

THE RICHEST ON RECORD.

This morning the esteemed and always respectable Colonist places itself upon record with the oddest proposal ever printed in a Canadian or any other newspaper. In a sentence it is that the Lieutenant-Governor should call upon Mr. Turner, whom he has just dismissed, to form a cabinet should Hon. Robert Beaven fail in the attempt.

It is difficult to treat such a proposal seriously. That the Lieut. Governor would entrust a minister to form a cabinet who had been dismissed four days ago on the ground that he no longer possessed the confidence of the representatives of the crown, is a supposition too preposterous to be entertained for one moment.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

(From Friday's Daily.) The political situation has changed since yesterday. Mr. Beaven about five o'clock intimated to the Lieutenant-Governor that he was unable to form a cabinet, and Mr. C. A. Semlin was immediately entrusted with the task.

Mr. Semlin may have some difficulty in securing colleagues satisfactory alike to himself and the country. Difficulties had to be surmounted in the formation of all cabinets—conflicting personal interests recognized, and the claims of different sections considered and where possible recognized.

AN ANGRY PUBLIC.

It is by no means improbable that the rising tide of indignation among the British people over the disclosure made in the Hooley trial, will culminate in a demand for a thorough investigation of the whole matter under the auspices of a royal commission or other authority of the crown.

A UNITED OPPOSITION.

Mr. Beaven has no authority for saying that the opposition are divided. His experience with the leaders, when he invited them to join him in a ministry should prove that the contrary is the truth. The opposition are united and will stand together. It is quite true that a caucus will be held shortly to determine the question of leadership, but that question will be settled without any friction or division in the ranks.

APPOINT A CHIEF JUSTICE.

Mr. Justice Walkem's judgment in the matter of the Dunsmuir assessment must stand owing to an odd combination of circumstances which render appeal impossible. These circumstances are: Appellate must be taken within fourteen days from the giving of judgment.

MR. BEAVEN'S POSITION.

The peculiarity of the present unique political situation is the position of the Hon. Robert Beaven, who has been invited by the Lieut. Governor to form a government. Mr. Beaven was, previous to 1882, a minister of the Crown for a number of years and when his party was defeated in the House he was premier of the province.

It is not improbable, think the London newspapers, that the Prince of Wales may visit Canada next summer, and include British Columbia in his tour. His royal highness would get here a most enthusiastic reception.

"INSPIRED" CRITICISM.

In the issue of the British Columbia Review, London, of July 23rd, just received, the Victoria Daily Times is honored with over a page and a half of editorial comment with respect to an editorial article which appeared in this paper in June last, entitled: "Flies in the Ointment."

Review does us the inestimable favor of quoting in full our humble "effort," the parable of the "Flies in the Ointment," enters a general negative to all we said, but offers no satisfactory evidence in proof.

The Victoria Times dilates unduly upon the press reception given to the properties of the lawless and predatory "Trust Company." What did it really amount to?

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SONS OF TEMPERANCE.

Proceedings at the Seventh Session of the Grand Division in Vancouver. The seventh session of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance convened Wednesday afternoon, 10th inst., in the Temperance hall, Richard street, Vancouver.

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HON. M. Mulock Throws Some Light on Why Mr. Semlin Works of His Own Accord.

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Asked this morning if he would be able to perform the public duties of his office, Mr. Semlin replied that he would be able to do so.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Government of British Columbia, under the leadership of Mr. Mulock, has taken several steps to improve the public service.

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