the whips of the party in office report that the time has come
when the election may advantageously be held.

We have called attention to this subject before, but party
exigencies before public or any other rights have hitherto been
the principle upon which our affairs are conducted.

JUVENILE DELINQUENTS.

Alberta, the youngest province in Canada, is the first to com-
ply with the conditions of the Dominion Act, respecting juven-
ile delinquents, which will come into operation as soon as possible
after the order-in-council and the certificate of the provincial
attorney-general are entered at Ottawa. Authorities on the sub-
ject of child-training, including Judge Lindsay, of Denver,
Judge Mack, of Chicago and Judge Adams, of Cleveland, declare
this will complete the best series of Acts for the rescue and pro-
tection of children in force anywhere on the American continent.

The Act, which was introduced into the Dominion parliament
through the efforts of W. L. Scott, a barrister at Ottawa, and
assented to in July, 1908, extends the principles that have been
applied to the delinquent and neglected child in Alberta, since
the adoption of the Children's Protection Act, passed by the
provincial legislature.

The preamble of the Dominion Act fully sets forth the spirit
of remedial legislation in the interest of children, as follows:

"It is inexpedient that youthful offenders should be classed
or dealt with as ordinary criminals, the welfare of the commun-
ity demanding that they should, on the contrary, be guarded
against association with crime and criminals and should be sub-
jected to such care, treatment and control as will tend to check
their evil tendencies and to strengthen their better instincts."

Disassociating the child offender from all criminal taint is
the primary idea throughout the Act. The term "child" applies
to a boy or girl apparently or actually under the age of 16 years.
This designation permits those who have authority to enforce the
Act to use their own discretion in regard to a child, which the