

The Colonist

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 1906.

THE HOLIDAY.

The three days' holiday last week were thoroughly enjoyed by the citizens of Victoria and their numerous visitors.

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GOVERNMENT OR OPPORTUNITY?

There are many in this province who are considering how they shall vote at the coming election.

The best way to this is to consider carefully the claims of both Government and Opposition to the support of the electors.

A shrewd and an intelligent observer will be able to form a pretty fair estimate of the Government by what it attempts to do.

It is true that the Opposition have declared that the Government have "betrayed the people with their own money."

The opponents of the Government think themselves the unwilling witnesses of the fact that the governments which British Columbia has had since the present party came to power have been honest governments.

Intelligent observers have also noticed that the principal charge which the Opposition brought against the Government was

one of so trifling a nature that it would not be thought worthy of consideration if there was really any serious grievance to complain of.

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THE MAINLAND ASSOCIATION

Meets at Vancouver and Passes a Resolution Advancing Increased Representation of the Census.

From Our Own Correspondent. Vancouver, May 29.—A meeting of the Mainland Association in the Imperial Opera House held to-night was largely attended.

What are the claims of the Opposition to the support of men having an interest in the property of the country?

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The candidates who support the Government which, for many years, has honestly and effectively administered the affairs of the province—Government on which bitterest opposition cannot cast the slightest reproach—is the candidate for whom the man who wishes to betray the province will cast his vote.

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I pledge myself to use every means in my power to obtain, immediately after the election, the relief of a new vote which will be fair to the whole province.

It is not a candidate, no matter to which party he belongs, or what section of the province he may hope to represent, who could vote, under the circumstances, upon any other basis than that which he has received.

Any one who has followed the course of public events as closely as mine can come to the conclusion that, were it not for the legislation of last winter, the Opposition would be completely bankrupt for annihilation.

THE WANDERINGS OF A NATURALIST.

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FROM THE ORIENT.

Latest News from the Japanese Papers.

An Eastern Statesman's British Advice to the Emperor—The Emperor of Japan.

Mr. Kato Hirayuki, leader of one of the political parties in Japan, issued a circular warning the people against party contentions, and contending that the first duty ought to consist of men of mature age, of capital, of business, of wide experience, and of high attainments, practical men, learned men, and even comparatively free from party spirit.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Senator Macdonald's Opinion on the Action of the United States Executive.

He thinks the Behring's Sea Trouble will be Brought to Maturity by an Act of Bloodshed.

There is a proposal among the leading merchants of Kyoto to establish a large spinning concern to be turned by water power derived from the Biwa Canal.

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A SPLENDID TRIP.

The London correspondent of the Manchester Courier writes from Canada that the Canadian Pacific Railway is contemplating a new excursion.

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