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The Governor's Speech.

When we consider that the reputation of His Excellency the Governor is at stake at the Colonial Office, no one can doubt that he is fully alive to the responsibility of bringing together in close communion two sections until lately bitterly antagonistic to each other's interests.

ing Her Majesty to grant them immediate Union, as the only escape from utter ruin, the politicians on the mainland kept a "stiff upper lip" and maintained a shabby-genteel appearance to the very last day of their separate existence.

created a greater amount of newspaper discussion than any political question that has agitated the Colony of late—is it not strange, we ask, that His Excellency should have remained so completely in the dark as to the agitation that was going on that he "cannot comprehend" the amount of interest felt in it?

By Electric Telegraph

Opening of the Council!

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH I

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 24. The Legislative Council opened at 1:30. The following is

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH. Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

I by no means under-estimate the importance of the duty which devolves on me today of practically giving effect to the Legislative Union of the two British Colonies of the North Pacific; nor can I avoid feeling the grave responsibility which rests upon me as Governor under the present distribution of power.

Colony, as soon as a satisfactory reconveyance of the Island from the Hudson Bay Company to the Crown shall have been made. A bill shall be laid before you to amend the Act giving certain powers to the Municipality of Victoria.

reply to the speech, and the House adjourned until Wednesday next, when the question of the legality of the Constitution of the Legislature by reason of Vancouver Island having 7 instead of 8 members comes up for consideration, on motion of Dr Helmecken, when Mr Crease will explain.

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