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y of civil government might be ay of civil government might be on in a less expensive than it is today. And taking lation today at 240,000 people d get \$1.00 per head more than idles which the other provinces tting. Then as we grew larger ter that amount would be de-until finally when the province ave attained a population of— and a half million of people— and a half million of people— to come to an extra allowance oppulation of two and a half milTuesday, October 30, 1906.

ecial Claims Admitted

when the conference accepted asibility of saying we were enspecial recognition, it ought to owed that to its logical concluinstance, the premises that led up to that conclusion were at our physical conditions jusat our physical conditions jus-t treatment; our mountains and ms, and our vast extent of ter-bries of Hear, hear and loud ap-And the fact that we are away in the West, with the Pacific bat side, and Uncle Sam to the d south of us, and the grad a south of us, and the great s of Saskatchewan and Al-the east of us; a tremendous to govern—and the richest pro-Canada. With mountains. to govern—and the richest pro-Canada. With mountains, cords of late so far as miheral are concerned, are showing es as being possibly the richest orld; but yet at the 'same time ce presenting physical obstacles ay of road construction and de-t generally, thus necessibility. generally, thus necessitating diture of a great deal of deed to carry on the govern' he country. Now, there was n was ne blic way in which you could conference that these physical were of so much moment pointing out the cost of road particularly in the mountain British Columbia as compared ar work in the other provinces could see at a glance that lo comparison.

s no comparison. al Action of Conference then, ladies and gentlemen, you what a feeling of discourage-sessed me when the final action ference was to offer me \$100,-ten years only. I said: 'If you the age of those mountains to (Laughter and applause) there some reason for such an offer, a condition being entirely out estion in the West I am afraid meet you. My scheme for set-was not accepted. There was ut this \$100,000 payment for , and I was given clearly to d that I need expect nothing

rstand that press reports have ubsequently Mr. Fielding ap-me and said that he would take nsibility of offering the sum of operpetuity to the province of olumbia, and \$40,000 for ten come. Well, I simply looked ielding and said I was very build not accept, but such a absurd; it was out of the You know very well, gentle-\$30,000 per annum would not ecc of trunk road in any of our sections. (Hear, hear.) And ,000, the thing was ridiculous reme.

remé. roughout the proceedings what do, ladies and gentlemen, Grit was to impress upon the peo-stern Canada that I had not Eastern Canada to beg (Loud nued applause) for British to ask them for British to ask them for the rights of lumbia. (Cries of hear, hear.) end, Mr. Peters—he was very hat he should go back with 90, and no matter how his pop-creased that \$70,000 would be

Course Approved Of ladies and gentlemen, fol-the offer which Mr. Field-me, and which was made tost kindly way — and I t have given it publicity here taken the matter up-I may I was approached by several nbers of the conference, and I if I would not consent to business of the meeting uniconsent to implement Imper-tion which would give them as; and asked if I would send saying that if British Colum¹ at \$100,000 she would be very or it anyway. Well, I could at either, and as you will when finally it was

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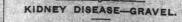
xerted Every Effort it want you to forget that the f British Columbia's position up immediately after we as-a Monday, and the question Columbia's position was pret-a sole topic of discussion from p to the time of my withdraw-o not forget that at all times ything possible to make the s harmonions, and to see that s was done in such a fashion commend itself to the people minion. (Applause). We were epresenting different govern-were men and not Doys, and nere to do serious business, a not until there was no other n but for me to withdraw, a not until there was no other n but for me to withdraw, heard the sentence pronounc-me, that I finally decided the able course for me to pursue se to remain a member of the and to explain my reason the step that I did. If I have ing wrong in taking that ac-ready and willing to go before of British Columbia, and esponsibility for it. (Cries or onsibility for it. (Cries or

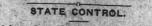
rould a Liberal prime minis-ne if he had gone to Ottawa same conditions? I really dies and gentlemen, there is nswer, and that answer is He would have gotten down and taken the \$100,000, and (Loud and continued ap-vell, ladies and gentlemen, I o you that I had no commis-he people of British Columbia hat way—and when I speak ople of British Columbia' I I the people—regardless of sess.

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y Kindly Greetings y rest assured that nothing me so much since coming ritish Columbia as the many tings I have received from prominent Liberals, all the he Rockies to Vancouver. If one, I have met perhaps a d they have not hesitated to Chairman, that they fully endorsed the position I had at Ottawa, and they would

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