### WHAT IS UP?

The adjournment of the house until Monday, without any reason being when the members re-assemble on Monthere is considerable speculation as to Old things in our politics are passi-

diate defeat. A government situated as One is to strengthen itself that could be safely opened by the ap-

### REDISTRIBUTION.

Vancouver and the constituencies electing two members, namely Esquimalt, have a tendency to open the province t Cassiar and Cariboo. An extensive provlarger legislature proportionately to the of labor, so the successors to the present population than the other provinces of cabinet must take the same course, or the Dominion. We cordially endorse the sition that all questions of antagon between the Island and the Mainnot believe that any such antagonism in of a few Mainlanders of an old political erable influence even in their own neighborhood. The people of the Island recognize that the Mainland must natur-lar individual or are favored by some ally far outstrip it in importance, even although they know that this portion of the precipes in all the precipes in a second of the precipe in a the province is destined for an exceedto time, but what they will resent is an attempt to diminish their fair share of influence in the house. Redistribution which means simply the cutting down of Island representation will be received

Statemen in the book of the date of the property of these improvements of the control of the con

assigned, would be understood in any other province than British Columbia to mean that a crisis had been reached in the affairs of the government, and that just now for British Columbia, he assented most heartdy. It is time for the following item: ment would be made. It is not surprising, therefore, that in political circles a change, or if you prefer the witty prising, therefore, that in political circles Frenchman's expression, for "la deluge. away. The next British Columbia ssues that have vexed the people during

rise above it all strengthened and fresh- stitution Act prescribes that a member of we desire once more, on the eve of a political crisis, the result of which no man can foresee, to place on record our man can foresee. pointment of its member to a cabinet position. He would be defeated ingloriously. Hence a coalition is wholly out of the question.

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Whether in the provincial development. Whether in the provincial development. Whether in the provincial development is the case of ministers, who have gone before the people for re-election after rechanges that are bound to occur any ceiving a portfolio. They may receive member of the late cabinet will be num- salaries and a certain allowance for We are unable to see any bered among the Lieutenant-Governor's the Honor should concede advisers, we have no means of knowing:

The dissolution of the intercement of the intercement of the intercement of the missing document will be travelling expenses. We see nothing in the case mentioned the government of the intercement of the inte such a request, if it is made. The government has shown itself vacillating to the last degree, false to every true to the last degree, false to every true every man who votes with them in the president of the Council to draw any whatever, from which no other conclusions and certainly no provision to the last degree, false to every true principle of government, and unmindful kouse, that they are striving to bring for his travelling expenses. The act of of its duty towards the representative of the crown. It has done nothing upon which any lieutenant-governor could justify himself in granting them a dissolution.

The third course is to resign, and this The third course is to resign, and this have prevailed during the last year and provision will not meet Dr. McKechnie's gone into at the present session of the provision will not meet Dr. McKechnie's but register the greech nor any or we believe is what the government will a half. There is not a man on the left of the Speaker who is open to the charge of being an office-seeker in his antagon- McKechnie forfeited his seat in the legfor not one of them pretends to know what will be the result of the forthcomrock upon which political parties may be badly split. We observe that the Times when political parties may be to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood badly split. We observe that the Times when papers are asked for by an address or order of the house all the papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers will be brought down, unless to the last session of the legislature, that is under the Constitution Act as it stood papers. thinks the legislature is too large vincial development pursued by the late

they will be weighed in the balance and found wanting on the first opportunity

It is time for a change. It is time to have done with temporizing, with sche ing for a particular vote, with the arts school, now happily without any considprosperous future. They will questions which the Semlin government ect to the increase of Mainland persists in ignoring. It is time for a ation as it is needed from time government that can see further than to time, but what they will resent is an next salary day, that will be more con-

the slain. Then followed a long rest, with several successful reconnaissances. On February 9 Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener arrived on the scene and the flanking movement began.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

"The government will be defeated next week, and after that the deluge," remarked a prominent member of the opposition yesterday, and when he was asked if he did not think a nice little political deluge would be a good thing just now for British Columbia, he assented most heartily. It is time for

Expenses of Officers on Duty," there is

"R. E. McKechnie, P. of C., \$204.67." Dr. McKechnie is President of the Executive Council and this sum is to defray his travelling expenses in that capacabinet, no matter of whom it is com- city. We say frankly at the outset that posed, will stand free from all the petty the President of the Executive Council issues that have vexed the people during ought to be paid his travelling expenses. the last few years. The deluge will This, however, is quite beside the questions will be according to the province will the province will be according to the people during ought to be paid his travelling expenses. sweep these away, and the province will tion which we desire to raise. The Conthe legislature shall receive an indemnity

If the law is as it appears to be, Dr. the speakers on behalf of the governislature by receiving his travelling expenses, and as these must have been in part at least for travelling done previous be no way of escaping the proposition thinks the legislature is too large numerically, but we do not believe its government solely for the purpose of that he had no right to occupy a seat in reasons exist is always accepted by the saying that the next provincial cabinet, the house either last session or this. If house. In the present instance no such al associates will subscribe to this saying that the fact that the Minister of Mines restatement was made, and consequently In our humble judgment the house follow along the same lines, although we ceived 50 cents for a meal given without so. In our numble judgment the house do not say that it will necessarily be tied is none too large, and we should protest down to the same details. But as that very strongly against the proposal to down to the same details. But as that or that Mr. Tisdale's clerk sold a small government aimed first of all at the inauguration of such policies as would Mr. Hall's clerk sold a ton of coal to the Lieutenant-Governor rendered their seats McKechnie personally of \$204.67 as travelling expenses, without warrant of law, must also work a forfeiture of the Council prior to Dr. McKechnie accepted travelling expenses, it being understood that he could not legally do so. We again say that it is not the propriety of the President of the Council receiving his travelegal right to do so and retain his seat in the house. Any gentleman may become President of the Council without having a seat in the house for all tha appears in the Constitution Act. So in ordance with the principle of Respon sible Government, there is nothing to prevent Dr. McKechnie from becc nileage; but the moment he accepts th penses, his seat becomes vacant, and he not only occupies it thereafter without

the Preventive.

## AN IMPORTANT RESOLUTION.

Mr. Higgins has given notice of a res lution for Tuesday next, which deals with a very serious matter. It recites that an address was passed asking fo dence relating to the eight tour law, but that an important letter the prerogatives of the house, and for this and other reasons asks the house to censure and condemn the governmen

It frequently happens that in prepar paper may be omitted by mistake, but when this happens the invariable practice of the government is to say that house, but neither the speech nor any of

One of the principles governing conduct of parliamentary bodies is that when papers are asked for by an adshould not be. A statement that such of the house.

forfeited, surely the acceptance by Dr. ton the sum of \$483.40 was realized for the Mansion House Fund. seat in his case. No President of the Compared with this, all the cities in

## The Nicaragua Waterway

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## Vaccination

Provincial Board of Health Isues Timely Leaflet on

Precautions to Prevent Introduction of Scourge From State of Washington.

The provincial board of health has is ned a leaflet giving information on the subject of vaccination, which is timely on account of the prevalence of smallpox a resent in Spokane and other points in the state of Washington. This is its text There never has been, in the history of medical science, any discovery made which stands out so broadly successful as Jenner's discovery that vaccination is a preventive of smallpox.

Opposition to vaccination has been advaccination neither prevents nor modifies

(1) That there was some reason for this the best newspaper in Canada. opinion is freely admitted. At the time of the introduction of vaccination, and of the introduction of vaccination, and until a comparatively recent time, arm to arm vaccination was chiefly practised. Careful selection was made of persons ods have entirely removed such objections. Arm to arm vaccination is rarely practised, and is unnecessary.

Vaccine, as supplied to-day, is not from the human being, but is obtained by innoculating, in numerous places, the carefully of an addisingered helly of a

of cases is simple. The vaccine is not to be blamed, but the methods of vaccina-tion too often are. It is popularly known that often a simple wound gives rise to blood poisoning, and similarly the vaccin-ation wound may thus act. The reason

the dat often a simple wound gives rise to blood poisoning, and similarly the vaccination wound may thus are. The reason is that in every person's skin exist inmerable microbes which may give rised to blood poisoning by entering through the abrasion. But if the site chosen for vaccination be carefully cleanased, either in the ordinary way or by antiseptics, the handling and dressings be elean, then for the danger is reduced almost to mi.

Thus the small percentage of dangers or vaccination are, by modern methods, reduced to acminimum, and all objects of vaccination are, by modern methods, reduced to acminimum, and all objects of vaccination are objects. The should therefore be without most thoroughly one of sering any disease.

Of methods are the provincial Board of Health in the state of the provincial Board of Health in Buroache severest scourge of the human rise."

The above statement, while true as to the power of vaccination, fortunately needs to be modified as to the severity of the state of the provincial board of health were approved by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Councing the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries. Before the introduction of vaccination is now so general in civilized countries.

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## The Tottering Governm

Capitulation to Arch Enem Heels of Majority's Dis appearance.

Military Ardor Allowed to In Stress of Struggle Fo Political Life.

The past has been an eventful v provincial politics. First the Coal Regulation bill brought the pitifu tion of the ministry into pron Prentice came out unqualifiedly sition, with a speech the sever raignment of the government yet He declared that in his opinion worthy motive as protecting whit from the competition of the cool and actuated the government in b down this law-but that on the c it was an example of the worst i class legislation, designed at the tion of one colliery concern for the comfiture of their business rivals for the real effect upon white latter execution of the up was to evidence the comparison of the up was to evidence the up was to evidence the comparison of the up was to evidence the up was t the operation of the act was to ex Chinese from the coal mines, they only be brought into active comp only be brought into active com-with white workers in other parts province, and no real benefit res third reason for his refusal to ende third reason for his refusal to end measure was that it would und ably be declared ultra vires in t and the enactment of legislation t province had not authority to plish was to his view child's pl worthy a body of supposedly r

With Mr. Prentice's defection, With Mr. Prentice's defection, the ernment during this debate, on Me was three times forced for salvat the Speaker's vote; while on one two occasions, during the afternoon dealing with the proposed adjourn of the debate, the unique spectacl presented of a member (Mr. Ralph Speaker) and the debate of the debate of the debate. presented of a member (as a being forced in order to save his p vote against a motion he had

Tuesday was an "off" day. Aft eventful scene of Monday, when of the coal mines bill and that government hung coincidently in ance, the parliamentarians requirest for their nerves. According for a preliminary skirmish on M tin's motion with respect to re tion,, routine held the fort. In co tion,, routine held the fort. In conconsideration of the Supreme Country an amendment by Mr. McPhillips veepted, providing that appeal storovided from interlocutory designed to meet the needs of Konand allow small matters of litigate be disposed of in Kootenay with trouble and expense of bringing liquid lawyers to the Coast. In the Sale Act the success of the efforts and lawyers to the Coast. In the Sale Act the success of the efforts Price Ellison, for his district, was parent in the acceptance by the ment of a sub-section providing registration of such instruments it town of Vernon. The same action sought with respect to Grand Form. J. M. Martin, but unceremon stood over."

songht with respect to Grand Folmr. J. M. Martin, but unceremo "stood over.".

Redistribution was the text of nesday's proceedings, Mr. Martin his case in the strongest possibl and virtually compelling a sur The government was shown to ha no intention of introducing a gendistribution measure this term; M. Martin said that he had ex himself as satisfied with the gran an extra member to Boundary, proposed in His Honor's speech; proved conclusively that the government objected to redistribution sugation that he beginning of the session—a it was evidenced that the governm been forced by their following the following the sense of the coercing and instead of simply voting docensure motion—as would be the of any government secure in its po of any government secure in its ; the Premier asked leave to at motion, admitting the main chan feet by saying that the government do at once what it was propose sure them for not doing—and predictivation will immediately. redistribution bill immediately. On Thursday politics were the background and personalitied—the text being Mr. Martin for a committee of investigatic late colleague, Hon. Mr. Cott house after hearing the Finance at length refused the committee Another question, not one diate policy, but which neverth

diate policy, but which neverthe an important place in the we ceedings, was with reference to ing of the proffered British (contingent to South Africa. pointed out that hundreds the British Columbia were waiting what would be done—that I were willing to volunteer—and yond sending the offer forward i hearted fashion at the dictation house, the government had a press the offer as bona fide. both Hon. Mr. Semlin and B Cotton practically said that both Hon. Mr. Semilin and E Cotton practically said that minion government would do no connection with an independen cial contingent; that the Impeernment wanted units only—of infantry 125 men. or mounted 1260—that the province, if it set tingent, would have to set "charges paid" all the way town—and that the provincial ment hesitated about going to creased expense involved. The the opposition was that theil ment hesitated about going to creased expense involved. The the opposition was that thei went further than Halifax, as government of the Mother Lan the men delivered at Capetown, sufficient confidence in the petaining the expenditure to sup government to the extent of required. At another stage week's proceedings the govern peared in an unfavorable light refusing to allow a half-hour's ment in order that the membe Join with the people of Victori ding God-speed to the men Strathcona's Horse who we "farewelled" in the Drill hall, yards from the chamber. "In more reason why we should them. yards from the chamber. "I no more reason why we should these young men away," said mier, "than that we should go loops or Vancouver to bid go the recruits that are being ta those places." And just then stirring notes of "The Britis diers," followed by "Rule B floated through the windows. It was Col. Baker who bromotion forward that the hous