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MR. GREEN'S RESIGNATION.

It is with very great regret that we It is with very great regret that we announce this morning the resignation of the Hon. R. F. Green from the Of-fice of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, which he has so ably and satisfactorily filled ever since the for-mation of the present government. The late hour at which this information reaches us prevents such a review of Mr. Green's official career as we would like to give, but a few of the salient facts may be mentioned.

Mr. Green's official career as we would like to give, but a few of the salient facts may be mentioned. The alegislative way the province has, in the existing law relating to timber limits, an evidence of Mr. Green's ap preciation of the requirements of busi-ness and the possible development of the lumbering industry. Before the last change in the law there was no stabli-ity in the tenure of timber licenses, and they therefore possessed little commer-cial value to men operating under them. They might be renewed, but the renewal was at the option of the Chief Commissioner; now it is a legal right, subject of course to such increase in royalty and rental as the legislature may from time to time impose. The licenses are also transferable, and there fore are of much greater value to tim-ber operators than they were under the system which made them personal. Mr. Green also settled the difficult problem presented by the dyking question on the twe Fraser, and placed upon the stat-the povince a regular revenue from the parties benefited by these important public works. Among the matters for which he is

In the administration of his Depart-ment, Mr. Green has acted in a man-ner that will be more appreciated the better it is understood. Whatever may have been the rule in days past, during the last three years people having busi-ners with the department have received what the law entitled them to, and there has been no discrimination between friends and opponents of the adminis-tration. He has also fully systematized the work of the office, and in every way placed it apon a more business-like foot-ing than it has ever been. He has been case of the best Chief Commissioners that British Columbia has ever had, and it can be said of him with perfect con-fidence, that he leaves his important and responsible post with a reputation for industry, integrity and administra-tive ability.

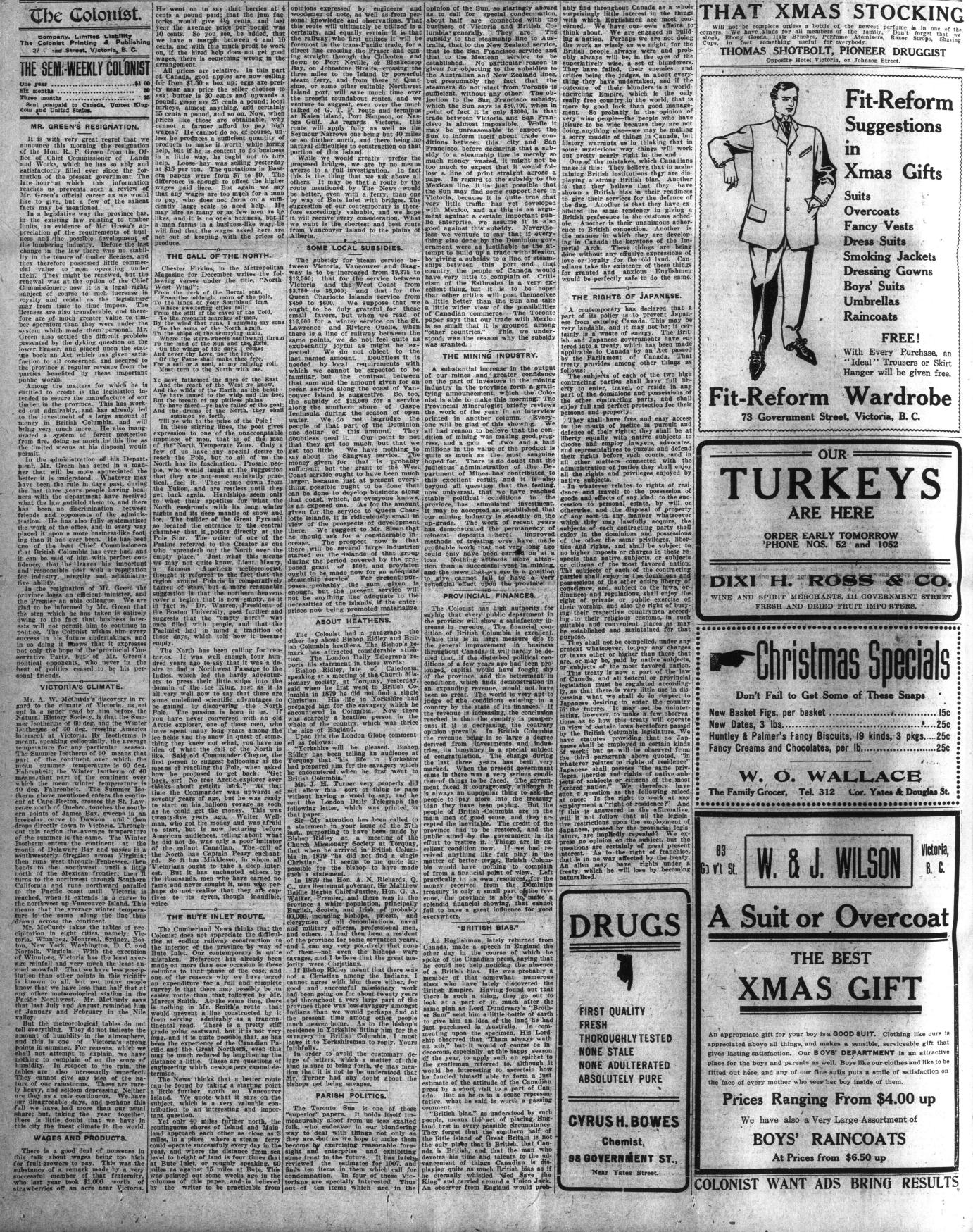
for industry, integrity and administra-tive ability. In the resignation of Mr. Green the province loges an efficient minister, and the Premier an able colleague. We are clad to be informed by Mr. Green that the step which he has taken is entirely oving to the fact that business inter-ests will not permit him to continue in politics. The Colonist wishes him every success in his future undertakings, and n so doing it knows that it expresses at only the hope of the provincial Con-servative Party, but of Mr. Green's political opponents, who never in the neat of politics cased to be his per-conal friends.

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again on Christmas mor good wishes are always t this occasion also to extend friends and opponents. may have during the twelvemonth, we have n day, tomorrow or next day. ple think they are in that assure them that they are would be a good thing if said always. But as it c all unite this Sunday in sa From all uncharitableness deliver us.

CHRISTMAS. A girdle of traditions,

little more than mythe, globe, and they all point to north as the original home this idea science lends its not directly, of course, bu about way, for science de tempt to deal directly with ters. It demonstrates that ing process to which at one time sub polar regions would neces first part to become suffic permit of the existence of and this is to some extent that man may first have ap If he did we have an exp some things not so easily otherwise, and one of them of Tule Tide, which the Chri has adopted as its great holi her 21st is the shortest day It is the winter solstice; t time when the sun reaches apparent southern point fore beginning his northw When he is fully on his Yule Tide. It is very ea that people living in high i udes would have observed of the year as one of rejoicir not be nearly as significant people in a latitude, in wh above the horizon every rear; but in the Far Nor oes not appear at all for se is return from his distant j an occasion for rejoicing Tide festival of the Norsen robably a continuation of ons of a still more northern ote ancestors w vho had been driven from olar home by that tremen the understood event, know nning of the Glacial period true, then we may be ting in festivities, whi eir origin in those far-of logists call the Tertiary efore the hairy mami the plains of Yukon days when there was no s ice or snow on all this wor ns do not altogeth f traditio igh degree of civilization w short the days of the tru fact' that the church in its taken this festival of the co sun and consecrated it to of the coming of the I World, adds to the interest sion even from an histori view, and the connection of season with the traditions uncounted centuries does n the slightest degree from the eligious associations which

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before Rome paid any more passing attention to the new devoted followers and very l ers in Alexandria. Oddly first seats of its influence m ognize it, except under a s cal compulsion. Christianity in Syria and Egypt, because uthorities dare not drive it something quite remar this. It is one of the extraol

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f history that races, which f Christ were dwelling some forests and mountains on th the Roman Empire, are now banner of the religion, which first in the lands around Upon this fact some of the to speculate upon unfathom hang one of their strongest for the identity of the Ang ople with the Lost Tribe But be these this theory as : worthy of remark that Chri acknowledged in the land wh ated. There are no carols : hillside where the shepherd song of "Glory to God in and on earth Peace." The popularity of Christm emarkable. It has had a ha against heavy odds. Purita have none of it and even the isposed to dispute its emin pular mind. Once it was s paganism; then, among a relic of popery, and in d name was enough to condem this was all that it was neces Even now there is a dispos some people to deprecate any ebration of the day for on another. But in spite of all i in popular favor. More is every year. It is as great a ligious point of view as e Ind it is a very much greate the family point of view. In States it has quite taken the popular esteem from Th

ce the great semi-religious the Republic, There must b for this and we are glad to