MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1900.

THE NEW MINISTER.

George Washington Beebe, the new Provincial Secretary, is a prosperous rancher from Agassiz. He is a gentlehis colleague, but still rather more so than is exactly convenient. However, if was on the whole satisfactory. Wages

and the preference of the parties of of the p

of the Eastern provinces events similar all the larger centres of population.

strance ought to be addressed to the Lieusetting out wherein His Honor has viojury done to the business of the country not know, but it is always well for the people to protest against unconstitutional

of opinion. There is always a danger that any one who takes the initiative in a public matter will be attacked on the ground that he seeks his own advancement. This is, however, only a small matter and ought to prevent no one from doing what he feels to be his duty.

THE EIGHT HOUR LAW.

(From Friday's Daily Colonist.) Discussing in detail the several matters mentioned in the Colonist of yesterday as forming a platform upon which the people of the province can be suc cessfully appealed to, we will take up first the eight-hour law. There is very statute book in as nearly a surreptitious little to be said in regard to any change manner as is possible, and experience in this measure except that it either has shown that it is paralyzing busiought to be repealed or the penalty ness. We submit, therefore, that the clause should be stricken out.

The Colonist has so frequently ex presed itself in favor of an eight-hour taken out of it, leaving miners to conday as a standard by which all hiring tract to work for as many hours as shall be regulated, that we need not elaborate the point here. Whether or the regulation of hours of labor may be able to carry out what they undertake tion on that point is a matter of opinion. As a rule most of the trades are able to secure arrangements as to hours by mutual agreement between employers and employed. The eight-hour system and employed. The eight-hour system prevails, we understand, in all the coal mines in the province. It did not prevails in the province. It did not prevail in the metalliferous mines. That it might after a time have come in force or painters, or carpenters a nx-of the proposed railway, the acquisition of the proposed railway and the proposed railway and the proposed railway and the proposed railway and

here if there had been no legislative in yould doubtless have taken place grad nally and as conditions warranted it it would have been adjusted between he mine owners and the miners without friction, the secondary question of wages being dealt with at the same time. The almost universal rule is that

may be called a modus vivendi if left to the exercise of freedom of action.

The condition of miners in Kootenay

impetuous action, but believe the people owe it to themselves to make some deheavy penalty, is to our view of the case parties to the treaty of Verona feared the Provincial Liberal Association in constration of their sentiments. In any longer period in such a mine under a to those which have occurred here would to those which have occurred here would utterly without justification. The reguhave led to indignant public meetings in lation of hours and wages is a matter that beginning in Spain, the republican enunciated as applicable to provincial which must be left to those immediately movement would spread over the conconcerned to settle for themselves, untenant-Governor in a respectful manner demands. The propriety of establishing and in respectful, though decided, terms, ing eight-hour shifts, under normal content of the united Kingdom, learned of this treaty and the ingressive property of the signature of the united Kingdom, learned of this treaty and the ingressive property of the signature of the united Kingdom and in respectful, though decided, terms, ingressive property of the united Kingdom and in respectful the signature of the united Kingdom and in respectful the united Kingdom and in respectful the united Kingdom and in respectful the united Kingdom and the united K lated what the remonstrants regard as be determined by the circumstances of be determined by the circumstances of Background Program Reference might constitutional usage. Reference might also be properly made therein to the introduction of the constitutional usage. Reference might each case, and can be safely left to Monroe hesitated about acting, but urged "To ado those who have to pay the wage. For by Canning, who promised the material the legislature to lay down any hard mediate effect of this would be we do and fast rule must, in the condition of mining in this province, infallibly work

dred that you do not know enough about it to form an intelligent opinion? This being so, why should you underminers to settle among themselves? We admit that it is the duty of a govern-But no such inquiry was ever made in this case. The law was placed upon the

law ought to be promptly repealed, or at least the penalty clause should be they wish. What position in regard to elaborate the point here. Whether of the laborate the point here. Whether the laborate the point here. dismissed from consideration. There the north end of Vancouver Island in never may be the least necessity for the connection with a large transportation thre was for it to interfere to secure the printers or painters, or carpenters a fix of the proposed railway, the acquisition

employers and employed reach what

been set up over a large area, and the In 1897 a platform was adopted tinent. Therefore, they decided to assist less safety to life or health otherwise demands. The propriety of establishing, then premier of the United Kingways by the government. tention of the signatory powers and noti- Association adopted a platform which support of Great Britain, he declared in a message to congress that while not in- mit terfering in any manner with the posmischief. We put the matter to each sessions of European powers in America, individual reader thus: Will you under- the United States would regard as "an As to who ought to lead in a matter of take to say that it is wrong for a miner this kind, there may be some difference of opinion. There is always a danger metalliferous mine? Will not your anattempt to reconquer the Spanish colonies would lead to a war with Great Britain and the United States, the powers abandoned their scheme. In by Monroe doctrine only means that the take to legislate on the subject. Why not leave it for the mine owners and United States will resist any attempt by European powers to acquire territory in America without the consent of the peoment to inquire into questions of this nature, and that if the people have confidence in the government they may fidence in the government they may ed States a sort of guardian of the Cen-properly leave the decision to them. the idea has not been endorsed by thos nations, Mr. Blaine's Pan-American congress was a futile effort to crystallize this conception of the Monroe doctrine into an international agreement.

A LARGE PROJECT.

(From Saturday's Daily Colonist.) It was explained at the board of trad yesterday that capitalists abundantly legislature to interfere, any more than scheme. The plan which they have be

The undersigned, specially authorized him in the whole enterprise. If this provincial conservatism is to make additions to the treaty of the Holy Alliance, after having exchanged their respective credentials, have agreed to them in some concrete form.

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St. John 1,332	601,983		480,239	
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"The adoption of a policy directed to

"To adopt the principle of governm ownership of railways in so far as the circumstances of the province will ad-

Mr. Joseph Martin in his platform declares it to be his policy: "To adopt a system of governmen construction and operation of railways." It is not necessary to examine these three platforms any further. They will be seen to agree upon one vital point a point which if endorsed by the people f the province will be absolutely re

volutionary and will be the entering wedge of provincial socialism. The Provincial Liberal Convention dian Frenchman named Joseph Zotique Turner ministry and hence could make ence between them, that whereas Louis press is stronger than ever it has been. species of poker is this in which everywas held before the dismissal of the la Joie. There is one essential differno deliverance touching the action of the Lieutenant-Governor in unduly exercis- mancing, Joseph has not such aims. The ing the prerogative in that instance, but alleged adventures of the former were tion. Of hospitals, refuges and other no. Liberal convention, provincial or in Australia; those of the latter have establishments of a similar kind there local, has ever condemned that act. The taken place, so he says, in a region which never before was anything like the num tion in 1898, immediately after this extion in 1898, immediately after this ex-traordinary exercise of the prerogative has been examined and cross-examined and did not condemn it. They again met by scientists in both New York and Bos-the minister in the varied circumstances by scientists in both New York and Bos-

herefore, that neither of the federal parties in this province can make any claim to be the champion of this great

Nevertheless, we venture to assert and we defy successful contradiction

for any of the rest of them to do so, we will be respective cordentials, have agreed and the first first the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as recogniting the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as recogniting the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as recogniting the first tentrance into public Me. His neight of the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as the first tentrance into public Me. His neight is power as the first tentral principles as the construct. It is not the first tentral principle as the first tentral principle as the first tentral principle and the construct. It is not prevent the well and provided them with many the fact that there had been so the first tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast that the very tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster plast the feeder Conservative party as such can group tentral principle and the face of the New Westminster pl

Shall there be progress along the ines which experience has shown to be safe? The other side of the case is:

Personal government.

Experimental legislation of a socialist haracter, and Stagnation resulting from distrust. The issue is between provincial con servatism, or preservatism, if you like the term better, and provincial socialsm. It is a clear-cut issue. It is one ipon which there can be a straight division. It is one upon which all thos

Liberals and Conservatives, who refuse to be bound by the vagaries of the conventions of their respective parties, car unite. It is one upon which all those who fear the consequences of the ad vent to power of Mr. Martin can

IS IT A HOAX?

Louis de Rougemont, if that was his name, had a very interesting story to tell, ance is declining. The number of have come out a little ahead. One of but he is not in the running with a Canawent in for money-making by his rohe thinks must be the North Pole. La Joie is at present in Washington, but he has lost a great deal of its authority. in 1890, and although the house had ton, and they are all in a state of semi- of life as formerly, and there is

in parliament, and notwithstanding the old accompanied his father to the North-very material principle involved in it, west Territory, where he engaged in no reference whatever was made to it. His wanderings, as we are no reference whatever was made to it. As the logical result of this indifference, Mr. Martin has been made premier and continues in office in direct contravencontinues in office in direct contraven-tion of the recognized principles of re-sponsible government. It is very clear, found themselves at an iron post marked: degrees of longitude west." This would involve a journey of at least a thousand miles in the most direct possible line, and they are alleged to have accomplishing a heaven of ease and never paratus.

Countries—that is in those where Christonia in the countries—that is in the countries—that is in those where Christonia in the countries of the co "Eighty-two degrees of latitude north, 83 degrees of longitude west." This would miles in the most direct possible line, and they are alleged to have accomplish-

THE HOLY ADLIANCE.

We find in the San Francisco Call a translation of one of the most interesting diplomatic papers in existence, being the secret treaty of Verona, which created "the Holy Alliance," and led to the promognitude of the protection of the project are abundantly able to furnish themselves all the aceda capital. They are awaiting the action of the Bousinian Systems of the source treaty of the periods when the trong light upon a question that is much discussed on almost every occasion when the relations between the E. & N. railway, and they hope to be able to associated to make additions to the treaty of the line on the Island, and to interest the undersigned, specially authorized to make additions to the treaty of the line on the Island, and to interest the make additions to the treaty of the line on the Island, and to interest the make additions to the treaty of the line on the Island, and to interest the make additions to the treaty of the line on the Island, and to interest the modern of the provincial conservatism is the test the correctness of his statement in the whole enterprise. If this provincial conservatism is test the correctness of his statement in the state and ourselves are up for consideration:

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and the paralyzing effect upon trade, size to see the defeat of Mr. Martin and his platform.

GUGGESTED CONSTITUTIONAL

REMONSTRANCE.

In another column reference is made to the conditions which existed return to the conditions which existed return to the conditions which existed the colling in this city in regard to the connected may be the connected with the the legislature for another column reference is made to the connected what is known in the United standard or in metalliferous mining, and in the propher colling of the second of the legislature columns represent the conditions which exists the connected what is known in the United shading in this city in regard to the connected with the propher colling of the second of the legislature for an interesting the connected colling of the second of the legislature composed of men chose of the legislature composed of the legislature. Only a very little effort is necessary to excite this recomplete collines, on the little of the legislature of the legislature for an only a short time of the legislature for an only a short time for the legislature for an only a short time for the legislature for an only a short time for the legislature for the legislat centre of the earth, if not all the way betterment of mankind, we cannot say through to the South Pole, of a race of anything less than did the Roman people unlike any living in known lati- soldier, who exclaimed as the earthwas much like La Joie says he found it watching the Crucified: "Truly this on his northern visit. Thus we see that was the Son of God." La Joie's story, utterly improbable as it seems, is not wholly unsupported, in the sense that the conditions which he says exist in the far North have been suggested long before his time. We shall his platform becomes acute. give fuller details of the alleged discovery when they come to hand.

THE STATUS OF CHRISTIANITY. Prof. Charles A. Briggs writes to the

Popular Science Monthly to say that though church attendance is declining, there is no reason to believe that Christianity is losing its force as a vital prin- Leiter and four others playing poker for ciple in the lives of men. It is open to several consecutive days. Leiter is aldoubt if in point of fact church attendiged to have lost heavily at first, but to

growing impatience with that species of

The majority of mankind in civilized feated at the elections. countries—that is in those where Chris-

tudes. He claimed that the climate there quake shook the ground where he stood

With two colleagues whose hearing is, to say the least, not normal, the pathos of Mr. Martin's "deaf and dumb" plank in

The surplus for the last fiscal year was \$4,837,741. If the \$10,000 had been expended on Victoria harbor, the surplus would have been \$4,827,741, and the country would have been quite as well satisfied

A very interesting fairy tale has been running through the papers about Joseph churches is steadily increasing; the the others is said to have won \$180,000, numbers and salaries of the clergy are another \$60,000 and the other two large certainly not diminishing. The religious amounts which are not specified. What There is no dearth of religious books, body wins fortunes and no one loses any-

A letter has been received in this city from the representative of United States capitalists, who are considering the advisability of constructing a railway to from Alaskan points to the United States met in the meantime and the dismissal of the Turner ministry had been dis—
This new claimant for fame was born religious instruction which declares that any probability that the government ownof the Turner ministry had been discussed there and had been brought up in Quebec, and when he was 18 years in parliament, and notwithstanding the old accompanied his father to the North-

Aiding Road To The No

Board of Trade Passes tion Urging Governmen Grant Subsidies.

Proposal To Erect Build Winnipeg Exhibition for Meets With Favor.

(From Saturday's Daily Color The special meeting of the trade called for yesterday after not take long in arriving at a u decision to endorse the project sion of the E. & N. railway to end of the Island. There was discussion, it being conceded I sent that the scheme was one there were no two opinions, an advantages of which have be sively and adequately set fort press and on the platform. were no long speeches. A stron tion of endorsation was propose
G. H. Lugrin, editor of the Cole
unanimously passed, after the n
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the charter were anxious to tak
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The other item of business d

The other item of business dat the meeting was the desirabil board endorsing the suggestion provincial government should let to the erection, in connection Winnipeg exhibition, of a puilding to accommodate Britis bia exhibits. Through the cothe board, after the regular bus been exhausted. F. W. Heub mauager of the industrial exhi Winnipeg, was permitted to ad board on the object of his visit sirability of British Columbia presented at the exhibition in ner suggested. It was decide commend early favorable actio part of the council of the board.

commend early favorable action part of the council of the board and a meeting will probably be next week to pass the necessartions in "coordance with that Vice-President L. G. McQuade the chair and there were present Leiser, C. H. Lugrin, Ald. James Thomson, A. G. McStephen Jones, G. Foster, J. Brence Goodacre, Joshua Davies, Stephen Jones, G. Foster, J. B. rence Goodacre, Joshua Davies, Clure, H. Bullen, D. W. Higgins J. H. Turner, M.P.P., Henry S. Capt. William Meyer, E. E. H. Smith, W. H. Ellis, C. D. Thomas Shotbolt, J. Mitche Piercy, R. Seabrook and Joseph The chairman briefly explain object of the special meeting, grin, as he was one of those instinced in the company of the special meeting, grin, as he was one of those instinced in the special meeting. grin, as he was one of those instin calling the members together occasion, outlined the status of ject. He thought it timely to board what was being done. D last session of parliament a gwho is interested in the develo Vaucouver Island spoke to son ministers regarding the likelihooting a subsidy and received a response. It was pointed out however, that a company must porated before the matter could erly dealt with. The bill no parliament was introduced quence. Another application made, and the gentlemen inter placed the matter in his hands that he might look after their here. He had had a conversa Mr. Dunsmuir on the matter. here. He had had a conversa Mr. Dunsmuir on the matter resuit he had advised his prine every purpose would be serve Dunsmuir's application. Late an American gentleman who historested in the project. He Victoria looking for a field from the man and is now interested to tent in the mines on the West Vancouver Island. Mr. La brought under this gentleman's matter of the railway to the no Vancouver Island. The plan a to that gentleman, who represlarge capital, comprised, beside steamships from the northern of the railway to Alaskan po connections with the British Mainland and to the America systems to the south, and the cf the E. & N. railway. The cost of the completion of such sive scheme of coast transpor \$8,000,000. The idea was quite eagerly, and communica the gentleman interested were carried on. In the last lette received, the gentlemen regard great deal of alarm the sugge British Columbia was likely the system of the government of railways. He had assure or railways. He had assured as the charter would be a fed would not be affected Mr. Lugrin mentioned t ters to show that other car sid.'s Mr. Dunsmuir were in the project. One of the gen now in New York, and had data on the subject to submit

now in New York, and had data on the subject to submi sociates in that city. terest taken shows that went has acted some one wi ward. The speaker then toll solutions endorsing the scheme. the public meeting in the F hall and by the city council already forwarded to Ottay bearing over 2,000 signature others in his possession with and each mail brought others. terior points. The Vancou trade and the city council h munuicated with on the sub reply had as yet been red moved the following resoluti "Resolved: That this bos the proposed railway to the Vancouver Island as a work vantage of British Columb Yukon territory, and recom the favorable consideration vincial government and the n

the favorable consideration vincial government and the p Canada as deserving of assi reasonable subsidy. Be it solved that a copy of this i forwarded to Sir Wilfrid the provincial representatives Mr. Lugrin could only ad sion that the building of the undoubtedly lead to the c Victoria into an important inection with traffic to Ala northern ports.

The resolution was secon Simon Leiser.

Mr. McCandless thought to one was unanimously in

one was unanimously in scheme it would only be a to indulge in lengthy discu The resolution was then Mr. Turner suggested

the resolution should be ser frid Laurier and all the Bri members in the Dominion I Mr. Lugrin mentioned the already been some corresp Col. Prior, M.P., on the s