## Premier at **Port Haney**

Mr. Martin Discusses Political Matters to a Mainland Audience.

Richard McBride Says Governor Should Have Sought His Advice.

(From the Vancouver World.) representative gathering, who evinced a lively interest in the political affairs of the day. The chair was taken by the reeve, Hector Ferguson. He explained that the object of the meeting was due to a conversation he had had with Mr. Martin in Vancouver, when he told the Premier it would be well to lay his views before the Port Haney people. Mr. Martin had brought Hon. Mr. Beebe with him, and he would speak first. Wanted to run independent and join be with him, and he would speak first. Mr. Beebe

said he felt it a new sensation to speak before his fellow-farmers as a cabinet minister, the first farmer to be called to hand in his resignation. He only wanted had not expected to speak. He had sup- principles on which he appealed to the posed that Mr. Martin only wanted to people. (Applause.) The building of show them what a farmer cabinet minister looked like. He thought the various factions were all stealing planks ing, but he was also in favor of keepfrom Mr. Martin's platform to build up ing the annual expenditure even with their little platforms. The Conservatives had been virtually

Running the Province

for some time, and when they wished Mr. Martin was a farmer's and workingman's Premier. Mr. Beebe then showed the fallacy of the charge that Mr. Marhad divulged any cabinet secrets. Mr. Martin was turned out of the cabinet because he tried to protect the people's rights in regard to the British Columbia Southern coal lands given away. For that reason all the capital-controlled press of the province attacked him. The Vancouver World was the only exception among the city press. In regard that Mr. Martin favored a fair measure -but he was right in defeating the botched bill brought in by the late Semlin government. As soon as the voters' lists were in proper condition and they knew where the voters were, they could bring in a fair bill. The speaker then dealt with

The Railway Question,

Premier Martin

was then called on and was received with loud applause. He said he had been for many years in public life, but had this year had his first experience in cabinet-making. He had followed the example of Sir Oliver Mowat, who for many years had a farmer in his cabinet. Therefore he had called in Mr. Beebe. People in Victoria had said that his government was weak because they did not know them. He had decided to and the big corporations, but the genentitled to its fair share in the councils of the province. He had met Mr. Beebe in connection with the Farmers' Institutes and he knew him to be

A Representative Farmer.

He had not been looking for an orator: he only wanted an able man. He had to cut away from the old politicians on account of the insult of Her Majesty's representative on the closing days of the session. With Mr. Beebe in the cabinet, the suggestions of the Farmers' Institutes could no longer remain a dead letter. There was nothing in his platform directly affecting the farmers. He did not know just exactly what they wanted, but he had done the next best thing; he had taken into the cabinet a man who did. Mr. Ryder and Mr. Curtis might be unknown to his hearers, but they were well known in the districts in which they lived. They said that he was to blame for not supporting the government that had ejected him because he had endorsed the principles on which they had been elected. The same argument might be used the

other way. He was now at the Head of a Government

that represented all those principles-(applause)—and why, now, would not for this railroad there was a paying ing to be held the latter part of the Mr. Kidd, Mr. Munro, Mr. Deane, et trade waiting. There was produce to week. al., support him? Mr. Martin then carry one way and ore to bring back. In Hon. C. S. Ryder, Finance Minister, dealt with the alleged trivial reasons appealing to them for their suffrages left for Comoxo district this morning. for his being put out of the cabinet, they were going on a new line. He ask- He says that the people there must elect and showed that the real reason was ed them to take his platform and study that he had opposed the Britsh Colum- it. bia Southern deal. He opposed the government on principle, because they had given away what rightly belonged to the people. He was also opposed to Mr. Cotton's government, because of their stand on the Mongolian labor ques-An act had been passed by the Turner government providing that all companies having a provincial charter must not employ Chinese or Japanese. This bill had been disallowed by the Dominion government. He wanted to have it re-enacted. He was prepared to thrown down the gauntlet. He had

Always a Liberal,

but when any government wanted to trench on provincial rights he was prepared to oppose them. (Applause.) The Dominion government had a reason for its action in this matter. They had been requested to disallow the act by the Imperial government in order to the Emperor of Japan. That did not alter his stand in the matter. They

was a matter that came home to all of keep a hold on power. It was proposed them, and if they took a united stand to and showed the rest of Canada what a menace this was, they would have their sympathy. If the matter were brought home to the Imperial government the very life of this Britsh province would not be sacrificed to please the Emperor of Japan or any other foreign potentate. He was sorry to have to be antagonistic to his leader at Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on this matter, but there was principle on both sides. Mr. Cotton disagreed with him on this and held that they should abandon their principles. He had said that he would defeat the Semlin government and he had done so. The Semlin government had got weaker and weaker

No Money In It for him to be in politics. He lost money in his practice by going into public life. ported a party just so long as it stood sent to power. A man was sent to the House to represent the views of those who elected him. In 19 cases out of 20 the men elected as an Independent joined the government side. He very seldom principles. He had no use for men who wanted to run Independent and join him House he would have to rely on three or four so-called Independents, he would such a position in the province. He the support of those who endorsed the roads was a point that appealed to this district. He was in favor of road-buildannual ordinary revenue. The Turner government had gone on

Piling Up Deficits

on this line, and the province could not to continue to do so they should be able stand that forever. The provincial to get up a platform for themselves. credit would soon have been ruined. The government or the municipality had no money except what the people gave them in the way of taxation. If the people were to have roads they would pay for them. It would be popular, perhaps, to go around promising every man a road to his own door and ask needed to open up the country, and some of that cost might well be laid over to the future. His proposition was to borrow \$1,000,000 for roads, provided to the redistribution matter, he knew he could see where revenue could be raised to pay the interest and sinking fund. There would be no trouble borrowing the money if the financiers could be satisfied that the interest and sinking fund would be on hand on time. He intended to build the roads on a different principle than the old one of grab who can. The roads of the province had cost twice as much as they should have done, because the money had been and showed that in New Zealand the doled out here and there and a litle bit government owned railroads made a of work done here and a little there to profit of over \$2,000,000 a year. He fix some doubtful voter. He intended pable of taking over the reins of govern- whisky from Chippen's store before the could not see where the benefit came to have the money on hand and make ment. If it ought to be Turner, Helm- sugar stealing episode. The evidence in in giving companies money to build good scientific roads and permanent cken or McBride, why not Martin? As given against Richards is very contraroads and they buying them back at a bridges from the first. (Loud applause.) to the statement that he had "hung on" dictory. During the winter, Mr. Marbig price. He showed that none of the Some time ago he had been waited on to the Semlin government he showed tin says, some good copper finds were, legislation asked for by the Farmers' by a deputation from this district; and that while he had really been the choice made below Glenora, one three miles be-Institute had ever been brought out by they had convinced him that a flunk the late government.

Institute had ever been brought out by they had convinced him that a flunk for Premier, Mr. Semiin had broken low and another thirteen miles down. An a FRESH, CLEAN and NEW CROP. road was needed, but at the time there faith and taken the office when he was epidemic of chicken-pox prevailed among try to get votes by little patches of road here and there, but he was convinced suggested if he were returned to power. (Applause.) They would have to pay for it. They must not forget that. He would try to put as much of the extra Taxes on the Rich

look beyond Victoria, which was only eral public will get a share of the added rates. They might have heard that had adopted the plan of not going be before as he had told the people of Chilliwack when he spoke of the railroad, but he had the reputation during the last 18 years of keeping his public promises. He had his faults, but that was not one of them. Some of his colleagues had called him impracticable because he insisted on having ante-election promises carried out to the letter, and if his colleagues did not fall in line after the coming election they would have journed. to get someone else for Premier.

Reverting to the railroad to the interior, he pointed out the practical benefit it would be, and he also showed that with the road built by the government there would be no big promoters' pro- Provincial Party Will Nominate W. W. fits charged up against it, and hence could give the very lowest freight rates. Some people said that he would bankrupt the country by building this railroad. He said if the province could not support such a road, the sooner they got out of it and let it revert to the siwashes the better. He could not see why he could not borrow money to be

He then dealt humorously with the old charge about his being a governmentwrecker. He felt that the government should have gone back to the people at once after the last general election, and they would have gone back with

A Good Fighting Majority.

Later on they put the country to the cost of a session and did nothing. If they were not going to support the government, what were they going to do? Would they support the Conservatives, who were all divided among themselves? He would hate to see such another fizzle as the Semlin government had perpetrated. The Conservatives would likely have as much trouble in making a cabinet as he had had. (Laughter.) But, however hard his task might have been, he had it done, and they knew who they would have to vote for as the heads preserve to the fullest extent the friend. of the various departments. The speakly relations between Great Britain and er then referred to Mr. McBride's peculiar action in voting one day that the Cotton government should go out and a must do their best to prevent this pro- few days after voting to keep it in. He vince being overrun by a horde of Jap- referred to the unholy contract entered

rate of 600 and 900 per steamer. This in the way of legislation just so as to !

Repeal the Alien Law

regarding Atlin; in fact certificates were now issued to American companies that wished to do business in Atlin district. He explained that the trouble over the eight-hour law was over. The matter had been faced manfully and settled. He was glad to have had an opportunity of addressing the electors of Dewdney, and disabusing their minds of the effect any wild statements that had been made about him had had. If returned he would try to put on the statute book legislation concerning the platform he had put before them, and he assured them that whichever way the election after he had left. Personally, there was went he would be satisfied. Mr. Martin sat down amid loud applause.

Richard McBride.

representative of the Dawdney district Port Haney, April 16.-Hon. Joseph | He had a taste for politics, but he had in the last legislature, stated that he Martin opened his Mainland tour here no desire to go to the House unless he had acted fairly and above board in reto-night in the municipal hall before a could get there in good shape. He sup- gard to the coalition matter in order to have some very necessary legislation put by the principles on which it had been through. He said that he had also been moved by the unholy collusion between Hon. Joseph Martin and Lieut.-Governor McInnes. Mr. Martin, when Attorney-General, had turned a deaf ear to burn a residence on the corner of sent to the House to sustain certain Mr. Martin's speech had been an en- in a woodshed adjoining the dwelling, dorsation of the prophecy he had made was noticed by a young lady Lassing the in 1898, of what the result would be if gate. She endeavored to alarm the octhe Turner government were defeated. cupants of the residence, who were government. If he found on going to the Mr. Martin had said there was something wrong with the Semlin government from the first, but he had hung on till he was kicked out. In regard to the done. The fire department turned out railroad matter Mr. Martin had admitted that he did not know what the road guish a fire caused by hot ashes at the was going to cost, but he was going to build it anyway. Such a matter should Langley streets. not be handled in a juggling manner. If Mr. Martin were frank he would tell them that government ownership of railways had not been a paying proposition. If they looked into the matter they would see that Mr. Martin was

Making a Big Mistake.

Mr. Martin had said that the Conserva tive party was divided. He had spoken differently when in New Westminster. The speaker was not an independent. He was supporting the Liberal-Conservative platform. He expected to go back to Victoria with a thumping majority. Mr. Martin asked Mr. McBride who nothing in return. Still, roads were he thought the Lieut.-Governor should have called in to form a government. Mr. McBride replied that either Mr. breaking up, and, he thinks, if the warm Turner, Mr. Helmcken or Mr. McBride

shown that there were reasons why the the came down. He left Telegraph Creek Lieut.-Governor should be in some doubt on the 28th of March. The trial of as to who to choose. He had suggested. John Richards, who was accused of three names. Let them look at the con- stealing some sacks of sugar from Clearditions. His Honor could not call Mr. ihue's store, was then in progress before Turner. He had not defeated the Sem- Commissioner Porter. The impression lin government. It was through him is gaining ground at Telegraph, says (Mr. Martin) that the defeat had been Mr. Martin, that the case against Richbrought about. All that was incumbent ards is a put up job. He was never in on the Governor was, with a knowledge need of sugar. His chief accuser was of the situation to call on someone ca- J. Clark, who was accused of stealing was no money. He did not intend to pledged to abide by the decision of a the Indians at the Stikine head during party caucus. It was nonsense to say that he could tell the cost of the prothat a trunk road was needed through posed railroad. All he could say was Dewdney, and he was prepared to say that it was to be built through a favorthat it would be built on the plan he able country and that it would not cost one dollar more than was necessary. (Applause.)

He Would Not Admit

that he had opposed the trunk roads. He had seen that it was needed and had said so, but the government had no money with which to build it and they Francisco. yond what they had. Now he was able built. In reply to a remark of Mr. Me-Bride Mr. Martin said that he accepted his share of any blame that might be asks for tenders for the purchase and attachable to the making of the offer of aid to the Pacific cable.

The chairman thanked the audience for their good attention, and after singing God Save the Queen the meeting ad- the signing of the contract.

McInnes If He Runs as an Anti-Martinite.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, April 18.-The provincial party of South Nanaimo has wired W. W. B. McInnes offering to nominate him put into a paying railroad, when Mr. as their candidate if he will come out Turner could borrow millions to give as an anti-Martin man. Mr. McInnes's away to contractors. He thought that answer will be made known at a meet-

him as he has arranged to have the government appropriate \$4,000 to build the badly needed trunk road.

A meeting was held in the City Hall last evening to arrange for the celebration of the Queen's birthday. Mayor Bate was chosen chairman, George Norris was made secretary, and George Williams treasurer. Committees were also ashore before he would pay such an ex-, ised him. He will come up for sentence celebration.

A DELIGHTED PLUMBER

For Twelve Years Catarrh Was the Bane of His Life-Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Cured Him.

Mr. James Ormsby, a plumber, lives at 199 Jarvis street, Toronto. He says: "For nearly twelve years I have been troubled with catarrh; my nostrils were continually stopping up, and I suffered very much from headache. The doctors proclaimed it chronic catarrh. They could not give me any permanent relief. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder both relieved and cured me. I can recommend it with confidence." Sold by Dean & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.

Sergt. Warren and Corp. Walker of anese. They were coming in at the into to undo much that had been done Work Point from Liverpool. the regular forces arrived yesterday at

# Local+ Rews. GLEANINGS OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED CORM,

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

-The extent to which the craze for everything khaki has extended in the old land-is indicated by letters just received from across the Atlantic. Note paper and envelopes even are of the regulation hue of the garments worn by the "gentleman in khaki ordered south." The effect is pleasing and, better still, pat-

-The death occurred at St. Mary's hospital, New Westminster, yesterday, f Thomas John Partridge, eldest son of Thos. J. and the late Eliza Partridge, of this city. Mr. Partridge was a native of Norfolk, England, and 49 years of age. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 2.30 p.m. from the family residence, 113 Quadra street, and later from St. John's church.

-About 9:30 o'clock on Sunday evening an apparent attempt was made to their appeal for a trunk road, but now Churchway and Blanchard street. A joined the opposition. A man should be he threw it at their head. He felt that fire, which had been ingeniously ignited asleep, and failing drew the attention of neighbors to the matter and the blaze was extinguished. Little damage was at 6:45 o'clock this morning to extinpremises on the corner of Bastion and John Martin, of Telegraph Creek, who

had charge of one of the pack trains of Warburton Pike's company, arrived this morning and is registered at the Dominion. He came down from Wrangel to Townsend on the Rosalie. Mr. Martin reports that there is quite a big mining excitement prevailing at Wrangel and in that vicinity on account of recent rich strikes at and about Ketchikan and on Prince of Wales Island, and Iron Mountain, an island opposite Wrangel. On the latter two islands rich copper finds have been made and rich gold bearing ledges have been uncovered near Ketchikan. Mr. Martin had a hard trip down the Stikine, which was weather then prevailing has continued in the North, will be almost free of ice Mr. Martin said that Mr. McBride hold, now. It was breaking up rapidly when the winter, but no deaths resulted.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

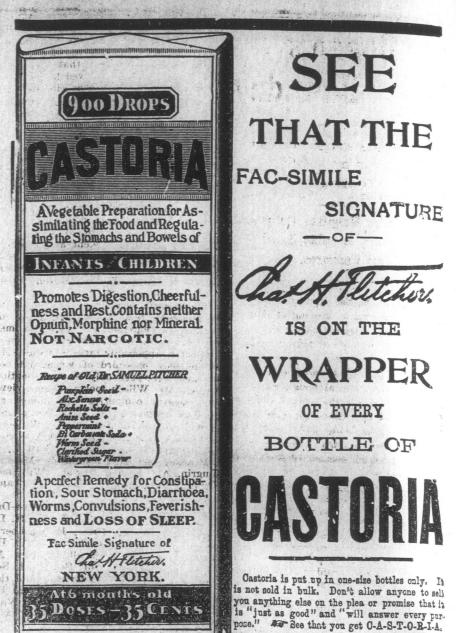
Co., in which firm the younger man also yours very truly, holds a prominent position, and Miss the late Humphrey O'Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson left by the Victorian on a honeymoon trip to Portland and San

-Within the next few weeks a grue to assure them that the road would be some souvenir of the Point Ellice bridge disaster will be removed. In this issue of the Times the city purchasing agent removal of the old bridge and of the old iron from the bridge now lying at the electric light station wharf. The work is to be performed within 21 days after

-The old saying that "there are as caught" is not applicable to the matrimonial market in a certain portion of Oregon, as the following epistolary gem tive duties. just received by Postmaster Shakespeare strikingly indicates: "Dear Sir,-Would you be so kind as to help me a little do you know a good man from 40 funeral of the late Thomas J. Partridge to 42 or 38 that wants like to scarspond which took place yesterday from the (correspond) with nice widow ladie got family residence, Quadra street, and some propeart and too children would from St. John's church. Rev. Percival like to hear from some nice man that Jenns officiated and the pallbearers don drink." The above ingenious com- were: Messrs. F. Fell, R. Hall, muncation is duly dated and signed, and Wall, G. Maynard, F. Norris and J. in all probability the enterprise of the lady will ultimately be rewarded.

-While canoeing on Saanich Inlet, orbitant sum. Whereupon the abori- at Vancouver to-morrow. ginal financier prepared to leave with the remark: "Good-bye, you can go down." The situation then became too serious Esquimalt last evening, when Miss Marfor trifling, and upon being offered \$5 garet Muir, third daughter of A. C. and the canoe the Indian methodically Muir, chief engineer of the dry dock, rescued Richard from a watery grave.

-The annual vestry meeting of St. Barnabas church was held on Monday by her father and was attended by Miss evening, when the reports from the various committees were received, show- acted as groomsman. The ceremony was ing the affairs of the church to be in a performed by Rev. D. Macrae. The most satisfactory condition numerically bride and her maid were attired in white and financially. The election of officers cashmere and carried bouquets of carnawas also held and resulted as follows: Church wardens, Messers, E. E. Wootton and John Mutton; delegates to the the occasion. After the ceremony the rural deaconal conference, Messrs. Thos. guests, numbering about 75 persons, sat Elkington, G. N. Hodgson and H. O. down to a sumptuous repast. The hap-Litchfield; sidesmen, Messrs. T. Mills, C. py couple left on the morning train for Loat, P. Andrews and T. Hood; church Wellington, where they will reside.





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committee, Messrs. W. P. Bassett, Thos. Elkington, G. E. B. King, P. A. Babbington, J. J. Randolph, H. P. Johnson, H. M. Pitner, H. O. Litch-The old saying that "there are as good fish in the brook as have ever been caught" is not applicable to the matrimonial market in the saying that "there are as field, Geo. Knox and W. Whittaker. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers, who were most diligent in the performance of their respec-

> (From Thursday's Daily.) -There was a large attendance at the Sears.

-George Hunt, of Alert Bay, was yesterday acquitted at Vancouver of the Richard, son of Rev. Mr. Christmas, had charges of cannibalism in connection the misfortune to capsize, but managed with a recent potlatch held at Thurlow to secure a firm grasp of his craft and Island. Agowkuku, the Indian boy who keep his head above water. An Indian was also connected with the affair, whose attention was directed to the pleaded guilty to wounding his arm to lad's predicament put out in a boat, but make believe that the "Hamatsu" had instead of rescuing him commenced to bitten him. It was arranged that the deal with the matter in the light of a boy was to take pincers and tear a piece financial transaction, offering to restore out of his arm; and leaving it hanging Richard to terra firma for the modest all but severed, run to the "Hamatsu" sum of \$10, and the canoe. This offer and let him take the piece of flesh, as was indignantly refused, the party in though he had bitten it. The boy did the water replying that he would swim this to secure a canoe, which was prom-

> -A pleasing event took place at was united in marriage to W. H. P. Trowsdale, of Wellington, and formerly of Victoria. The bride was given away Ethel Trowsdale, while Archie Muir tions, sweet peas, and asparagus fern. The house was beautifully decorated for

AN EASTER WEDDING Mr. C. J. Bishop Innes and Miss Roberta Wolfenden Wedded at Esquimalt.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at Esquimalt church, which was charmingly decorated for the occasion. The contracting parties were Chas, Bishop Innes, second son of the late J. H. Innes, of Upper Norwood, London, England, and formerly naval storekeeper at Esquimalt, and Roberta E., second daughter of Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, of Victoria. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. Ensor Sharp, who was assisted in his pleasant task by Rev. Archdeacon Scriven. The groom was supported by A. W. V. Innes, and the bride by her sister, Miss Kate C. Wol-

After the ceremony, which was witnessed by only the immediate friends and relatives of the bride and groom, the bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Mathews, at "The Firs." Here a dainty dejeuner was enjoyed, after which Mr. and Mrs. Innes left to spend the honeymoon at points along the E. & N. railway. On their return they will take up their residence in the cosy bungalow recently erected on Robert street, Victoria West.

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