

The Colonist, we regret to report, is as unscrupulous in its methods of conducting controversies as the government of which it is the organ and defender is dishonest in its administration of the public estate.

The Times is just as deeply interested in the development of Vancouver Island as any institution or concern on the island possibly can be.

We believe every reasonable person will agree that our position is sound. None of the railways mentioned as possible users of the projected bridge have yet carried their lines as far as the Yellow Head pass.

The facts as they exist to-day are that any railway that may ultimately desire to cross on to Vancouver Island at Seymour Narrows has about four hundred miles of road to build.

The Vancouver News-Advertiser no doubt believes it has finally disposed of the provincial Liberal party when it says: "The leaders of the opposition may be supposed to have some regard for the intelligence of the electors."

ment in power. It is appealing to the people, who are interested in securing a government that will not plunder the province for the benefit of its peculiar friends like the Kaien Islanders or its influential friends the great corporations.

THE BETTER TERMS ISSUE.

In view of the manner in which British Columbia's claims upon the Dominion government for better terms have been conducted by Premier McBride, will anyone undertake to say that our case would not have a better chance of full recognition if it were delivered into other hands?

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One Rufus Pope. The Minister of Justice called attention in the House of Commons yesterday to the allegation of Mr. Rufus Pope, once a member of the Dominion Parliament, that a judgeship had been offered for sale in British Columbia.

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tops of the tariff. They have done their work fairly well in the past—so well indeed as to completely disarm criticism—and if there were any substantial ground for criticism, surely the persons whose special duty it is to criticize could be depended upon to find it.

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STILL ARGUING IN WATER APPEAL

COUNSEL FOR CITY PRESENT THEIR CASE

The Esquimalt Company's Side is Now Being Heard by the Full Court.

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WEEKLY WEATHER

Victoria Meteorological Office. 28th November to 4th December. The weather during the week ending 28th Nov. was mostly cloudy with some rain.

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