

The Colonist.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1899.

A NOVELTY IN POLITICS.

The house was occupied yesterday for half an hour with an unpleasant incident. At the opposition organization meeting Mr. Price Ellison made a speech in the course of which he referred to Mr. Joseph Martin as a man "who had come into the province with all that he possessed in a carpet bag, and could get out just as easily."

have remained in power. If the distribution of force before the last session had been continued, the present government never would have been formed, for the coup d'etat of last August would have been impossible? Does any one suppose that the late government did not foresee that the enlargement of the representation of Vancouver and Kootenay introduced an element of uncertainty into the contest? Every one knew that it would do so, but this did not prevent Mr. Turner and his colleagues from doing what they thought was a simple act of justice. This being so, we think no one will assert that we are sectional in insisting that the representation of Victoria ought not to be cut down. The people of this city may make up their minds that, if they return government supporters, they will return men who will have to choose between following Joseph Martin in his schemes to deprive Victoria of its legitimate influence in the councils of the province and giving their allegiance to gentlemen whom they now pretend they are opposing under principle. The way for Victorians to keep their city at its present position is to warrant men to the legislature, who have shown by their acts that they are prepared to stand up for their rights. The cause of the opposition is the cause of Victoria.

PRECEDENT DISREGARDED.

The house has been in session upwards of two weeks, two members have been legislated into their seats; the address has been passed; an important measure relating to placer mines has been carried through; the Lieutenant-Governor has twice come down and assented to bills; and yet no statement has been made to the house of the fact that a change of government has taken place and why it took place. In any other legislature in the world, the Premier would have risen in his place on the first day of the session, and on moving the adjournment of the house, or on some other suitable occasion, related the facts leading up to the presence of himself and his colleagues upon the treasury benches. The first day of the session would not have passed without this. Such was the course taken by Sir Robert Peel, when he met the House of Commons after the dismissal of Lord Melbourne. That great statesman at once, on the assembling of parliament, made a statement of what had occurred and said that he took the responsibility of the act of dismissal and of what had been done by the Duke of Wellington, who carried on the government while the new ministry was being formed.

The reason of this course is obvious to any one who knows anything of constitutional law and parliamentary practice. "The King can do no wrong." It is not considered expedient in British countries that the crown or its representative shall be dragged into political controversy. The crown was engaged in a political controversy twice in British history. On one occasion it cost the King his head as well as his throne; on the other it cost him and his family the throne forever. The very nature of our institutions prevents the Lieutenant-Governor from being a party to a political controversy. For this reason, if the people of this province shall declare that they are opposed to the action taken by His Honor in dismissing Mr. Turner, he will have to accept their verdict as gracefully as he can and take as his advisers men who will not be prepared to defend his course in that regard. There would be nothing unprecedented in this. Many a provincial governor has found himself surrounded by advisers with whose views he had no sympathy. More than one king of England has been placed in the same predicament. We mention these things, because they seem to be misunderstood, because many persons appear to think that the dismissal of Mr. Turner is a matter between Mr. Turner and the Lieutenant-Governor. Personally it may be, but the public have nothing to do with that phase of the case. If to-morrow Mr. Turner were the only person who could form a ministry having the confidence of the legislature, the Lieutenant-Governor would not and could not hesitate for a single moment in calling upon him to do so. He would have only one possible alternative, and that would not do, that, because to do so would be to declare that his action was a personal matter, which is not supposable under the constitution. It is the intention of Mr. Semlin and his colleagues to hide themselves behind the Lieutenant-Governor. They intend to push him to the front, as Russell Sage pushed the clerk at the time of the dynamite explosion, in order to protect themselves from the consequence of the popular wrath. This was plain from what Mr. Cotton said on Friday when he defended the adjournment of the house. He declared that Mr. Turner had put a motion on the paper which was in the nature of an attack upon the Lieutenant-Governor. They are assuming any responsibility for the dismissal, and this is why the Premier has violated every precedent by making no statement to the house on the subject.

THE REPRESENTATION OF VICTORIA.

It is the avowed intention of the present government to reduce the representation of Vancouver in the legislature, and it is well known that their plan contemplates the cutting down of the membership from this city. The government candidates will not admit this. They will be at great pains to deny it; but they simply have nothing to say in the matter. Every one of them who would be elected, he will merely record the wishes of Mr. Joseph Martin, and Mr. Martin has no love for this city. He desires to build himself up as a political power, and for this object will cut down the influence of Victoria in every way. There are not enough people in Victoria, so blind to the interests of the city as to lose sight of this important issue, to elect a government representative. If there are, and when the next general election comes on we find Victoria entitled only to two members, the blame will rest upon the shoulders of our own people. The Colonist is opposed to sectionalism. It can point to its files for years past to show that it has always been foremost in advocating the interests of every portion of the province. It realizes that the prosperity of Victoria depends upon the prosperity of the whole province. It desires to see every portion of the province advance in material progress. It never has been a champion of political centralization. It supported the measure to give Vancouver an additional representative. It advocated additional representation for Kootenay. It maintained the justice of increased representation for Cassiar. In these things it expressed the sentiments of its political friends, the people who are alleged to be animated by a spirit of sectionalism, to be committed to a policy of enhancing the importance of Victoria at the expense of the rest of the province. If it had not been for the increased representation granted McInland constituencies, the late administration would

daily every day wisdom, the kind that a man wants in his business and his family. "Signment into the day is the evil thereof." Every one will admit that is sound philosophy, but the majority of people intensify the evil of to-day by adding to it the evils of yesterday and anticipating a lot of evils to-morrow. A very sensible and successful business man once said that he learned early in life that, if he kept thinking about what he did yesterday and wondering how he was going to get through to-morrow, he was in bad shape to transact business to-day. From this he deduced this conclusion, that in business matters the wise man was he who did what lies next him as seemed best at the time, who occupied himself with what he had to do, and kept no plans in his mind for regrets or misgivings as to what he had done or might do in the future. "You have nothing to do with consequences" was one of his favorite sayings. "Whatever your hand finds to do, do with all your might," and leave the consequences to take care of themselves was the sum total of his business philosophy.

Worry never yet solved a business problem, but it has prevented many a man from solving them. The hopeful, courageous and energetic man never succeeds. He may not succeed just as he expected, but he rarely makes a complete failure of his life, and there is a good philosophical reason for this. The inspiration of such a man is faith, and there is no power on earth that is equal to faith. Here again it is necessary to say something about the way Scriptural expressions are understood. Talk to most men about faith and they jump to the conclusion that what you have in mind is some ecclesiastical dogma having special reference to the future life. But if we understand the New Testament idea of faith at all, it is the liveliest kind of force and is one that ought to be employed in every day affairs. There is an old saying that a proverb is the wisdom of many and the wit of one, the same holds good of some of our ordinary colloquialisms. The secret of a man's success being his faith in himself. Napoleon declared that the force that sustained him most in his harrowing career was faith in his destiny. We fancy it would not be difficult to get at the philosophy of this, although his demonstration would probably be too long for a newspaper article; but the idea is after this sort: There are laws in the mental life just as there are in the physical life. There are mental forces just as there are physical forces. This will be admitted by all. But as has just been said, there is no cause to believe that the Governor-General will interfere. No one in authority has intimated anything of the kind. On the contrary, it is announced from Ottawa that there is likely to be legislation during the coming session of parliament in the direction of giving Canadians certain preferences in the gold-mines of the Yukon. The proceedings of the Anglo-American commission have demonstrated that the United States government will surrender as little as possible to the people of Canada, and that they will not meet us in fair reciprocal arrangements. The people of Canada are far more likely to be called upon to support the Laurier government in an effort to meet American exclusiveness than to hold up the hands of Joseph Martin in keeping the Disposer Mines act on the statute book. Disallowance is a bogey, conjured up by Joseph Martin in order to draw the attention of the voters away from the great crime, which has been committed against the Constitution.

MARTIN'S BOGEY MAN.

Attorney-General Martin is skilled in appeals to passion and prejudice. He is an adept at shirking real issues and in raising false ones. His speech in the theatre on Friday night is an illustration of this quality. He called upon the people of Victoria to elect government supporters so as to prevent the Placer Mining act from disallowance. One answer to this appeal is that there is no authority for any one to say that the act will be disallowed, or that the Laurier government has the slightest intention of disallowing it. Moreover, if it is disallowed at all, it will not be because aliens have been excluded from our placers, but because its other provisions are such as cannot fail to materially injure business interests.

The Colonist can speak without being misunderstood on this matter, because it advocated the preservation of our placers for British subjects before Mr. Martin thought of it. The Colonist's object was to check the inrush of alien miners bringing outfits from foreign cities; but it had no idea of preventing the introduction of foreign capital. The latter is what the act put through the legislature by the government will do, and it is for this reason that there are those who say it is disallowed at all. But as has just been said, there is no cause to believe that the Governor-General will interfere. No one in authority has intimated anything of the kind. On the contrary, it is announced from Ottawa that there is likely to be legislation during the coming session of parliament in the direction of giving Canadians certain preferences in the gold-mines of the Yukon. The proceedings of the Anglo-American commission have demonstrated that the United States government will surrender as little as possible to the people of Canada, and that they will not meet us in fair reciprocal arrangements. The people of Canada are far more likely to be called upon to support the Laurier government in an effort to meet American exclusiveness than to hold up the hands of Joseph Martin in keeping the Disposer Mines act on the statute book. Disallowance is a bogey, conjured up by Joseph Martin in order to draw the attention of the voters away from the great crime, which has been committed against the Constitution.

VICTORIA IN THE CABINET.

The people of Victoria have been told by government speakers that if Victoria wants representation in the cabinet, the way to get it is to elect Messrs. Gregory, Paterson and Stewart. This is in violation of giving Victoria representation in the cabinet. He is dangling a cabinet position before the eyes of the Victoria electors as a bait. When they have swallowed it, if they are foolish enough to do so, he will postpone the giving of the portfolio until it suits his convenience, which may be never. Mr. Martin will not venture to pass over Mr. Higgins and give a cabinet position to Mr. Gregory. If the government

had been sincere in its professions in this matter, it would have given a portfolio to Mr. Gregory or some other one of its candidates. That is the course adopted in other regimes. But the government is not sincere. It is simply deceiving the people of the constituency.

THE PARLIAMENT GROUNDS.

This government, which represents itself as so friendly to Victoria, exhibits its friendship by the manner in which it has left the grounds around the Parliament buildings. If the late government had remained in power, those grounds would have been put in first-class shape and a number of Victoria workmen would have been employed. Under the new regime, the grounds are in a disgraceful condition, presenting to strangers a spectacle calculated to create a very bad impression of the city and province. Even the roadway has not been finished, and people driving in at the Birdcage Walk entrance find it necessary to turn around and come out by the same way, because this beautiful government property has not been able to cover the stones on the western approach. The lawn looks like a badly ploughed meadow. The whole appearance is highly discredit.

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Though Her Husband Forged to Con-vict Dreyfus She Maintains He Was No Traitor.

Paris, Jan. 27.—The trial of the action brought by Madame Henri, widow of Lieut.-Col. Henri, who committed suicide in prison here after confessing to having forged one of the documents in the Dreyfus case against M. Joseph Reinach, member of the chamber of deputies and editor of the *Republique Francaise*, for libelling the deceased by declaring him a traitor, opened in the assize court to-day. Madame Henri was present in deep mourning.

M. Laborie, counsel for M. Reinach, immediately asked the court to postpone the trial until the Dreyfus inquiry was determined. He declared the suit was merely the work of a political party and intended to the last extremity and it was merely a desperate attempt to influence the verdict of the court of cassation in the decision of the Dreyfus trial. The suit was ostensibly instituted to obtain satisfaction and honor for a woman and child.

Madame Henri began to weep and M. Laborie expressed regret at the fact that his duty compelled him to alienate her feelings. Counsel then proceeded to read the popular subscription started by the *Libre Parole*, which, he said, was opened for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the trial. He had become a forger to maintain an innocent man in prison. The court of cassation, counsel then said, "in spite of the insults and the daily attacks made upon it, continues serenely to perform the duty of justice, and I bow in advance before the decision which will be given by the court of cassation, for it is the duty of all to bow to the truth." M. Laborie concluded with declaring that he demanded an adjournment of the case in the superior interests of justice and protested that the accusation that the revision of the trial of Dreyfus, insured the army was an infamous calumny.

Marcelo Garcia, a son of General Calixto Garcia, has entered Union College. He is the first Cuban to take advantage of the Cuban Educational Society, which was organized for the purpose of giving free education to Cubans in American colleges.

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