

THE NEW GOVERNOR AND SENATOR.

Lieutenant-Governor Dewdney's term of office having expired on Tuesday last, Senator McInnes has been appointed to succeed him.

The vacancy in the senate caused by the elevation of Mr. McInnes to the office of Lieutenant-Governor has been filled by the appointment of Mr. William Templeman.

Mr. Templeman's appointment is one which will meet the approval of the large majority of the electors of British Columbia.

Mr. Templeman is a man of high character and high ability, and his appointment to the office of Lieutenant-Governor is a recognition of the services which he has rendered to the state.

Mr. Templeman's appointment is a source of satisfaction to us, and we trust that he will be able to discharge his duties with ability and integrity.

The special dispatch of our Ottawa correspondent to-day contains the important announcement that Hon. Senator McInnes has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

Mr. Templeman, editor of the Victoria Times, has been chosen to succeed our new Lieutenant-Governor in the senate.

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Provincial News.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Nov. 4.—Both Sully and Forbes who were injured in the boiler explosion which occurred at the boiler works of the British Columbia Electric Co. on Monday last, are recovering.

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