

The Colonist. FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 1900. THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Mr. Turner was able to present a very plain and business-like statement to the house yesterday when making his budget speech. Its chief feature is that he was able to report an expanding revenue, in part from new sources of income and the remainder from the natural increase in the business of the country.

of its political course during the recent crisis. When Mr. Brown set down after concluding his moderate and good-natured speech, it was impossible to feel otherwise than that in the new start, which he said the province had made, everything looks very favorable indeed.

AN ALL-CANADIAN LINE.

It is now fully understood that the policy of the government is to secure the construction at the earliest possible day of an all-Canadian line to the Yukon, a line that will not only bring a large portion of the trade of the northern gold fields to a Canadian city, but will also lead to the development of a vast and valuable part of this province.

before the days of Tenthredin, "Fancy," said the Sage of Chelsea, "a naked savanna, addressing a naked woman of forty." How would we tell him from a doer-keeper? Of course we could not until the king or some one else told us that one was the embodiment of most gracious majesty and the other simply common clay.

ATTAIN'S GRIEVANCES.

Mr. Clifford made a very moderate statement of the difficulties under which mining interests in Atlin are now suffering. He stated the case strongly, but not extravagantly, and made a very clear and concise summary of the situation.

BIRDS.

We print this morning a series of interviews on the subject of birds. A good case has been made out for the importance of suitable varieties of feathered creatures, and probably the government may see its way clear to instruct the Department of Agriculture to give the subject some attention.

MISSTATEMENT CORRECTED.

Some persons, for reasons best known to themselves, are circulating a report that the Colonist is opposed to the construction of a railway from Kitimat Arm to the Yukon at the earliest possible day.

SARTOR RESARTUS.

A story is told to the effect following: An officer went bathing in a forbidden spot in South Africa, in Paris naturally, but, as the story would say, in the village of a century being called to him: "Come out of that minute. You've no right to bathe there."

of an obstacle to an all-Canadian line, and closed by recommending the government, "immediately after the present session, to place itself in correspondence with the Dominion government to ascertain if it is not possible to mature forthwith such a plan of railway construction to the North as we have above indicated."

"We must have an all-Canadian line. Canada must secure an avenue to the Yukon that cannot be interrupted by unfriendly foreigners."

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to the Dominion. We do not know what the population of West Kootenay has averaged during the last five years, certainly not less than 25,000.

There are other portions of the province that will give just as good results as this, when once they have been opened by railways and highways.

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The proposal was which very well received in the house, and we do not anticipate that a vote will be raised against the erection of a residence for the Lieutenant-Governor, that will be in keeping with the importance of the province.

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The recent extraordinary the Northwest of that vast, the cut worm, and its pest, to the farmers' crops, towards that end, several interest in a quarter of a million of British Columbia towards the desirability of taking the desirable of taking towards increasing the number of other birds in the province.

Those who have given their attention are and therefore to speak with some degree of authority. The importance that the province shall be preserved and that more immediately improved. Recognizing the danger which lies in neglecting towards that end, several citizens have commenced which will probably result in desired importation.

The action of the Nanaimo Trades and Labor Council in calling upon Bishop Perrin and Rev. A. B. Winchester to withdraw or deny certain observations attributed to them is certainly a very extraordinary thing. As we said on a former occasion, some of these labor unions endeavor to exercise a tyranny that would not be tolerated from any government.

There is very much in what Mr. McBride said yesterday in the discussion of the public works votes, namely, that the government has not had sufficient time to consider every matter calling for public expenditure. Both sides of the view of the short period that has elapsed since the government came in, the appropriations are very fairly distributed.

Mr. Stables made a strong plea yesterday for a good pack trail from Bennett to Atlin, for use in the spring and fall—that is, when the ice is poor on the lakes—so that mails can be carried through. We are sure such a trail is needed, and have no doubt that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works will see that everything possible is done to provide it.

When it takes a correct position to correct the Times in a general feeling that British Columbia is entering upon a new era, and that the government should do all in its power, by spending money freely for development purposes, to speed us along the road to greater prosperity. This is very well said, indeed, and the government will doubtless feel encouraged by it in its policy of provincial progress.

The compliment paid by Capt. Talow in the house yesterday to the Vancouver militiamen was undoubtedly fully merited. It was also satisfactory to hear him say that the abominable proposition made to boycott members of the militia emanated only from utterly irresponsible agitators.

There can be no objection in continuing to correct the Times in its statement that Col. Prior retired through the Mackenzie-Mann Yukon railway charter. It will not admit its error, although it must know perfectly well that it is mistaken. Within two weeks Col. Prior stated at a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade precisely what the Colonist has stated in regard to his course in that connection. It is early in the campaign for our contemporary to begin misrepresentation.