Provincial Legislature

Extraordinary Proceedings in the House—Mr. Jos. Martin Announces His Call.

Mr. Prentice Moves a Resolution for Dismissal of Lieut-Governor, but Withdraws.

Victoria, Feb. 28th, 1900.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 2:15 p. m. Prayers by the Rev. Percival Jenns.

Motion to Adjourn.

Hon. Mr. Semlin—I beg to move, Mr. Speaker, that this House at its rising do stand adjourned till to-morrow at 2 o'clock. Yesterday the House met assuming that some information would be forthcoming as to the course which the Lieut.-Governor intended to follow, but the House had not been so informed, and up to the present time that information has not been admitted. The House knows nothing of what is being done, the ministers have no information of any kind to offer the House. Perhaps, however, some other member of the House might be in a position to give the House this information. If so he would ask that hon. member to give the House that information now.

The motion to adjourn was put and duly carried.

Mr. Turner—I should like to know, under the existing position of things who is in charge of the departments of the government. I presume the ministry, if it actually exists, has charge of and is carrying on what is necessary. It is exceedingly queer to ask this House and the province at large to sit still and not know who is sworn in, who is at the head of affairs, or who is in charge of those important departments. The ministry is dismissed, and there is really no one now responsible for those departments. It is absurd that there should be no leader of any kind in British Columbia at the present time, and no one attending to the business of the country.

Hon. Mr. Semlin—The executive of the late government is in control of the departments, and is doing the necessary business of those department; this is nothing more than is required to meet the necessities as they arise.

Mr. Joseph Martin—I am not in a position to throw any light on this matter. Mr. Speaker, but I hope the House will adjourn till to-morrow, and no doubt the country will by that time be in possession of the information now sought.

Mr. Helmcken—As the hon. gentleman had been good enough to let a little light in on this subject, it would be quite in keeping with what was rumored outside the House for the hon. gentleman to throw a little more light on it. If he were in possession of any knowledge that would enlighten this House he ought to let the light of his countenance shine upon the House a little more.

Mr. McKellie—I think it is insulting to this House that we have not yet received any communication from the Lieut.-Governor. Unless we have some communication from him I will move a resolution. I will ask the House to endorse a resolution that the Governor be recalled from this province.

Mr. Green—I wish to ask you, sir, if it would not be possible, while we are here, to deal with the country's business. We have no information from the Lieut.-Governor as to whom he has chosen to succeed the present government, who is in charge of the House, or who his advisers are now. Would it not be in place to go on with the business before us? (Hear, hear.) If we could, there is a bill I would like to see read a second time, I mean the Sandon City Relief Bill. (Applause.) If in order, sir, I now move that this report be received.

Mr. Prentice—If we want to begin the work of the day, why not take up the orders? (Applause.) If there is a government here why not carry on the business in the regular way, take up the second or third readings? As I say, why not proceed with the orders of the day? It seems to me an extraordinary thing if there is an hon. gentleman sitting in this House who has been called upon by the Lieut.-Governor and yet cannot declare himself. I consider it an insult to this House, and I will repeat what I said the other day that it is the bounden duty of that gentleman, whoever he is, to make himself known and inform this House of the facts. Let him come out and say so if it be so. Why this scheming, why so much mystery? But why not now proceed with the orders of the day?

Mr. Green—I would like to press this motion, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker—If there is any reason why you cannot do it I am not aware of it.

Mr. Jos. Martin—Of course, Mr. Speaker, there's no reason at all why the House cannot go on with any business it sees fit. If the House thinks proper to go on with the business now, I will simply retire and leave it to do as it sees fit——

Hon. Mr. Henderson—Great condescension, that. (Laughter.)

Mr. Jos. Martin—But it is very foolish of the House to go on doing business which when it is done will have no force or effect at all. I don't think anything will be accomplished by attempting to do what has been suggested.

Mr. Booth—In the present state of the House, if any legislation passed through the House nobody would be responsible for it. The Attorney-General is responsible for all measures passing the House, but there was now no Attorney-General, and besides the Governor has to assent to the measure so passed; therefore anything the House might do now would not be worth the paper it is written on.

Mr. Macpherson—I don't think it would be dignified, Mr. Speaker, to proceed with the business of the House now; the Lieut.-Governor has taken the matter entirely into his own hands. This House as a body of men ought at all times to act in a dignified manner—(hear, hear)—and I don't think it would be dignified on our part to take any action or pass any measure at the present time.

Mr. Speaker—I was about to mention that while the House could do certain things even at a time like the present time, there is no proper means of placing their acts before the Lieut.-Governor.

Mr. Green—I do not wish to press for anything that cannot be accomplished. Therefore I beg leave to withdraw my motion, but I must say, sir, with other hon. gentlemen who have spoken, that I believe His Honor should have given us some information as to what his intentions are to-day, and not left us in the position he has. (Applause.) It is not fair, right or courteous on his part to this House. (Hear, hear.)

Col. Baker—If there is one thing I am proud of about the British constitution, it is the deep respect which the sovereign invariably shows to the representatives of the people in the British House of Commons. (Cheers.) We, as representatives of the people of British Columbia, are present here to-day, and find ourselves placed in a most undignified position. I for one cannot help feeling insulted at the action of the Lieut.-Governor toward this House. (Applause.) The very idea of the thing was extraordinary. Here we are called upon to meet here together with no government in office, and with no power to proceed with the business of the House, and no knowledge as to who is to take the position of leader. We are left in utter ignorance of the intentions of His Honor.

Mr. McBride—I should like to ask the hon. third member for Vancouver city (Mr. Martin) if the facts are as stated in the local morning paper regarding himself, and whether he has been entrusted with the task of forming a ministry. I would not have asked this question but for certain things which were uttered by the hon. gentleman on two occasions this afternoon and which gave out indirectly, to my mind, that he was the man of the hour, so to speak. I do not wish to put the question to embarrass that gentleman at all, because we all know how easily he is embarrassed—(great merriment, in which Mr. Martin heartily joined)—but to know what we have to expect at the present time. It seems to me almost an insult to the representatives of the people sitting here this afternoon. It is the duty of the House to find out this afternoon just exactly how the land lies in this matter.

Mr. Kellie—The hon. member for Vancouver City has made the statement that whatever may be done here to-day will have no effect. What authority has he for making such a statement on the floor of this House? Governor or not, has he any authority to give out such a statement as that?

Mr. Helmcken—Now's the day, and now's the hour. (Laughter.)

Mr. McPhillips—His Honor in taking a step as important as the one he has taken now, ought to have immediately announced his decision and named the gentleman who had assumed the responsibility of answering for his acts. That is the constitutional position. He considered it an astonishing spectacle that this House should have asked to come to the Legislature to-day with no government to lead the business and no information to guide them. The Lieut.-Governor had now been 24 hours without advisers. This, it seemed to him, was establishing a state of things he never thought would be possible in this province, or could obtain under the British form of government. The people, notwithstanding the high authority of the representative of the Crown, were the masters, after all. Although there was a sacredness about the monarchical system under which we lived, the monarch after all took the authority which he or she wielded, from the people. They on this side of the House had endeavored to discharge their duty to the people, and while the late government existed they were always willing to accredit it with any desire it had displayed to proceed with the business of the House. This House had waited 24 hours, and was still unadvised of the fact as to who is the responsible adviser of His Honor, and the House now found itself in this spectacular position. He had no hesitation in saying that this legislative assembly had been treated with disrespect. The representatives of the people ought at all times to stand up for their rights. With all due deference to His Honor, that gentleman should have seen to it that the House was in a position to carry on the business of the country, and to pass these laws and make these necessary amendments. His action was calculated to retard the progress of the country, and he was sorry that the House should lose the fruits of its labors for the past two months.

Mr. Jos. Martin—I have no hesitation at all in answering the question of Mr. McBride. It would perhaps be as well if he did not answer that question. His Honor the Lieut.-Governor had then called upon him to form a ministry. In forming an administration, he would remind the hon. gentlemen who had spoken it was necessary to consider the whole province, not one part of it only, and this took time. Only twelve hours had elapsed since the late government ceased to exist and His Honor called in other gentlemen to advise him. He did not see where the rights of the people had been assailed in any manner by what the Lieut.-Governor had done; so far as he could see they have not suffered in any way, shape or form. Nor could he see where the House had been insulted by that action. There had been a slight delay, but that was not in any way a slight to the House. He thought it was only proper that the House should adjourn for another day.

Mr. Deane said the remarks of the previous speaker simply emphasized the fact that His Honor had treated this House with great discourtesy. If it was a fact that he had called upon another adviser, he ought to have intimated the fact to this House. It was shameful that the Lieut.-Governor should treat the Assembly in such a manner. He was treating this House like a lot of school boys waiting to be let out of school.

Mr. Jos. Martin—Surely the hon. member knows better than to speak in such an absurd manner. He ought to know that it is not customary to swear in the new Premier until he has two colleagues ready to be sworn in also. In face of the circumstances, how could the Lieut.-Governor inform the House of what had been done? The member who had made those remarks was simply displaying his utter ignorance of matters of this kind, and he hoped the House would not be guided by any such absurd and ridiculous suggestions. The House was now in possession of all the facts. The person entrusted with the heavy responsibility of forming an administration should have more than 24 hours to make his arrangements. Where were the insult, and where were the wrongs of which complaint had been made? And what other course, he would ask the House, could properly have been taken?

Mr. Deane took exception to what Mr. Martin had said, and notwithstanding those statements he was confident a majority of the House felt that the Lieut.-Governor might have taken means to make known this information to the House. At least the hon. member for Vancouver city might have been directed to make an explanation to the House that he had been called upon to form a ministry; an opportunity to do so could easily have been found. (Hear, hear.) It was a well-known fact that the sergeant-at-arms had been instructed that the House would be prorogued to-day, and then had been told it was not to-day but next day. The person who had the authority to give the one set of instructions had the power to give the other; who was he? (Applause.)

Capt. Irving—Mr. Speaker, I've been trying to rise for some time back—(laughter)—to tell this hon. House that I know the reason for this want of information. I am aware of the why and the wherefore why this matter has not been brought to the point sooner; now I'll tell you—it's because my son Willie, has not arrived yet, see? (Roars of laughter.)

Mr. Kellie—After the explanation that had been made by the hon. member for Vancouver, it is not necessary to say anything further on this question, but what object is to be attained by adjourning the House I cannot see. I don't believe half a dozen members of the House have any sympathy with the hon. member for Vancouver. Let the Lieut.-Governor come down and prorogue the House, and let us go over to Vancouver and fight the hon. member for Vancouver, and get back at him. (Laughter.) He admits on the floor of the House he has not got two colleagues yet. The best thing we can do is to move a resolution asking the Lieut.-Governor to come down and prorogue the House.

Hon. Mr. Semlin—Before doing so I would like to say that after the explanation they had had from the hon. member for Vancouver the Lieut.-Governor was no longer to be held responsible for the present situation of affairs, but the hon. third member for Vancouver. He hoped the hon. member would not forget the homily he had readt the government the other day. Only on Friday last the hon. member had held up the government to reprobation because they had been attempting to form a government to carry on the business of the country. He hoped the hon. gentleman would take to himself the lesson he had attempted to teach the government the other day, and succeed in forming the kind of ministry he has been talking so much about. He hoped he would deal on a high plane with this matter, and do all things for the good of the country, and for purity of politics and purity of parliament. He hoped the hon. gentleman would not forget his own excellent maxims of conduct.

A Sensational Resolution.

Mr. Prentice moved the following resolution:

Whereas the Lieut.-Governor has dismissed a ministry possessing the support of a majority of the members of this House; and whereas his reasons for doing so are insufficient; and whereas His Honor has failed to surround himself by constitutional advisers up to this time; be it resolved that in the opinion of this House the Governor-General of the Dominion should be requested to dismiss the Lieut.-Governor as incompetent.

Mr. Speaker—Two days' notice of this is required.

Mr. Helmcken—I move that the House adjourn.

Mr. Speaker—You cannot do that, there is a motion to that effect already.

Mr. Helmcken—Then I move the House do now adjourn. Negatived.

Mr. Prentice—If my motion is out of order, requiring two days' notice, I will withdraw it.

Mr. Helmcken—And I'll withdraw my motion, too.

Hon. Mr. Henderson—I don't see any particular reason why we should adjourn. We seem to be having a pretty good time. (Laughter.) Time is not so valuable as to warrant any member withdrawing; let us make the most of our opportunities, Mr. Speaker. (Laughter.) We have had some very interesting and instructive information given here, without any business being before the House. During the whole of my experience, extending over two years in this House, I have never seen such latitude granted as has been the case to-day. Every member had talked to the fullest extent, and had taken full advantage of the liberty that was going. None of us have been checked, none of us called down. This being the case I beg to suggest that the hon. member for Vancouver city (Martin) sing us a song. (Roars of laughter.)

A Question of Privilege.

Mr. Prentice said that if his motion was out of order he would like to put it forward as a question of privilege. Mr. Speaker declared this also out of order.

Mr. Booth hoped the House would not act in any manner that would bring disrespect upon it. So far there was no sufficient reason before the House for the dismissal of the government; the information asked for had not been given yet. The late Premier had a right to know what those reasons were. He hoped the House would not pass any resolution derogatory to the dignity of the assembly.

Mr. McBride thought there was no use in disguising the fact that a considerable amount of feeling had been aroused in the legislature by the line of action chosen by His Honor, aggravated by the further fact that the House had been brought there that day on what was practically a fool's errand. (Hear, hear.) In all fairness it must be admitted that a ministry could not very well make its arrangements in the space of twelve hours, but he had heard it said on the floor of the House this afternoon that the crisis now existing had been brought on during a period extending over some weeks, if not months.

Mr. Jos. Martin—I did not consider the suggestion worthy of notice, but as it has been mentioned I will say there is absolutely no truth in it whatever.

Mr. McBride was very glad to hear this from the hon. gentleman, because the country looks upon the statements made by the hon. gentlemen here as very serious and as spoken in earnest. Otherwise this rumor would have put His Honor in a very awkward predicament indeed. He thought the members would do well to be very careful in dealing with such suggestions as appeared in that resolution. The resolution had served its purpose; the hon. member for Lillooet had got his work in, and he should now withdraw the resolution.

A Generous Offer.

Capt. Irving here entered and said he was sorry he had been absent during the interesting address by Hon. Mr. Henderson. But he understood that hon. gentleman had called upon the hon. member for Vancouver for a song. Now, if the hon. member would oblige, and take for his song "He Never Came Back!" he (Capt. Irving) would promise to sing a song about "Little Willie!" (Long continued merriment.)

Charge of Discourtesy.

Mr. Deane whilst he thought Mr. Prentice in his resolution went too far, still was of opinion that the House should place itself on record in a protest against the discourtesy of His Honor in acting as he had done. As for what had been taking place in this House this afternoon he could only say that this was supposed to be a deliberative assembly, but it seemed to him it had been turned into a bear garden. (Applause.) He would not support the resolution introduced by Mr. Prentice, but he would like to see a resolution introduced by the leaders of both sides of the House disapproving of the manner in which His Honor had seen fit to treat this House. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. McPhillips said the point was well taken that this was not a proper resolution. The House had no advice as to the reasons which actuated His Honor in dismissing the ministry. Those reasons may be grave and cogent. The ministry could certainly be accused of having pursued a wrong policy, not in the best interests of the country.

Mr. Wells thought this resolution went too far, and he would like to see it withdrawn.

Mr. Macpherson said it would have been the more dignified course to have adjourned without taking any notice of the Lieut.-Governor's action.

Mr. Prentice—It is not because I think the resolution undignified, but I now wish to ask leave to withdraw this resolution. Granted.

A Belated Message.

Mr. Helmcken asked Hon. Mr. Semlin whether the resolution passed the previous day, regarding the success of the British army in South Africa had been forwarded to the persons named in it.

Hon. Mr. Semlin said he was afraid there had been an omission. So far as he knew the resolution had not been sent.

The House adjourned shortly after 3 o'clock.

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Local News.

Gleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

—At the last meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Book & Stationery Company, Ltd., the following directors were elected: Thomas Earle, M.P., president; Alfred Magnesen and H. S. Henderson, secretary and treasurer.

—The regular annual meeting of the Canadian Mutual Life Insurance Company will be held in Toronto in the near future. Hon. Robert Beaven, director, and Mr. J. S. H. Watson, provincial manager of the company, left this morning to attend the meeting.

—Next Sunday the Rev. C. E. Cooper, rural dean and rector of Nanaimo, will preach special sermons for the mission fund of the Diocese at St. Saviour's in the morning and St. Barnabas in the evening. The Rev. G. W. Taylor will preach for the same cause at the Cathedral in the morning and St. James's in the evening.

—At the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Victoria-Yukon Trading Co., Ltd., held on Feb. 13th, the following shareholders were elected directors: D. E. Campbell, D. Carmody, B. H. John, W. Wilson and Dr. J. M. Jones. D. Carmody is in charge of the company's business in British Columbia and Northwest Territory.

—The London Grocers' Gazette of Feb. 3rd reports that there is an active demand for salmon, and prices are firm and advancing. For Alaska to arrive at east 3d per case above last week's prices is being paid, and Fraser river salmon is also strong. During January there was more salmon sent out of Liverpool warehouses than ever before in one month.

—A meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral was held on Sunday afternoon, when it was decided to commemorate the silver anniversary of Father Nicolaye's elevation to the priesthood by presenting him with a purse of silver. A committee of two from each of the societies connected with the church were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Father Nicolaye's silver anniversary will take place on March 13th.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

—The Sons of England, Pride of the Island Lodge, will give a concert and dance on Monday evening next in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphans' Home.

—The funeral of the late Gordon Stevenson took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of his son, Mr. W. G. Stevenson, a large number of friends being in attendance. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Campbell, and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Wm. Newberry, F. Campbell, Wm. Prout, T. Burnes, Geo. Bishop and Capt. Williams.

—The following telegram was received by Mayor Hayward from the Marquis of Lansdowne, Imperial Secretary of State for War, in reply to that sent by the mayor yesterday:

"London, England, Feb. 28th, 1900.

"Mayor, Victoria, B. C.:

"I value your congratulations and rejoice with you over the distinction achieved by Canadian soldiers.

"LANSDOWNE."

—The police statistics for the month of February show a light record, the entries being as follows: Infraction of the license by-law, 1; failure to support wife, 2; drunk, 11; assault, 3; supplying intoxicants to Indians, 1; using threatening language, 1; perjury, 1; stealing, 2; possession of stolen property, 2; safe keeping, 5; fighting, 2; infraction of public morals by-law, 1; infraction of street by-law, 3; infraction of fire prevention by-law, 1; vagrancy, 1; possession of intoxicants, 1; infraction of youths' protection by-law, 2; unsound mind, 1.

—The Presbytery of Victoria met in St. Paul's church, Victoria West, yesterday afternoon, Rev. E. G. Curry, the moderator, presiding. There were present in addition to the chairman, Revs. E. G. Taylor, Alberni; W. B. Cummings, Nanaimo, and W. Leslie Clay, Dr. Campbell and D. MacRae, Victoria. The call to Comox of Rev. Thos. Menzies was sustained, and the induction will take place on April 11th. A committee was appointed to look after the interests of the century fund, and very satisfactory reports were submitted from the different departments of work.

—Judge Harrison this morning handed down his decision in the appeal case of Wilson Brothers vs. Corporation of Nanaimo, the decision being in favor of the appellants. This was the case in which the city sued Wilson Brothers, of Victoria, to recover a license for the disposing of the stock of J. L. McKay, by auction, in this city. The case was tried before Justices Hilbert and Shakespeare, and they decided in favor of the city. Judge Harrison quashed the conviction, holding that from the evidence Wilson Brothers could not be classed as transient traders or other persons who occupied premises in the municipality for temporary periods.—Nanaimo Free Press.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Native Sons' Society was held last evening, when Past Chief Factor Dr. J. D. Helmcken installed the following officers: Past chief factor, Add. Jas. Stuart Yates; chief factor, Frank Higgins; first vice-factor, W. C. Moresby; second vice-factor, Geo. Madigan; secretary-treasurer, E. P. Johnston; recording secretary, A. E. Haynes; treasurer, Chas. Gardiner; inside guard, T. Watson; outside guard, W. H. Cox; committee of management, J. E. Wilson, Geo. Powell, E. H. Henley, E. W. Pratt and A. T. Ker. After the installation ceremonies, a supper was partaken of and speeches delivered appropriate for the occasion. During the evening it was announced that the society had sent a congratulatory telegram direct to the Victoria boys in South Africa.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

—The three new constables, Messrs. W. H. Handley, Eyra Carlow and H. J. O'Leary, and the new sailor, H. W. Sheppard, were sworn in yesterday afternoon, and have entered upon their duties.

—A large number of friends, including many old-timers, attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Harriet Pearce, which took place yesterday afternoon from her husband's residence. Impressive services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barraclough and the following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: Messrs. F. Carne, jr., J. Walsh, J. Boyd, Geo. Welsh, D. Moses and J. Bullen.

—The contract for the erection of a two-story brick block for ex-Ald. Macgregor at the corner of View and Broad streets was yesterday awarded to Elford & Smith, who are completing their contract on the Vernon block opposite Weiler Bros. The contract price is said to have been $13,000. The new building will make a great improvement to the appearance of the locality where it will be erected, and where some of the finest buildings in the city are at present situated.

—Session was resumed by the Presbytery of Victoria in St. Paul's church, Victoria West, yesterday, when the principal business was the discussion of the reports of the mission work on Denman and Pender Islands, Englishman's River, Northfield, South Wellington, East Victoria, Cedar Hill, Alberni, Extension, Chemainus and Mount Sicker. It was decided to continue missionary services at these places for the next six months. Reports were also considered regarding the work among the Indians at Barclay Sound, Alberni and Comox and among the Chinese in Victoria, Vancouver, Union on the Island, and Rossland, Nelson and other points in the Kootenay country. The work in the Sabbath schools and Young People's Societies was also favorably discussed. The past term has been a most satisfactory one in the different branches of church work, the various reports indicating considerable progress.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

A Number of Appointments Made in This Week's Issue—Municipal and Provincial Courts of Revision.

The Gazette to-day contains little of public interest outside of the announcement of the appointment of the new ministers and the text of the correspondence between the Governor and the Semlin ministry.

The offices of the 43rd Mining & Milling Company of Cariboo are transferred from North Bend to Vancouver.

The creditors of the Comstock Mines (B. C.), Ltd., are requested to send their names to Wm. T. Stein of Vancouver, the official liquidator.

Provincial courts of revision are announced as follows: For North Victoria, at Salt Spring Island, May 7th, at 1 p. m.; for Northeast Kootenay, at 10 a.m. on May 7th, and for South Victoria, at Royal Oak, on May 7th, at 12 o'clock.

Municipal courts of revision are announced for Columbia on April 3rd, and for Cumberland on March 31st.

The annual meeting of the Grand Forks Townsite Company will be held at Grand Forks on March 5th at 2 p.m.

The Kettle River Mines of Rossland, capital $1,200,000, is incorporated.

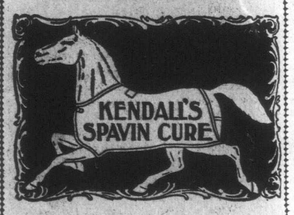
His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

To be J. P's. within and for the counties of Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminster, Yale, Cariboo and Kootenay: Edmund Ashley Etton, of Fort Steele; John A. Foley, of Slocan City, Louis J. Seymour and Frank Welcome McCrady, of Van Anda, to be license commissioners for Texada. Chas. McLean, of Victoria, M.B.C.M., to be resident physician for the lower part of Cariboo, vice M. Callaman, resigned. To be medical health officers: Jas. C. Farrish, of New Westminster; Reg. B. White, of Camp McKinney; R. W. Jakes, of Greenwood; Dav. LeBair, of Nelson; Geo. S. Armstrong, of Northport; A. A. Sutherland, of Blaine; R. L. Fraser, of Victoria. Wm. J. Manson, of Mission City, to be a notary public for the province.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has approved the following appointments: Jos. Martin, of the city of Vancouver, Q.C., to be a member of the executive council of the province of British Columbia; J. S. Yates, of Victoria, to be a member of the executive council of the province; Smith Curtis, of the city of Rossland, to be a member of the executive council of the province of British Columbia.

His Honor the Lieut.-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointment: Hon. Jos. Martin, Q. C., to be Attorney-General; Hon. J. S. Yates to be Provincial Secretary; Hon. Smith Curtis to be Minister of Mines.

Don't Guess At Results.



This man knows what he did and how he did it. Such endorsements as the following are are a sufficient proof of its merits.

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