

# The New Government

## Mr. Joseph Martin Called in by His Honor to Succeed Hon. Mr. Semlin.

### Some Names in the New Cabinet That Will No Doubt Cause Some Surprise.

Mr. Joseph Martin himself, admitted to-day that he had received and had accepted the Governor's mandate to form a new ministry to succeed that of the Hon. Mr. Semlin. Mr. Martin, with characteristic vigor, lost not a minute in proceeding to select his cabinet. Two gentlemen have already been chosen. They are Mr. W. V. B. McInnes, M.P., eldest son of the late Governor, and representative of Nanaimo City in the Dominion House. He has already arrived from Ottawa. It is deemed probable that he will take the portfolio of attorney-general. Mr. Smith Curtis, of Rossland, a former law-partner of Mr. Martin, will probably be entrusted with the portfolio of minister of mines. Mr. Curtis is now in Victoria. The name of Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, is freely coupled with the portfolio of the minister of finance. A statement could not be had from the gentleman in time for publication to-day, though he is in the city. It is said that the remaining units of the cabinet will not be in any case members of the existing legislature.

### LEGISLATURE TO-DAY.

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Works, in addition to his duties as Minister of Finance and Agriculture, I certainly understood that it was to be a mere temporary arrangement. But you have prolonged this condition of affairs indefinitely—nearly twelve months have elapsed without your having at any time during that period indicated to me you having made any effort to fill the vacant position. Now it may be that the Honorable Mr. Cotton is quite competent to properly discharge the duties of both positions, apart from the constitutional objection, although they entail the administration of the government, but the condition of affairs referred to in my letter to you of the 19th October last, and referred to hereafter, lead me to think otherwise.

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letter to me of the 11th December last, asking me to reconsider my refusal to sign this warrant, you stated that the money necessary for the expenditure of an amount like this could not possibly have been foreseen." I pointed out to you that it had been foreseen for at least a year before, as follows:

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### Business Its.

It is recommended by Mr. Macpherson that the business be undertaken under the circumstances while the Speaker pointed out that even if legislation were passed there was no official to bring it to the attention of the Governor.

Col. Blaine said he had received a letter from the Secretary of the House of Representatives, asking for his resignation. Mr. McInnes said that he had been called on, but he had declined to resign. He had been called on, but he had declined to resign. He had been called on, but he had declined to resign.

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