It had been apparent for a considerable time that the Semlin administration had about run its course, but the end came more quickly than was generally expected. It was taken for granted that Mr. Joseph Martin would support the redistribution bill, as he was known to be in favor of such a measure, but his opposition precipitated the collapse which at the most could only have been postponed a few days. The original Semlin cabinet coutained elements which could never have been reconciled and made to work in harmony even with a strong hand to guide and direct it. The old story of the house divided has been repeated. There was strife as to who should step into the shoes | The late Hon, Amor de Cosmos and of the Premier, who was looked upon his associates spent \$20,000 making surby several of his lieutenants as merely the veys and plans of this route. Mr. H. P. nominal head of the administration. The Bell, C.E., was their chief engineer and public have heard only one side of the has had access to the data and plans of story in regard to these intrigues, but the old company. He was over the that there are two sides is clear from ground again last year, and he has over the results which followed the outbreak. his own signature stated the practica-Advantage was taken of the hypocritical bility and cost of the undertaking. outcries of the opposition press in regard | It is of no use going to parliament, to the private life of Mr. Martin to turn either Provincial or Federal, for either him out of the government, and from charter, grant or subsidy, until the citithat time the disintegrating forces have zens themselves have demonstrated their been at work. The Times condemned faith in their own city and have backed the ex-attorney-general for his attacks up their opinion by liberally subscribing on the Premier, which were certainly to the stock of the company. Having to be deplored. We pointed out that Mr. done this we may reasonably expect to Semlin had served the province well as secure a certain measure of success a private member of the legislature with either or both governments, but and as leader of the opposition for not before, many years, and as a matter of simple justice when the tide of public opinion had turned and his party found itself at the head of a majority in the Legislature he should have been allowed to proposes without any charges to the city. lic accounts we find that Henry Holretain the premier's position until he desired to give it up of his own free will. the trail, or is the Colonist in a position the Executive Council of the new pro-These internal dissensions were undoubtedly the primary cause of the government's downfall. The retirement of Mr. Martin, notwithstanding the acts which we have mentioned as demanding our the strongest force in the government, and its collapse in course of time was inevitable. Mr. Higgins's withdrawal of his support upon grounds somewhat whimsical, it appears to us, hastened the forces of dissolution, while Mr. Prentice, whose opposition to the Coal Mines Regulation Bill warned the government of the inevitable end, administered the den 'i-blow by opposing the redistribution

notably the eight-hour law and the by the aroused member for South Vic- the President of the Council incurred is worthy of commendation, but the bill vective over which they were innocently province, his actual outlay at least was ernment with two years of life before afterwards. was rushed through too hurriedly, and treading in the course of debate or they always returned to him. the effect of its passage could not but would have been careful not to do any. The law which covers the case, i be temporarily prejudicial. In matters thing to set free the lava streams of statutes, 1897, reads as follows: "No the Premier was carried 20 to 17. of such possibly far-reaching consequen- abuse which have been poured upon one person accepting or holding in British ces it is well to be very cautious. We lafter another. We had occasion yes Columbia any office, commission or embelieve the better way is to allow em- terday to refer to the lofty plane to ployment, permanent or temporary, to ployer and employee to adjust such mat- which Mr. Eberts was lifting the dis- which an annual salary or any fee, alters between themselves. But the law cussions in the House and gave a sample lowance or emolument or profit of any day is all any man can stand and retain was that of the "bookie"; yesterday it We contend that the only word in the good health, and it is not likely that any was that of the bully. Mr. Eberts call- above quotation which might apply to succeeding government will remove it ed a member of the House a liar, and the case under discussion is the word alsibility of the defeated administration expression towards him. Now that may derstand how such an interpretation can gentleman with due respect and I look draw them. forming any kind of a combination be the conduct of a gentleman as Mr. be read into the statute. Members are which will admit of their carrying on Eberts understands it, but it is not the allowed their travelling expenses to atthe government, and the same may be behavior of a man. We have always tend to their legislative duties, and why he was doing anything wrong. said of the other side. The only solu- understood that a gentleman takes de should the President of the Council be tion seems to lie in an election, and if feat gracefully; he smilingly accepts the denied the same when he has to leave the pigeon-holes were being ransacked to hear the Premier saying that if I was arose. I fancy that this argument I have the Premier asks permission to go to inevitable and waits an opportunity to home to attend to his executive business, now and every effort was being made to the country we do not see how his re- turn the tables. It is quite possible to which is surely not less important than get the matter completed. quest can be refused. Of course Mr. | deal vigorously with an opponent with- the legislative. We think those who Semlin may advise the Lieut.-Governor out descending to the gutters for epi- raised this question are putting a strainto call on some member to form an ad- thets to hurl at him. Mr. Turner should ed interpretation on the statute, which ministration or His Honor may act in take his lieutenant aside and sternly ad- if carried out as they read it would this matter on the government. the matter on his own volition, but how monish him as to the impropriety of his lead to no end of complications. We all a stable government can be formed out conduct, or perhaps Mr. Eberts could know that committees of the House of the present elements without an ap- not do better than imitate the demeanor which have gone on tins to inspect jails, ing returns: peal to the people is incomprehensible, of his leader, who has been a model of hospitals, asylums, etc., have in all cases (1) A statement regarding special government side of the House is one of relief that matters have reached a crisis, ity, during the whole session. for the conditions lately have been in Yesterday's trouble aroseduring the dis- ineligible to sit in the House? We do diture of the province for 1899. tolerable, and the formation of an ad- cussion of Mr. McBride's voting machine not think it is reasonable to take such ministration capable of dealing with the bill, when Mr. Eberts took occasion to a position and do not see how it can connection with loans in London in 1899. hffairs of the province with a strong make some reference to the Ontario be sustained. If the law literally means hand will be a welcome relief. Mr. "machine." Mr. Neill naively remarked what has been contended, how many Semlin may be sure that whatever that there were "machines" outside of members have rendered themselves inhappens he retires from his present posi- Ontario, as was proved during the late eligible by their recent visit to the den in the chair. The committee rose tion retaining the respect and esteem elections in Alberni, in which Mr. Eb- asylum at Westminster, and if the leg- and reported the bill complete with am-

long remain a member of the House. VICTORIA TO CHILLIWACK.

their sincere desire will be that he may

On Wednesday next the vote on the ished for personation. Mr. Turner's aries and expenses, but it has never been Victoria-Chilliwack Railway By-law will choleric lieutenant took this as a reflec- claimed that they violated the Dominbe taken. If the by-law be passed there tion on his honor as a gentleman, claim- ion Independence of Parliament Act, using it back there to fix the breeze we have had, we are asked to We have endeavored to deal with British will still be some difficulties to overcome, ed he was not personally interested in and if the provincial law is what it is elections and he wanted to know if this vote on something about which we know Columbia without any reference to the but if our citizens will act as one man the result of the election, and intimated contended to be by some parties, then it was something similar. Hs would like nothing. How are we to tell whether geographical situation. and show a determination to secure rail- that the member for Alberni was a should be amended in the direction of way connection it can be done. It is liar. This is what our discriminating more liberality. very easy to pick flaws here and there, morning contemporary calls giving a les- . If a chance be not made, and the inter- Voting Machine' and vote any person like to know something more about this term can be applied to this bill it should as the Colonist has been doing while son to Mr. Neill-a gentlemanly admoni- pretation which has been set up in ceravoiding the principle underlying the by- tion, as it were—such as one newsboy be- tain quarters be sustained, it simply was to go with the voter when he went. Mr. Jos. Martin objected strongly to to preceding bills. What is a gerrylaw. It is easier to destroy than to stows on another. We have had the means that only residents of Victoria to work the "mash-een"? (Laughter.) the granting of anything like a monopoly mander? As I understand it, it is when build. Let the voters consider this best of evidence that the member for will be eligible for the position. It is scheme in a broad spirit. Would this South Victoria was directly interested surely going far enough to ask members railway connection benefit Victoria? Is in the Alberni election; his present men- to place their time, which in one qual-

the same proportion as the calls are lev- ease in the Attorney-General's chair and also pay their travelling expenses. ied on the other shareholders, that the has been roused to a state of mental and company must have \$300,000 available physical activity that is unnatural. before the city can be called upon for The fact is our friend from South and bruises. The best lintment for sprains navment of one dollar, that the city is Victoria has been playing to the galler- and colic. Avoid substitutes, there's but

DEFEAT OF THE GOVERNMENT. the company, and that the city's repre- day, and the spectators have fallen into sentatives on the board will have conthe habit of applauding or hissing, when

> Any proposition which does not relieve the city of the amount now paid on the bonds of the Sidney railway under the guarantee, \$9,000, should not be seriously considered by the ratepayers.

Evidently Mr. T. W. Paterson is a "bete noire" with the Colonist. Mr. Paterson happens to own the Sidney road. and although as a practical railroad man he says that this proposition is a good one for the city, he is not behind the scheme. The people of Victoria-or at least a goodly number of them-are behind it.

speak authoritatively to say so.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

7.111 hitting hard when he had an opportun- be told that in accepting such payment

of all the people of the province, and erts assisted the opposition candidate, in islators who went there by so doing unwhose election the member for South seated themselves, has the government Victoria was interested. There were really been defeated? Members of the some rather questionable methods em- Dominion House of Commons have reployed in behalf of Mr. Neill's opponent peatedly served on commissions of vain that contest, and some one was pun- rious kinds and have accepted both sal-

the proceedings meet with their approval or disapproval, as the spirit moves them. We do not think that sort of thing should be tolerated in a Legislative Assembly, and if the auditors refuse to recognize the authority of the Speaker to stop such outbursts, then a constable should be stationed in the galleries to remove the disorderly ones.

DR. M'KEOHNIE'S POSITION. -0-

good deal of discussion over the position the President of the Council has been placed in by accepting the payment of his actual travelling expenses in coming to Victoria to attend meetings of the cabinet, Mr. Turner expressed the opinion that Dr. McKechnie had forfeited m. Prayers by Rev. Dr. Campbell, his seat, and was liable to a heavy penalty for every day he had sat in the House since he had been reimbursed for ed: his outlay. The law which governs this matter is exactly the same statute as has been in force since 1871, and since Confederation the following gentlemen have occupied the position of the President of the Council: Henry Holbrook, Amer De Cosmos, E. Brown, G. A. Walkem, R. Beaven, M. W. T. Drake, R. Dunsmuir, C. E. Pooley and R. E. McKeehnie, Since 1876 the gentlemen Union, asking extension of eight-hour who have filled the office under discus- law. sion have all resided in Victoria, consequently they could not be at any expense The Colonist states that if the Van- for attending to their duties to the crown, the private bills committee that the precouver. Victoria & Eastern railway se- and naturally the custom which governcures a Federal bonus it would give Vic- ed in this matter had almost entirely toria ail the Victoria-Chilliwack scheme been forgotten. On looking up the pub-Is this a red herring being drawn across brook, the first gentleman to preside over to state authoritatively that the Vancou- vince, in less than one year of office ance of Federal aid, and whether on page 30, public accounts, journals of such assurance being secured it will give 1872-73. Hon. Amor De Cosmos next to the city of Victoria the facilities the occupied the president's chair, and aldisapproval, meant the loss of Chilliwack scheme proposes and the though he lived in Victoria and could transcontinental railway connections it not present a claim for expenditures on assures, and at the same time relieve account of attending to local business, he the city of its annual payments on the was reimbursed to the extent of \$1,600 Sidney road? Will they do all this with- "to cover travelling expenses to Canout asking the city for a cent? If so, ada" to attend to provincial business. now is the time for some one who can Mr. De Cosmos was at this time a member of the Dominion House of Commons. These things are also recited in the public accounts, page 38, sessional papers, 1873-74 E. C. Brown presided over Those members on the government the Executive Council for less than a the intentions of the defeated side of the House who remember the year and was indemnified to the extent It was hard to know what the hon, genm' stry were of the best and some of seemingly good-natured, indolent Mr. of \$490 for his travelling expenses in at- tieman wanted. it acts at least worthy of commenda- bberts of the halcyon days of Turnerism tending Executive Council. These facts tion, and its course in general a vast im- are no doubt a good deal astonished at are also set forth in page 200 of the prevement over that of its predecessor, the torrents of wrath which have been public accounts, sessional papers of some of the legislation of last session, showered about their heads this session 1877, and prove that in all cases where alien exclusion law, were at least hasty. toria. The legislators surely could have any expenditure through coming to the

these members have rendered themselves penditures incurred thereon.

EVERY DRUGGIST in the land sells represented on the board of directors of ies, which have been well filled every one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis'.

Legislature

Acrimonious Encounter Between Neill and Eberts Whi e House in Committee.

During the week there has been a Debate on Second Reading of the Redistribution Bill Begins.

> Victoria, February 22nd, 1900. Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:12 p.

Petitions. The following petitions were present-

By Mr. Kellie, from the Kootenay Water, Power & Light Co. By 'Mr. J. M. Martin, from a large number of the citizens of Phoenix asking incorporation for their town.

printers in New Westminster, Nanaimo and Vancouver, asking that certain matters accepted by the Supreme Court be printed. By Mr. Green, from Sandon Miners'

By Mr. Tisdall, from a number of

Reports. Mr. Green presented the 17th report of

amble had been proved of the Vancouver Consolidation Act. A Technical Discussion.

The Premier moved the House proceed to Bill No. 54 (Redistribution) at once. the expressed wishes of the leader of men had voted in the Alberni constituthe opposition withdrew his motion and ency and that in that piece of strategy moved that the House proceed with the the hon, member was directly interorder paper as printed.

Mr. Turner thought this an extraor- Mr. McBride-I am extremely sorry Turner, and now he objected to that, ed in here.

anything else. Mr. McPhillips could not see the rea- should be withdrawn. son for this move of the government | Mr. Higgins quoted from May to show | Mr. J. Martin's bill to provide for gar-

Question of Privilege. time he had risen to this subject.

referred to.

to him for the same. tleman's pardon. He had not thought derstood it? That Mr. Eberts particip- in order to prove that former legislatures Hon. Mr. Hume assured Mr. Higgins

Hon. Mr. Henderson thought Mr. Higgins's efforts were worthy of the highest admiration. He deserved credit for the manner in which he was pressing

Returns Presented.

Hon. Mr. Cotton presented the follow-We believe the general feeling on the courtesy and gentlemanliness, although had their expenses paid, and are we to warrants signed by the Lieut. Governor from 1897 to 1899, with any other ex-

> (2) An abstract of the revenue expen-(3) A return of all correspondence in

Sandon Relief Bill. The House went into committee the Sandon City Relief Bill, Mr. Bry- as we know," said Mr. McPhillips.

Municipal Elections Amendment. The Municipal Elections Act Amendment Act was next committeed, Mr.

Mr. Eberts wanted to know if this machine was like that used in the late elections in Ontario. They had been Mr. Helgeson-Apart from the little this without any reference to localities to know if this machine had been patent- this is not a mere gambling game? He "I have heard hon, gentlemen opposite ed. If not, some other man might come had never heard any complaints regard- in speaking of this bill call it a gerryorward with an "Imperial Automatic ing the old way of voting. He would mander. Well, I may say that if that into any kind of office desired. Who machine before he could vote on it.

House, No, Mr. Chairman, he never loses this bill as it now stood and so foist a chance to show his nasty teeth here, upon them a machine that might not be And yet, sir, this is the hon, gentleman a good machine. who said only yesterday afternoon in Mr. Wells did not think it was a safe the lobbies of this House something that thing to vote for a monopoly and the That hon, gentleman said to me when anything of the present kind, had been killed in South Africa-

against the introduction of thisjust yet-this hon, gentleman said to thought the suggestion of Mr. Jos. Marwould teach them not to show their for the amendment. heady patriotism. (Great uproar, and Mr. J. M. Martin could not see why protests that could not be heard from the House should be tied down to buy-Mr. Neill.) Order having been restored ing one particular brand of machine. It

the Canadians, but probably it was in- come on the market at any time. correct anyway.

Mr. Eberts-Listen to that, Mr. Chair- gress and asked leave to sit again, man, there's the cowardly way this man conducts himself here. In one breath he attacks me in the most outrageous way, saying I put up a job to make dead men vote, and in the next he says he cannot bear something I have said, and says it stated, in allusion to certain remarks of s probably incorrect anyway. I say that the charge he makes that I am guilty of being acquainted with the facts not at the moment catch what he said. in connection with the dead men voting owing to the noise in the House. I now is a lie, and further I'll tell the hon. gentleman that he is the man who is busy circulating that lie. (Uproar, the

Mr. Eberts-Yes, I'll tell him that, Hon. Mr. Henderson-Will the hon. member for South Victoria keep on his have to take the regular course. coat, and keep it buttoned? I don't think there is any occasion for the display of passion we have just had from him. He seems to have misunderstood like this? Iwhat the hon, member for Alberni said. What he did say was that the hon. member for South Victoria was interested in the outcome of the elections in to depart from the regular rules of the that constituency, not that he had per-

sonally taken an active part in them. Mr. Nail I ask the hon, member for ment of the House. Mr. Turner pointed out that according South Victoria to withdraw the language Mr. Speaker-No, that cannot be done to Rules and Orders this procedure he has seen fit to use toward me; it was for that purpose; it must be done in the ver. Victoria & Eastern has any assur- drew \$360 for travelling expenses. See could not be followed to-day, which was not only unparliamentary, but it was not right way or not at all. The House canset apart for other business. After a in accordance with the facts. I will re- not take cognizance of anything done in considerable amount of discussion on the peat what I said in regard to the dead committee unless upon regular report; technicality the Premier in deference to men voting. What I said was that dead ested.

dinary proceeding, and said this was that this innocent little bill of mine something that had never taken place should be the cause of so much strife. before. There was a vote of censure on (Laughter.) He thought that although the government still on the order paper, the hon, member for Alberni made some Hon, Mr. Semlin said the leader of excellent remarks he was sometimes inthe opposition reminded him of the Boers discreet. He had just charged the hon. in South Africa; when driven out of one member for South Victoria with particditch they fell back upon another. He ipating in dishonorable practices, and re- 1899." had withdrawn the motion to please Mr. | marks of that kind should not be indulg-

The chairman said that the member for Alberni had asked that certain re-Mr. Higgins said a vote of wart of marks be withdrawn. The language used confidence should take precedence of he had said the hon, member was lying sent to the Queen's Counsel bill (Mr. -was certainly unparliamentary and McPhillips), and it was read a second

unless a general election was near at that the chairman was too late, as mat-nishee proceedings before judgment in hand. It was the only reasonable soluters dealt with in question of privilege the Supreme court was read a second The principle of the eight-hour measure had no conception of the volcano of in- capital to attend to the business of the tion, to him, of the problem of a gov- have to be dealt with on the spot, not time, but the bill introduced by Mr. Mc-

for South Victoria had entirely misun- men at Esquimalt was voted de The vote being taken the motion of derstood what the member for Alberni | Hon. Mr. Semlin rising to move the had said. He had been listening very second reading of the Redistribution bill attentively to Mr. Neill, and he could said the bill was, of course, an endeavor say that the hon, member made no such to place as far as possible equal electoral Mr. Higgins did not want to be rising remarks as were now attributed to him power and influence in the hands of each all the time, but he had to complain by Mr. Eberts. What he had said was elector of British Columbia. This, he once more that some important correst that Mr. Eberts was directly interested presumed, had been the object of precedpondence relating to the eight-hour law in the outcome of the elections at that ing efforts at redistribution, to which he on the whole is a commendable of the hon, gentleman's favorite style of kind or amount whatever from the pro- had been omitted from a return called place; he said that if they were success- proceeded to refer. He instanced the one, for eight hours underground in a argument. His language on Tuesday vince is attached, shall be eligible," etc. for by the House. This was the eighth ful the gentleman opposite would have varying political importance of Kootenay benefited by it. This was very different and Cariboo, which in early days had Hon. Mr. Cotton presented the return from saying that Mr. Eberts had person- their representation increased with ally engaged in that election. The terms growth of placer industry and reduced Mr. Higgins-Is this a proper way to used by Mr. Eberts were unnecessarily with its wane, and proceeded in subfrom the statute books of the province. justified himself by saying he would not lowance. Can actual travelling expenses treat the House? Is this courteous to harsh, and if he had a proper sense of stance as follows: There does not appear to be any post be a gentleman if he did not use that be termed an allowance? We cannot un-

Mr. Booth-What does the language of sentation we should not decrease it. I Hon. Mr. Cotton begged the hon. gen- Mr. Neill mean if not what we have un- have cited the incidents just referred to

ated in that election? a gentleman I'd withdraw and apologize. referred to will be advanced by people But let me tell him that if I had heard who have been only a short time in the those words come from the hon, member province and have not been acquainted and had not told him on the spot that he with the conditions that have prevailed was a liar I would not have been a gen- in former legislatures.' tleman. Why, the hon, gentleman (Mr. | He then dealt briefly with early Neill) had actually risen from his place changes in the representation of Cowto cross the floor of the House to apolo- ichan and Victoria district, and pro-

Mr. Neill-I did not. Mr. Eberts-You didn't? Well, then, was considered that the distribution of if you want to fight it out on that line cities should be guded not by population I'll meet you. If he won't apologize, Mr. alone, not by area alone, but owing to Chairman, I'll not.

throwing his shafts-Mr. Eberts-Quite harmless.

Mr. McPhillips-Throwing his shofts into every member on this side of the House who had gone into that constituency. "We want a clean fight, as far Mr. Helmcken had been very much in-

terested in the debate (laughter), and he thought an apology was due from a certain gentleman on the floor of the House who had spoken most disrespectfully of a person for whom they had the utmost Macpherson in the chair. After some tleman to apologize on behalf of the dead

Debate Resumed.

Mr. Neil' said the hon, member for to any man or company, and that was a party in power distributes the repre-South Victoria had developed a surpris- the object of this bill, as it now stood. sentation for the purpose of gaining suping and unusual desire for purity in elec. If it passed in this form it would stamp port for the purpose of increasing its it the voters' duty to pass the by-law? tal condition proves it. His repose has ified for such an important post must chine, supposing it were introduced, would be perfectly outrageous to put done in regard to this bill? We have The ratepayers have this to bear in been disturbed; he has been deprived of be of some value, at the service of the would enable dead men to vote, as they such a privilege in the hands of any reduced the representation of Esquimalt mind, that the \$500,000 is payable in the pleasure of lounging in languorous province without insisting that they shall had done last year, in the success of man, or to place such legislation on the by one, as in earlier days Cariboo's rewhich strategy the hon, member for statute books. This particular machine presentation was decreased by one. Es-South Victoria was directly interested. should go into competition with all other quimalt is under the control of the gov-Mr. Eberts-I have listened with great machines, if it were a good machine it ernment at any time. It is contiguous pleasure to the cynic from Alberni. I would not suffer from competition, if it to the capital. It is one of those conalways do listen with pleasure to the ut- were not a good machine, what did the stituencies in which the population has terances of the cynical gentleman from province want with it? If it were not not increased in comparison with other Alberni, who never misses an opportun- a good machine it would be doing a great parts of the province. We claim that in ity of showing his nasty teeth in this injustice to the municipalities to pass order to equalize the voting strength in

will decidedly astonish you to hear, sir. House should be careful in regard to I told him that ninety-one Canadians Mr. Deane said he had received a letter from a gentleman in Revelstoke, stat-Mr. Neill-Mr. Chairman, I protest ing that he had a voting machine that was superior, and cheaper, than the one Mr. Eberts-Oh, you needn't squeal the House was now considering. He

me, with a cynical laugh: "Well, it tin was most sensible, and he would vote Mr. Neill-I could not hear distinctly would be very unwise to start making what the hon, member was saying about one style of machine when a better might

The committee rose and reported pro-

The Row Resumed. Mr. Neill-May I rise to a question of privilege, Mr. Speaker? A few moments ago the hon, member for South Victoria mine, that I had said something to him about the Canadian contingent, and I did ask the indulgence of the House-Mr. Speaker-You cannot continue this,

what takes place in committeechairman vainly rapping for order, and Mr. Neill-But, Mr. Speaker, this is a several members speaking at the same most important statement, and I cannot allow it to go out to the province uncontradicted-

Mr. Speaker-The hon, member will

Mr. Neill-I appeal to the House. Mr. Speaker-You must do this in the regular way. Mr. Neill-But is it necessary in a case

Mr. Speaker-There is no report from the committee, and I cannot allow you House.

Mr. Neill-Then I'll move the adjourn-

Motions Mr. McPhillips asked leave to introduce a bill intituled the "British Colum-

bia Shops Amendment Act." Mr. Jos. Martin asked leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend chapter 43 of the Statutes of 1899, being the 'Master and Servant Amendment Act. 1899.'"

Mr. Prentice asked leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Inspection of Metalliferous Mines Act,

All read a first time; second reading next sitting of the House.

Second Readings. The government announced their as-

Phillips to restore the franchise to it introducing a measure of this kind at Hon. Mr. Semlin thought the member judges, civil servants and army and navy

"I have heard the argument advanced that although we should increase repredid not consider it wrong, and they had

ceeded: "In the platform of the present government when it was in opposition it the population, area and distance from Mr. McPhillips charged Mr. Neill with the capital of the province. In other words, that compared with the cities there should be a representation for those ridings convenient to the capital, which should be compared with ridings amongst themselves, and that there should be a third basis of representation for distant and partially settled communities in the province. These various attempts in the past have never succeeded in equalizing the vote of the country on the three bases I have indicated, but in the attempt the government has now made we can say we have come mearer to that condition than has ever been reached by former governments, and although we cannot say this is a perfect bill, it is an advance on any bill that has been submitted for the same purpose. We have done

have been applied with far greater force

the various ridin nalt should mber in this H er on the floor to Esquimalt a la atation. How that particular? my hon, friends, used the word g see how we are of the party in Then you take very nearly the fo How is this party y annexing the i claim that in so oncerned we ha the redistribution are endeavoring ciples of equalizing take the distribut There has been tion in Cariboo instituency into having a cumula more conver their representati the Boundary Co

new constituency West Yale and Hon. Mr. Turn Hon. Mr. Seml land, but which u tion bill formed have not referred large district, an on the floor of t bers for many yo to reduce the ren ber. And why? hon friends will T think after a the facts that th justice to adjoin

looet as a whole they abut. The Yale is 620. The ooet is about 60 portion in favor the settled portio compare very che justly give two only one to West paratively no strength and no ettled? True. portion of West that there are pr mote from sett Lillooet; we are a par with son tricts. I do not tion or area of the north, but I because the con much the same. cultural and mir ing the compari you will find the entitled to one not be justified to Lillooet, I with Cariboo be much different. to be represente no injustice wil "Now in regar

have in that co tirely mining; a that is rapidly laid before the you as to the nu the growth of Kootenay, and to the rapidly that country. presented: it is itself, and we the requirement sentation. I this the various dist ed by this bill. matters that I past. I have de are not introdu we are not depar done in the pas lowing the pred islatures, and upon the lines t but are bringi justice than th affect in the pa ceeded in thiswe have done bill will comm ture, and that

> EVEN Mr. Turnersecond time Lt consideration. to be considere this bill. How what was it in it originate? the first point bill introduced the last elec done in the Ho any rate duri the reasons g ment-he wo government power last se bution measur had thrown th great deal or last year, and question in visited. He h portant points along the line to Chilliwack and, and the

vote for the

ment applause.

made a coms electors in all much more e tending to or country; it w fer to these charge made not with reg issue chosen dates was tha very extrava debt and did and they ma which have the House. government s of the late Re son this bill thing in the government, emment. H ent governm office been ut vince. He d question albo turn to the proof of that the governme throughout

discredited i