

For the benefit of certain contemporaries which have been making the most extravagant claims as to their circulation in Dawson City and rather bombastic allusions to the extraordinary efforts they were making to supply their subscribers up there with the news ahead of all rivals, we publish below a part of a very interesting letter from a well-known gentleman now resident in the northern city. We might also remark in passing that this contains a very complete answer to the complaints of political satellites of Sir Charles Tupper that the mail service to the Yukon country is unsatisfactory. The gentleman mentioned says:

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

THE INSULT TO THE GOVERNOR

that that junction of forces it is to be severely condemned. We believe, however, the members have other grievances against the Governor. The opposition have always been sore because after the general elections they were not given an opportunity to meet the Legislature and obtain a vote convince the Governor that they possessed the confidence of the House. They, also, in common with the Semlin government, believed that His Honor exhibited a disposition to take too active a part in the government of the province. That Lieut.-Governor McInnes is not disposed to play the part of a mere figurehead is shown by his action at the time of Mr. Turner's dismissal, later in his visit to Afán and recommendations regarding the Allen Exclusion Act, and by the correspondence published yesterday in the Times, in which he gives his reasons for withdrawing his confidence from Mr. Semlin. The events of the past few days show that the judicious course for the representative of Her Majesty is to leave the administration entirely in the hands of his advisers. He cannot descend into the realm of party politics and defend his actions, while any recommendation from him as to the propriety of any particular line of public policy is extremely likely to be regarded as an usurpation of functions beyond his prerogative. We have reached the stage in this country where governments consider they are answerable to the people only for their conduct in office, and evidently these considerations were at the bottom of the unfortunate affair of yesterday, although the calling in of advisers from an unexpected quarter no doubt contributed to the fomentation of the feelings which

A REGRETTABLE OCCURRENCE.

"But no governor has a constitutional right to proceed to dissolve parliament (which is contemplated in this case) unless he can first obtain the services of other advisers who are willing to become responsible for the act; and unless he has reasonable grounds for believing that an appeal to the constituent body would result in an approval by the new assembly of the policy which, in his judgment, rendered it necessary that a dissolution of parliament should take place."

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Covered With Sores.

Reunion of Old Boys Last
Night Was a Great
Success.

From East to West the circling word has
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Till West is East beside the land-locked
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From East to West the circling word has
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The well-forged link rings true.
—Victoria, in Kipling's Song of the Cities.

Major Dupont, who acted as chairman, took occasion during the evening to set clearly before the gathering the object of the meeting. He deprecated any exclusiveness, and pointed out that they were present as Canadians, in the broad sense. There was not the slightest feeling of hostility to the Native Sons, but the sentiment only that no exceptional privileges should be accorded to any one section of the community.

The music was furnished by an orches-

Major Benson, D.O.C., made his first appearance at a dinner in Victoria. A soldier, he said, was marked by his deeds rather than by words. Our Canadian boys had proved themselves true men and thorough Britons, and had provoked the admiration of not only Britain, but the whole world. (Cheers.) It could never again be said that Canadians had not taken their part in the Empire's battles. They had given their

Col. Gregory also responded. He said it was not for him to speak for Canadian soldiers. They were speaking for themselves, and all were proud of them. While they might not be as proficient in ceremonial drill as Imperial troops they had demonstrated that they had the same indomitable will and courage as the men of the Gordon Highlanders, with whom they had fought side by side.

Continuing, he said he was delighted to see so many handsome smiling faces

Ald. Beckwith, W. H. Runnells, H. H. Jones, L. A. Ferguson, J. A. Hinton, F. Napier Denison, J. P. Donald, L. C. Smith, G. A. Henwood, H. Wells, M. P. P. N. S. Clarke, W. C. Dickinson.

He considered that no better man could be found to fill the position of president of the new society than Col. Grant. He said that he was sure that the people of this city would give him their heartiest co-operation. He referred to the fact that in following the

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