being in force hoped not only talk wood All members of the privilege sought by given, other members videred themselves or undertaken to say w where they should sit.

The question of loyal be pressed too far. It as an argument why a tion should not be pa Canadians first at weeks. Had the Britis ed the feelings of the Union Jack would be floating from the north cor, and the States ar have been unknown.

He saw little improv cultural conditions on a was a promise of red rated, but little evido sarded it as not fort timate that the Premie could not more witho without treating on th While the rates had b on the C. P. R., th N. had been diverse They could look for u until the government sround. They should a and place it in positio He hoped after a r that there would be a country. The governm of carriage on busines proposals would be o that there would be th he the Conservatives, I party, and that the I on on.

He endorsed the rail the Pub. Bill of last v ant through and honed had seen that all th he could not be big on Position after an ted that the governm stood for.