

POSITION OF THE TIMES.

Some of the friends of the Premier in Victoria are displeased at the position the Times has taken in regard to the political issues now before the people and say we are inconsistent in advocating the election of Messrs. Hall and Helmcken as two of our representatives. We think it will only require a very few minutes, if reason still reigns in the minds of these gentlemen, to convince them that the Times is entirely consistent in its attitude towards Mr. Martin and that it occupies precisely the same position that it has held from the day of the selection of the Premier by the Lieutenant-Governor as the head of the present administration. We contended then, and we say to-day, that when a governor undertakes to dismiss a government it is his duty to select as the leader of the new administration a man whom he has the strongest reasons for believing has the confidence of the people of the country. Lieutenant-Governor McInnes may have thought the selection of Mr. Martin fulfilled this requirement of all constitutional governments; he may have thought that he represented in a special degree the political sentiment of British Columbia, but there is no doubt of the fact that if he did so he at the time occupied a position of "splendid isolation." In taking this objection to the selection then made, we also said that as the choice had fallen where it did it was only fair that a reasonable time should be given for the new minister to select his colleagues and prepare his case and lay it before the people. The Premier cannot complain that he has not had ample time for all this. The general opinion in British Columbia is that he has had too long; that it is not reasonable that a government which in the end may be proved to be not at all representative of the people should have the power conferred upon it by the Lieutenant-Governor of administering the affairs of British Columbia for possibly five or six months. Judging from their remarks in Parliament, that is the opinion of the Hon. David Milne, Minister of Justice of the Dominion of Canada, and of the Premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier. We stated the foregoing as the grounds of our objection to the selection of Mr. Martin as Premier at the time he was called upon by the Lieutenant-Governor, and we see no reason to change them now. At the same time there is no denying the fact that public sentiment has changed somewhat since the Premier commenced his campaign. He has induced many to become his supporters who were at one time bitterly opposed to him, and he has even persuaded men to enter his cabinet who in the beginning absolutely refused a portfolio from his hands. These accessions, however, we believe, are not brought about by the strength of the Premier or by the increased confidence of the people in him as the leader of the government, but by the divisions in the ranks of his opponents, and in any event they do not present to us a reason why we should change the views we have always held as to the wisdom of the choice of the Lieutenant-Governor. We might also cite the Ryder incident as proof of the unfitness of the Premier for the position he occupies, for what Liberal with a knowledge of the principles for which Liberals have contended for centuries can justify a man filling a cabinet position for even one month without asking the opinion of the electors on the matter, not to say anything of his never having filled any representative position and being entirely unknown outside his own small circle.

It has also been said that we should support the candidates of the government because they are Liberals and because the Colonist is supporting the opposition. The Times strongly opposed the introduction of the question of party lines into this province, because Dominion issues have no bearing whatever on the questions before the people, and there appears to be now no good reason why we should change our ground. Mr. Martin himself admits that he is not appealing to the people as a Liberal Premier; that he asked men who are not Liberals to join his cabinet. The government candidates in Victoria were not selected by a Liberal convention that we ever heard of; nobody knows except those in the inner councils of the party how they were chosen; they say themselves that there is a prominent Conservative amongst them; so that they cannot reasonably advance a claim as Liberals for the support of the Times, even if we had not announced that we were opposed to party lines now and had been so from the beginning. But, apart from all these things, several of the measures the Premier advocates we do not believe to be practicable, notably the government constructions of railways, the means which he proposes to adopt to bring to the attention of the Dominion

and Imperial governments the evils of Oriental immigration, and the repudiation of the obligations inflicted upon us by former governments. We would all like to see the coast connected with the Kootenays by a direct railway, but no one who has investigated the subject believes that with our present population we could bear the taxation that would result from its construction as a government work. The Premier practically admitted this himself when he said to his supporters on his arrival on Friday night that all he proposed to borrow was five or six millions. The policy which he proposes to adopt with regard to Japanese and Chinese could not be other than mischievous in its effects, as it would inevitably result in setting the province against the Dominion, and perhaps the Dominion against the Empire. The end aimed at may be accomplished without any of these baneful complications.

The foregoing are the principal reasons why the Times has decided to accord its support to two government candidates whom it believes will prove by their actions in the House that their first great consideration is the welfare of British Columbia, and for two gentlemen on the opposition side who have personally pledged themselves that they will oppose the introduction of party lines and work only for the installation of a stable, progressive government.

AN INTERESTING DOCUMENT.

The most interesting political declaration of principles that has yet been laid before the people of British Columbia is that of Mr. Dunsmuir, one of the candidates for South Nanaimo, which the Times publishes to-day. The whole platform may be said to approach the radical in its doctrines, but the paragraph of greatest interest in it is that relating to the employment of Chinese in mines. The announcement that Mongolians will be excluded from all the workings under the control of the Dunsmuirs as soon as white men can be found to take their places must be most gratifying to all who are interested in the progress of the province. The intimation that Chinamen have been paid at the same rate as white men will be a surprise to many, but as that is so, and as it is admitted in the address that it is in the interests of the country that white men should be substituted for them, there is now good reason to hope that a very troublesome question will soon be finally disposed of and that we shall hear no more of the Chinese question as far as employment in coal mines is concerned. This important political document means a great deal to Vancouver Island, as it not only guarantees increased prosperity, but means that there is no danger of the yellow scourge finding their way down into the workings of the other company. We sincerely hope that a means may be found of excluding Chinese and Japanese from all mines in the province, coal or metalliferous. If we are to derive any benefit from the vast wealth hidden away in nature's storehouse in this favored province of the Dominion it must come largely through the hands of the labor employed in its development, and it is surely not asking too much for the capitalists who will carry off the greater part of it that a small proportion should be left in the country through the employment of white labor. When the resolution of Mr. Dunsmuir is carried into effect we shall have made a long stride forward in the direction of making British Columbia a white man's country.

NO PARTY LINES.

To the Editor: Your leader in Friday's semi-weekly on the "Situation" has the right ring about it. I never could see the benefit to be derived from the introduction of party lines into provincial politics—rather the reverse; and the great majority of those with whose opinions I am acquainted hold the same view. But whatever may be the ideas held on this subject in the abstract, I think all will agree that this is a most inopportune time to force this question to the front. I fear that much mischief has already been done, and that many who had little natural sympathy with Mr. Martin have been driven into his ranks by the weak, vacillating, dividing councils of his opponents; they have been fighting his battle, tooth and nail, and have amply justified his astuteness in postponing the elections as long as possible. I am glad to see from the tone of both Victoria papers that there is a disposition to sink minor questions on which opinions may diverge, and to join forces on the one vital issue—good government for the people and by the people—through their chosen representatives. I see by your list of aspirants for legislative honors you have scheduled Mr. C. H. Dickie as a Conservative. That must be a mistake for, from many conversations I have had with him, extending over a number of years, I am persuaded that Mr. Dickie has no more use for party lines in provincial politics than I have; he is the most unlikely of men to champion the Conservative cause at this crisis. I would not be justified in stating what are his views on Dominion politics without his permission, nor does that consideration affect in the slightest degree the present contest, as his only object in entering the arena is the greatest good to the greatest number in the province where all his interests are centered.

A VOTER.

Somenos, May 19th.

The only covering of the river's bed is a sheet of water.

News of The North

Navigation on Lakes Expected to Begin During the Present Week.

Clearing the River Yukon—Excellent Progress Made by Government Engineer.

Navigation on the northern lakes is expected to open this week and with it the tide of traffic between the northern interior and the Coast will set in. At present few are travelling back and forth, there being little or no communication between Dawson and the Coast. Consequently the P. N. steamship Danube, which arrived on Sunday evening, and the steamer Cottage City, which arrived from Alaskan ports early this morning, brought few passengers, the former bringing only eight for Victoria. Of these L. C. C. passengers are Geo. J. Bennett, who went through to Bennett from Skagway. Geo. McCondo, who has been engaged on the new steamer Reeper, building at Bennett; S. Shires, an engineer under the employ for the Canadian Development Co., and K. Williams were among the invalid passengers, while the other arrivals on the steamer were W. Ross, J. A. McMartin, K. Williams and P. F. Richardson.

The Danube left Skagway on Wednesday morning and on the trip south passed the Amur and Tees, bound North. When the steamer left Skagway everything was quiet. News was received on Wednesday last of the loss of nine miles belonging to C. H. DeWitt and six horses of the Red Line pack train in Bennett lake while en route to Adlin.

The Alaskan Dispatch tells an interesting story of a case of blackmail by a swish. A hunter once saw Judge Malony made a trip to the interior over the Dalton trail and among the Indians employed on the return trip was a young Stick who was told about the wonders of Juneau and the bright electric lights that Judge Malony carried in Juneau. The young Indian begged so hard to come to Juneau that Judge Malony took him out, but city life did not agree with him and after a short illness he died. The Indians heard of his death and in their insane manner claim that Judge Malony was responsible for it, and the result that they want 2,000 blankets, or will have his scalp. The judge expects to keep both.

According to the Bennett Sun, a copy of which was received by the Danube, the government engineer, J. C. Tache, who has charge of the work of clearing the Yukon railways, is doing excellent work. With a force of 25 men he has since last spring widened the channel of the Five Finger rapids from 40 to 50 feet, and this season he will continue the good work until the channel is 120 feet wide. All the big boulders have been removed from the Thirty-Mile river to the number of 45. The boulder of which the Donrich the Donrich has been removed, together with all the obstructions on the Six-Mile river, and surveys have been made for a sheet dam at Hell Gate and at the head of Lake Labarge. Rink Rapids has also been cleared and a new pier in the shape of a high sphere, with a 16x27 incline has been erected on one side of the water way.

Capt. Griffith, who was master of the Willie Irving, which was caught in an ice jam just above the rapids and wrecked last fall, says that the vessel will be put in commission as soon as possible. The Irving, it will be remembered, was coming down about an hour and a half ahead of the Stratton, which was also wrecked when the boat was caught in the ice, and when the river opened before the second freeze the steamer took a header beneath the waters. Captain Griffith says it is doubtful if the boat can be raised, but the feat is by no means impossible and an attempt will be made just as soon as the ice goes out. On account of the repairs necessary it is improbable that the boat can be put in commission this summer. Captain Griffith owns a three-fourths interest in the Willie Irving and is the heaviest loser by the catastrophe.

Some few days ago before the Danube left Lynn can, Emanuel Gulick walked into Skagway from Adlin. He came in over the Fan Tail trail, the distance from Adlin to Log Cabin taking him three days. He says the trail is now in very bad shape, and that few will get over it. He says that the road is now breaking up rapidly and that the other end of the route the snow is all gone. Great activity exists in all circles in Adlin, hydraulic companies are getting ready for work, the sawmills are running on nearly full time with plenty of orders ahead, and labor is in good demand. The ruling wages are \$3 to \$3.50 per day and board. The day before Mr. Gulick left Adlin 25 men in the employ of the Dominion Telegraph Co. struck for higher wages. On May 6th the weather was still moist and snow was disappearing very rapidly at Porcupine City.

The Dalton sawmill is running under the management of a Mr. Cooley. Smith & Bigelow have a steam engine and the way from Haines for the purpose of working some ground on Glacier creek, about four miles from Porcupine.

The residents of Bennett have prepared for a big Queen's Birthday celebration. A detachment of United States soldiers, formerly stationed at Wrangell, have been transferred to Skagway. Charles Racine is erecting a planing, lath and shingle mill at White Horse.

BRONCHITIS.

Mr. William Davidson, St. Andrews, Que., states: "The Syrup of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured me of bronchitis. I have, without success, tried many remedies for the past six years. Last winter when I had a severe attack and was unable to work I procured a bottle of Dr. Williams' Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine and am happy to state that the third bottle made me a well man." 25 cents a bottle. Family size 80 cents.

HARRIS VS. DUNSMUIR.

The Supreme Court of Canada Grants Harris a New Trial.

The well-known case of Harris vs. Dunsmuir will shortly come up for its third hearing before a jury, the Supreme Court of Canada having dismissed Mr. Dunsmuir's appeal against the order of the Full Court of this province, granting the application of Harris for a new trial.

A short history of the case will probably be of interest. The action was commenced on October 18th, 1894, and was tried before a special jury on the 30th July, 1898, when a verdict was given in Harris's favor for about \$18,000. From this verdict the defendant appealed to the Full Court, which resulted in a new trial being granted.

On the 6th of December, 1897, the case came before a special jury for the second time, when a trial judge directed the jury to return a verdict for the defendant, the plaintiff having refused to accept a non-suit.

From this decision the plaintiff appealed to the Full Court, which appeal was argued in January, 1898, and judgment reserved. Both judgments could be delivered the Chief Justice, who had presided in the Full Court, died, in consequence of which the case had to be re-argued, coming before the Full Court in January, 1899, when a new trial was granted the plaintiff.

The defendant thereupon appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, and the decision of the Full Court, which appeal was on Friday dismissed with costs.

It will be a matter of general interest to know what will be the final outcome of this celebrated case.

WEDNESDAY'S CONCERT.

List of the Numbers to be Given at the Patriotic Entertainment.

The details of the concert to be given in the Victoria theatre on Wednesday evening in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund are now complete, the final program being as follows:

PART I.
Selection
5th Regiment Band.
Camp Scene (including patriotic songs)
5th Regiment Boys.
The March of the Flowers
By Victoria, direction of Mrs. D. R. Harris.
Sword Bayonet Exercises
Royal Engineers.
Selection
5th Regiment Band.
Tableau (3 scenes)—"Britain and Her Loyal Subjects"
Production of Mrs. H. M. Macdonald.
Song and Chorus—"Another Little Patch of Red" (in character)
Miss E. Lombard.
Musical Comed Sketch (in character)
Lieut. Chapman, R. N.
Minuetto (16 ladies and gentlemen)
Production of Mrs. F. B. Pemberton.

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THE ROD.
A GOOD CATCH.
A fine catch of big trout, one of the first to be reported for the season, was made at Lake Crescent on Thursday last by Dr. Dick Croft and Alex. Melkie, of Victoria, and Ben. Lewis, of Piedmont. They took, with surface troll, fourteen fish aggregating 55 lbs. in weight, three of the number aggregating 30 lbs. each, weighing 18 lbs. and the others 10 lbs. each. All of the catch were large ones, several of them going over 4 lbs. on the scales.—The Tribune-Times.

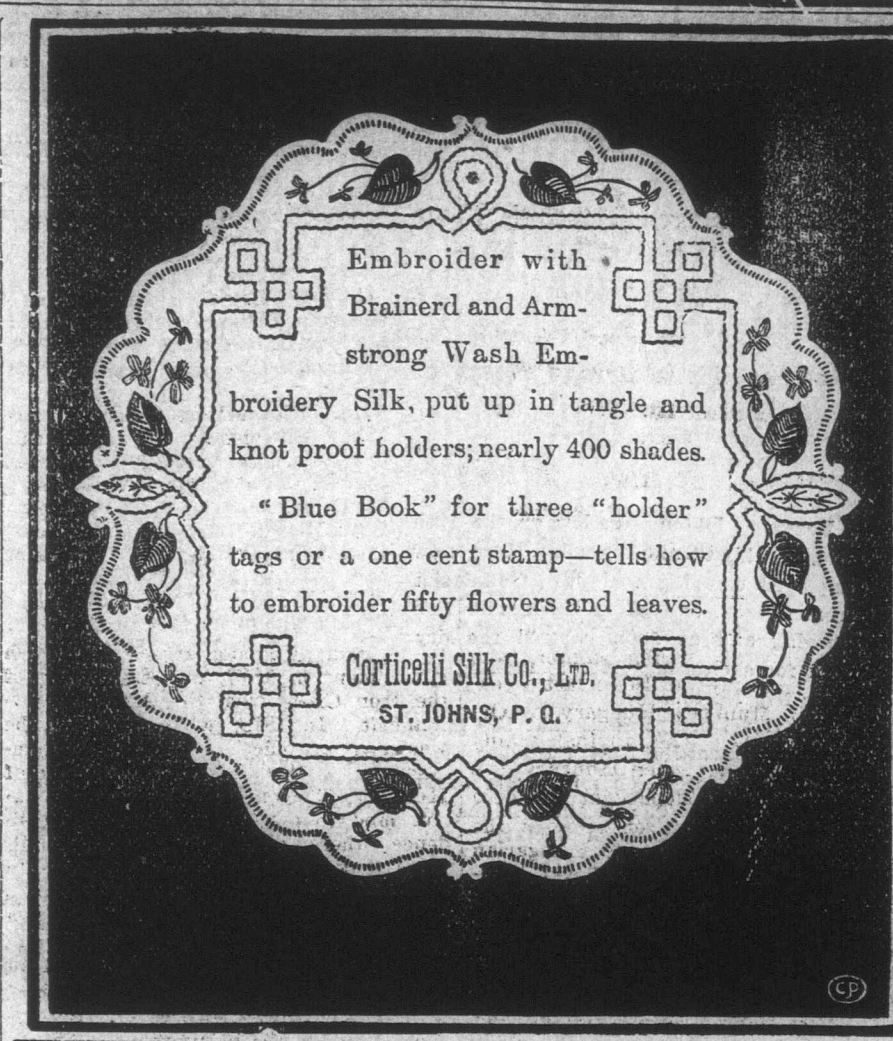
THE TUNE.
THE MEET AT VANCOUVER.
In preparation for the Queen's birthday meeting at Vancouver, the trainers at Hastings have taken full advantage of the extremely favorable weather for training operations during the past week, and have lured their horses along, putting the final edge on their speed. "Nello" pleased all onlookers with his free, resolute style of going, and is thought to possess a great chance in the one mile Hunt Club race. The Victorian horses will arrive on Monday. Others from California are expected on Tuesday, so that all events will be well filled. Trackmaster Marshall has had the track harrowed and scraped, and no complaints as to its condition are heard.

AN ANCIENT BELIEF.

The ancients believed that rheumatism was the work of a demon within a man. Any one who has had an attack of sciatic or inflammatory rheumatism will agree that the infliction is demonic enough to warrant the belief. It has never been claimed that Chamberlain's Pain Balm would cast out demons, but it will cure rheumatism, and hundreds bear testimony to the truth of this statement. One application relieves the pain, and this quick relief which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by Henderson Bros., whose agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

Sealers are busy making their usual preparations for Behring Sea, and the beginning of next month will see a large number of the fleet away. Nearly all which have cruised South this spring will sail North. Of these heading for the Russian coast the Aurora and Mary Taylor have already sailed, while the City of San Diego will leave in a few weeks. Several of the fleet now in port are soon to be hailed out on Turpel's waters for their annual overhauling. The Libby is on the ways having repairs made to a hole discovered in her hull, and others will be hailed out to-morrow or on Monday.

Their gentle action and good effect on the system really make them a perfect little pill. Please those who use them. Carrer's Little Liver Pills may well be termed "Perfection."



Dunsmuir Gives the Lie

Sensational Scene at Mr. McInnes's Meeting at Wellington on Saturday Night.

Walter Ford Nominated at Cowichan-Government Mass Meeting.

It is understood that a mass meeting of government supporters will be held at the A. O. U. W. to-morrow evening, at which addresses will be delivered by the Premier and his candidates. Ladies are invited. The Premier speaks this afternoon at Colwood and this evening at Sooke. He does not yet know upon what dates he will address meetings at other points.

A dispatch to the Times from Duncans, dated Saturday, says: "The convention of the government supporters was held here this afternoon to nominate a candidate. At three o'clock Mr. Herd was voted to the chair, and the meeting opened. Mr. Macmillan, of Victoria, was present to assist the delegates in organizing the campaign. A resolution was passed admitting the press. Mr. Herd then stated the objects of the convention, and pointed out how far it was an open convention. After appointing a door-keeper, business began. Mr. Herd then informed the convention that Major Mutter, the independent candidate, had sent a deputation to him proposing in event of the government being unable to nominate a straight government man, that they should endorse himself as an independent."

This suggestion fell very flat. One delegate wanted to know if the convention was not called to nominate a straight government supporter, and another said: "That's what we are here for."

The chairman suggested that the easiest way to deal with the question would be to have some one nominate Major Mutter, and let it go to the ballot. Mr. Macmillan here rose, and stated for the benefit of any who might be hazy on the point that the government had no use for independents.

"It was then pointed out that it was impossible for the convention to recognize Major Mutter's communication at all, and the subject was dropped."

"Nominations were then proceeded with. Mr. William Herd and Mr. Walter Ford were the nominees, but the former declined the nomination in favor of Mr. Ford. The nominations were then closed and Mr. Ford was declared by resolution the unanimous choice of the convention."

"Mr. Ford then addressed the convention, and thanked them in a short speech for their confidence in him, declaring that he was thoroughly in sympathy with Mr. Martin and his platform, and that he would give both his full support. The question of organizing for the campaign was then proceeded with."

"Another dispatch to the Times refers to the Dickie meeting on Saturday night. It says: 'The election campaign in this district commenced in earnest to-night (19th inst.), when C. H. Dickie met a large representative and enthusiastic body of electors in the agricultural hall, Duncans. The chairman, Allen Blyth, called on T. A. Wood, who said it was quite unnecessary for him to introduce or recommend Mr. Dickie to an audience who knew and appreciated him so well, but he would point out that Mr. Dickie, unlike Mr. Martin, had a stake in the country. Mr. Martin was a political adventurer, unfortunately backed up by the Lieutenant-Governor. He was a rash, reckless man."

"Mr. Dickie on coming forward was greeted with a storm of cheers. This is his first appearance as a public speaker, and, while making no pretensions to oratory, his modest, unassuming, yet practical, pointed remarks, greatly pleased his host of friends, who are new more than ever assured (if that were possible) that in him they have just the man to represent the district. His sympathies were with the workingmen, for he had been one himself. There were no strings attached to him, and if elected he would, without fear or favor, honestly do his best for the constituency and the province."

"In answer to a universal demand Mr. Musgrave took the platform. He tackled the government ownership of railways, and showed from his experience in New Zealand and the Argentine how impossible such a policy was in this province."

Mr. Dickie had his hearty support. A vote of confidence in Mr. Dickie, moved by Mr. Dr. Alexander, seconded by Mr. Bidley, was unanimously carried, with the singing of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow." Votes of thanks to the chairman and secretary were carried, and with three cheers for the candidate, three more for Baden-Powell and three for "Bobs," an enthusiastic gathering broke up.

The Times correspondent at Nanaimo writes, under date to-day: "A lively political meeting was held in Wellington on Saturday evening, two speakers from Victoria being on hand to take part in it."

"Mr. Bryden dwelt for some time on the statement that the country had been without responsible government for two years, and said that when the Lieutenant-Governor dismissed the Turner government he had acted in a most unheard of manner. He said that Mr. McInnes, in his speech a week ago, had referred to him (Bryden) as a high-muck-muck in the Turner government, but he knew that Mr. McInnes had striven his very best to be taken into the Turner government."

"Mr. McInnes had hardly got started when the excitement commenced. He said that Mr. Bryden had charged him with trying to get into the Turner government, when the fact of the matter was that Mr. Turner had his emissaries after him (McInnes) for weeks trying to get him to enter the government. 'It's a lie,' said James Dunsmuir. 'The speaker said it was no lie and that Mr. Turner, who was present, would not say so. Mr. McInnes had not gone much further before he was again accused of lying by Mr. Dunsmuir. The speaker said that while he was in Victoria a few days ago he had heard a high official of the B. & N. railway say that it was a good thing for the country that the large number of Japs was coming. Mr. Dunsmuir said: 'It's a lie, it's a lie!' It is no lie," said the speaker, "and I could name the man and bring witnesses to prove it. There were cries of name him, and Mr. McInnes said: 'It was George L. Courtney.' 'Produce your witnesses,' said Mr. Dunsmuir. 'When George Courtney denies it I will produce the witnesses,' said Mr. McInnes."

"The interruptions from Mr. Dunsmuir were frequent, he using the word lie to emphasize his remarks. The speaker was positive that the Dominion government would do nothing further this year than to increase the tax \$50 per head on Chinese."

"Mr. Turner, of Victoria, followed Mr. McInnes, Mr. Dixon, the third candidate, not responding when he was called upon. Mr. Turner spoke for one hour, going over the story of the province since his government was dismissed. He scored Mr. McInnes for running away from his duty at Ottawa when there was a chance to get legislation through that would restrict immigration. He asked the people to return men to power who would favor responsible government."

"Mr. McPhillips next took the platform and spoke for fifty minutes, going over practically the same ground that he has covered in former addresses."

"Mr. Dunsmuir speaks at South Wellington to-morrow night, at Cedar the following evening and at Extension on Saturday."

"Hon. J. C. Brown spoke at a government meeting on Saturday night in New Westminster, explaining his reasons for joining the Martin government."

"Telegraphing from Ottawa, our correspondent says: 'The resignation of W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. for Nanaimo, has been received by Speaker Bain.'"

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