resumed the Clair, shall say: "Mr. Speak er and members of the Legislative Assembly:— "It is H as Heaver the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure that the Legislat are Assembly be prorogued until it if and please His Honor to summon the same for the despatch of business, and this Provincial Legislative Assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly." Legislature Emphasize Com Gross Discourtesy by All With. Testerday, as everybody will ber who was it everybody will ber who was it. **Public Demonstration**

Members of Legislature Emphasize Complaints of Gross Discourtesy by All Withdrawing Before Prorogation.

Galleries Vociferously Applaud the People's Representatives and Jibe Mr. McInnes as He Reads Parting Words to Absentees.

Assembly Voting No Confidence in New Premier as His Hono Arrives to End Their Session - Patriotic Resolution Adopted After His Departure.

"Did the honorable member for West Lilloost voto?" asked Mr. Speaker.
"I' did," answered Mr. A. W. Smith.
"I voted in the affirmative."

The resolution was therefore carried by an overwhelming majority as follows:
In favor—Messrs. Henderson, Semiin, Cotton, Wells, Prentice, Macpherson, Ralph Smith, Tisdail, Deane, Neill, Green, Munro, Helgesen, Kinchant, Kidd, Kellie, McKechnie, Hume, Baker, Turner, Higgins, Bryden, Blilson, Irving, McPhillips, Helmcken, McBride, Clifford, Booth Pooley and A. W. Smith—Illow, Bryden, Blison, Irving, McPhillips, Helmcken, McBride, Clifford, Booth Pooley and A. W. Smith—Illow, Bryden, Blison, Irving, McPhillips, Helmcken, McBride, Clifford, Booth Pooley and A. W. Smith—Illow, McCounted in favor on refusing to vote wes—Messrs. Dunsmuir and Robertson and McPhillips.

"No," said Mr. J. M. Martin.
Mr. Speaker and Hon. Joseph Martin, of course, did not vote. Messrs. Ebers and Hall were absent.
Hon. Dr. McKechnie was on his feet to ask that the vote be recorded, and the thunderous applause with which the resolution was received by the house and gallaries was still in the air, when word was received to remove the bar of the house, and His Honor entered, attended by his glittering staff.

Simultaneously M. Dunamuir rose, and the significance of the penetral descrition, and round after round of cheers for the elected representatives of the people rang through the chamber.

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serted house, commenced his formal address.

He got no further than the introductory words—"Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislative Assembly," when the hub-bub recommenced.

"Where are they," asked some one in the gallery, and the tumult increased, cheers and hisses mingling.

At the next trial His Honor succeeded better. Although he was frequently compelled to pause for order that only came at its own sweet pleasure, he was evidently determined to complete his distant to support the ex-speaker of the House shows that the procedure requires that after the retirement of His Honor, some member of the cabinet (usually the Provincial Secretary), we at all events some responsible officer of the House, presumably the Clerky shall rise and, address Mr. Speaker, who has

Nesterday, as everybody will remember who was there, nothing of the kind was dome. His Honor left as soon as the reading of the speech was concluded—Mr. Speaker Forster did not return to the chair as Speaker—it was Mr. Forster of Delta who was voted to the chair on Mr. Pooley's motion—and none of the usual forms were carried out.

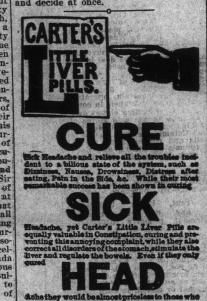
An easy solution of the difficulty will probably be found in a dissolution, but the accumulation of incidents without precedent emphasizes the long apparent fact that these be degenerate days for constitutional procedure in British Co-

PLANS OF NEW GOVERNMENT. Private Bills Must be Re-Advertised-Ministers Sworn in-Mr. Duff Respectfully Declined.

tinne entered their carriages and were driven swiftly and silently away, thank-ful apparently to escape. The legislators remained to put Mr. Speaker Forster in the chair, and adopt the following recognized leader, in preference to choosing a side in such a medley as at present resolution on the motion of Messrs. Helmcken and McPhillips:

"Be it resolved that we the members of the late House of Assembly humbly desire to acknowledge with devout thankfulness the work of Almighty."

"Brigand, Vol II., 2nd Ed., page 211). On the same page will be found reference to the case of the Duke of Wellington having in 1834 assumed charge of the home, toreign and colonial offices, pending the completion of a new administration, in redeem witnessed in this country. Both rederal parties should call conventions and decide at once.



Ashe they would be almost priceless to those who suffer from this distressing complaint; but fortunately their goodness does notend here and those who once try them will find those little pills valuable in so many ways that they will not be willing to do without them. But after all sick head ACHE

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Adverse Vote in Legislature Civen by Governor as Last of Many Reasons.

Mr. Cotton's Monopoly of Portfolios — Improper Request for Special Warrants.

Evidence Gennerally That Minis ters Had Not Backing of House or Country.

for which there has been an active demand from many members of the house—the communication of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor to the late Premier, in which reasons were assigned by His Honor for the dismissal of the late ministry, is published in the official Gazette of yesterday. In connection with the refusal of the late Premier to gratify the curiosity of the members as to the contents of the letter of dismissal, it will be noted with interest that the Lieutenant-Governor expressly invited Mr. Semlin to lay the letter before the assembly. Its text follows:

Was unable to properly superintend and administer the business of the two departments of which he had been in charge for four months before the fiscal year expired. And it is also to be noted that it was not until the middle of October that Mr. Cotton was ready to undertake any expenditure works. Thus the intentions of the legislature were not carried out, and there was direct loss, particularly to the districts concerned. I did not sign the said warrants, as it appeared perfectly clear to me, for reasons set forth in my letter to you of the 10th of October that Mr. Cotton was ready to undertake any expenditure works. Thus the intentions of the legislature were not carried out, and there was direct loss, particularly to the districts concerned. I did not sign the said warrants were not authorized by the "Revenue Act." On observing, however, that the Actorney-General had not been present at the meeting of council at which the issue of said warrants was advised, I wrote you as follows:

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buildings, and strongly urged that the ne-cessary improvements should be made as juickly as possible."

I have no reason to believe that the government will not command a majority of the house."

Subsequent events have demonstrated that your assurances were not well founded.

3. On the 18th October last I was asked to sign three special warrants, as follows:

1. The improvement of the trail

was—on a subordinate official, Mr. Kirkup; for the Attorney-General's recommendation to me in the matter was as follows:

"Whenever it appears to the Lieutenant-Governor in council that an official empowered by the Mineral Act to issue certificates of improvements has, through mistake, error, inadvertence or improvidence, improperly issued a certificate of improvement etc."

Ex-Premier's Letter

fore I now deem it my duty to consult other advisers, with a view to forming a new administration, and shall accordingly do so forthwith.

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I have only to add that in so far as any permission is needed on my part you are at perfect liberty to now lay this communication before the house for its information.

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Makes Reply

Ex-Premier's Letter to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor After Dismissal,

Deals With All Subjects Brought Forward by the Lieutenant Governor.

Ex-Premier Semlin yesterday gave to the press his reply to the letter of the Lieutenant-Governor dismissing him. In presenting the reply Mr. Semlin

"Seeing that His Honor has taken the initiative in giving publicity to hisreasons' for dismissing his advisers, I beg leave to trespass on your space with my reply, and ask only that it shall receive equal prominence.

"C. A. SEMLIN"

cessary improvements should be made as quickly as possible."

So that, aithough I do not for a moment question but what your statement was made in good faith, yet it was not in accord with the facts as I knew them, and the reason for the expenditure was shifted from "fire protection" purposes, as in Mr. Cotton's report, to "sanitary reasons."

So While the legislature was in session you advised me to make, by order in council, submitted on the 18th ultimo, an important change in the Mineral Act. In my letter to you of the 19th ultimo, given in my reasons for not approving of the said order, I added:

"Now, if the Attorney-General be of opinion that the government should have power to cancel such certificates, after they have been issued, I think that he should refer the matter to the legislature.

To amend the New Westminster Relief Act 1899.

To amend the Public Schools Act.

To Establish Bureaus of Labor Statistics and Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration.

To Provide for the Speedy Incorporation of the court at Rossland, included a considerable sum in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislature, because after the adjournment of the latter, the government found that the growth of business at Rossland made it judicious to erect the government had previously intended, and it was important that the matter should not be delayed for twelve months. More thanks and it was important that the matter should not be delayed for twelve months. To amend the Municipal Elections Act.

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From Our Own Corresponden Ottawa, Feb. 24.-The liament has been inexpr from a business standpoin bate on the contingent still in progress, and althoservatives are disposed purposes of the government the progress of business. has been in session almost a practically there is nothing plished. The government bold face on its unprepare legislation, and coolly asks members to surrender one of for government business. pected that the debate on tions will terminate during week, and then the opposition upon seeing something of terial measures.

SLIGHT TO VICTO The impudent letter which caused to be sent to the Vic caused to be sent to the vie of trade has been seen by bers of parliament, and a date Col. Prior will take of haul the Minister of Pul over the coals. Mr. Tarte nakes it clearly understo does not desire nor intend thing for Victoria. He p everything which the government asked to do cannot be according years; but while as work like the improvement harbor is left untouched, ment can spend \$500,000 o struction of the lock at St rapids, below Winnipeg, a nor importance as Victoria, and hundreds of th dollars in building wharves waters at tenth-class harb Maritime Provinces,

A MONTREAL SCANI Along with the claims works which the governme face are scores of applicat hangers-on of the Liberal particles. of the most glaring political has just been perpetrated is pointment of Mr. James McS M. P., to the position of harb at the port of Montreal. The at the port of Montreal. The tion is not made directly by the ment, but by the members of bor commission, who are chose federal authorities. Mr. McS absolutely no qualifications for tion; in fact it is said that hardly tell the difference bet bow and the stern of a vess toria people, who are well a with shipping, will well unders essential it is to have a man master who from long experience all about the conditioneds of the different classes visiting a port. There is suc isiting a port. There is s vailable in Montreal, nam Bourassa, a mariner of greence and who had been actimaster for some years. Hi master for some years. H ment was endorsed by all them of the city, including the men of the city, including the interests, the corn exchange board of trade. Mayor Prone of the nominees of the government on the harbor bor course of the discussion saidifferent occasions that the ment of harbor master was one, and that he must press appointment of Mr. McSha appointment of Mr. McSha appointment of successful. mination was successful sult that the government

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FRENCH AND THE F Some of the French-Canad cians are getting to be very now over the slightest allege anything pertaining to disloys Monet is the only man who boldly in favor of independer ator Dandurand the other d ator Dandurand the other decourse of a speech in Montre that "the time will come we country will cease to be a de and will fly her own flag, the Ontario papers referre statement as a declaration in independence. Mr. Dandur dently repented of his hasty as he telegraphed a correction Mail and Empire that he had French-Canadians were satist the status quo and did not lot independence of Canada or change. Notwithstanding them to the Senator's, his or mark rises up in judgment ag

MARRIAGE NO FAIL By the way, the wife of Dandurand has been appoil commissioner for the Paris e and another Quebec lady, we member of the editorial staf Patrie, has been chosen assist lady commissioner. In this favored Quebec continue to reward. There are a good new are beginning to ask how long of thing is going to continue felt that there are eminent whigh social position and good other provinces who might cell invited to share the honors at PACIFIC CABLE.

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On three different occasions the Pacific cable matter has cussed. A point has been remonection with this enterprise less definite action be taken the Canadian government may well withdraw from the arrang tered into with Great Britan other colonies. Friends of project have determined to make the against the cutinuance is onial office of the directors of the Easter of the directors of the Easter of the directors of the second of the directors of t PACIFIC CABLE.