Victoria, Friday, March I.

WHAT NEW TAXES?

The Dominion trade returns for January show that the imports for that month fell off by about \$1,500,000 as compared with January of last year, and that the customs revenue showed a decrease of about \$280,000 for the same period. These figures, like those for preceding months, prove to a demonstration that the decrease in the revenue is wholly due to diminished imports, which of course means that the purchasing power of the people has been decreased. The contention that the reduction of the customs revenue is a result of the Fosterian tariff revision is evidently one of the stupidest fallacies that was ever put forward by a party in distress. There will be a huge deficit in the Dominion finances this year, to be added to the million and a quarter of shortage last year, and it cannot be credited to the tinkering which was so farcically styled tariff reform by the ministers. What will the government propose to do about it? The ministers plainly should take the country into their confidence on the subject-that is unless they go upon the assumption that their lease of power is nearly terminated and that on others will devolve the duty of filling the hole which their criminal mismanagement has left in the treasury. That assumption would no doubt be correct, but it does not appear a wise one on the part of the government. Men who had confidence in themselves and their cause would rather incline to assume that success awaited them in the coming con test. So assuming, they would endeavor to make a plain statement of the policy they intended to pursue in order to overcome the hiatus which the N. P. tariff has left. What new taxes would they impose to make up for the five or Columbians now pay to the revenue wright and the Hon. David Mills. Beabout three times as much per head as low we give the debate on this important the people of the other provinces they matter. have a peculiar interest in this question. The ministers should "make a clean breast of it" as soon as possible

## LAURIER'S REBUKE.

"Sir, I never yet heard the fair name of that great nation so slandered and insulted. At least I never heard the name of England so insulted by a man of English blood. The charge was not new to me: I had read it in the pages of continental pamphleteers; but I am sure we were not prepared to hear it from the mouth of a man of English blood. And such a man! A Conservative, a Tory, tract is entered into, and the information should be given to the house before we cona member of the imperial federation league, a member of the Canadian privy council, an aspirant perhaps to the British privy council, a K. C. M. G., and a preacher of loyalty in season and out of season! And is this really the estimate of the same matter. I have had numerous letgentlemen on the other side; is this really what they believe to be the commercial condition of England? Do they really believe, as stated by the hon. minister, that England is no longer able to hold her own with the civilized nations of the earth? Do they believe that the soldiers and the sailors of England, whose baners bear the proud inscriptions of Malplaquet and Ramillies, Aboukir and Trafalgar, the soldiers who once met the steel of the most famous troops of the world, under the greatest general of modern times, are now employed in forcing upon helpless barbarians the wares and products of Sheffield and Manchester. It is a slander. There was a time indeed when England, then having a high tariff, found closed against her trade, by the power of Napoleon, the harbors of France, Spain, Italy, Belgium, Holland, and even of a part of Germany. These harbors she opened by the strength of her arms. And the hon. gentleman would tell us now that the great nation whose motto in the modern world seems to have been borrowed from that of the ancient Romans-"Debellare superbos"-must retire before the competition of other nations and use her army and her navy to force an undesired trade upon helpless savages and inferior trade upon helpless savages and inferior

# THE CAMPAIGN LIAR.

The Colonist puts up a man of straw, and having knocked the flimsy thing down cries most valiantly, "See how I vanquish a giant!" Its "refutation" of certain street rumors, which it is pleased to call "campaign lies," concocted and circulated by opponents of the Dominion government, is of this style of political warfare. The yarn about the sale of the outer wharf for a million and a half was started, it may reasonably be supposed, after the manner of other inprobable "rumors;" certainly the oppo- to the company. sition did not originate or circulate it, and do not wish to see it go uncontra- the above appeal was made, but, despite his report in reference to the audit of

minion government-would by some unexplained reason help the opposition, when there is no person not utterly ignorant but knows that no assistance has been asked, are transparently childish intimidation. There have been other cific, the hostility of Mr. Davie thereto and the designs of the Canadian Pacific railway. Why not charge the opposition with the crime of starting these as is material for a few more men of straw. The people of Victoria are not going to be deceived by the arrant editorial twaddle of the Colonist. They know from sad experience that the Canadian Pacific railway company is hostile to this city and that no aid or support may be looked for from a government under the thumb of that powerful corporation. "Campaign lies" hatched under the roof of the Colonist building will not remove

#### TUPPER'S SLANDER.

"What is the policy of the mother country to-day? Driven from the civilized markets of the world, steadily and every year finding their output to those markets decreasing, they spend millions on their navy and millons on their army to force their wares and their goods and their merchandise into the uncivilized markets of the world."

THE C. P. R. STEAMERS AND VIC-

. In the house of commons on April 18, 1889, Mr. L. H. Davies (Liberal) demanded that the C. P. R. steamers should be compelled to call at Victoria before receiving a subsidy, and he was supported it is quite well understood that there six million dollar deficit? As British in his demand by Sir Richard Cart-

> Mr. Davies (Liberal)-May I ask what part of the railway Mr. Davies-Does the steamer call at Vic

toria?
Mr. Foster-We will find it out in the Mr. Davies-I want to find it out now. I Mr. Davies—I want to find it out now. I have received a letter from a gentleman in British Columbia to-day asking me to ascertain this point. The inhabitants out there are very anxious to know whether this line of steamboats is going to call at Victoria. I do not know whether the British Columbia representatives in the house can say bia representatives in the house can say anything about it, but I can assure them that one of their constituents seems to be greatly interested in the subject.

Mr. Prior—What is the name?

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Mr. Davies-I have no objection to giving the name privately to the hon, gentleman. Whether the steamer is to call at Victoria or not ought to be decided before the con-

sent to vote the money.

Mr. Prior—I am much obliged to the hon.
gentleman from Queen's, P.E.I., (Mr. Davtes) for bringing up the question of the steamers calling at Victoria. I may state that ever since I have been in Ottawa I ters myself on the subject and before I started for Ottawa I had several interviews with gentlemen belonging to the Board of Trade who urged upon me the imperative necessity of pressing that subject upon the government. \* \* I believe the whole population of Victoria desire the steamers to call there. I have done my best that they should do so, but I cannot say that I have had any very satisfactory assurances from the government. I believe it is of the utmost importance that these steamers should be subsidized, and if we grant this subsidy I believe it will be the means of opening up a very large trade between Canada, China and Japan and practically between British Columbia and those countries.

\* The Victoria merchants do at least 75 per cent. of the trade of the whole province of British Columbia, and I cannot see why the steamers which are passing our very doors should not call there. They come at the present time, and have done so for the past eighteen months, within one mile from our wharf, and there they take a pilot and go straight ahead, and never pay the slightest attention to us. \* \* \* We are willing to give her a good wharfage accommodations if she will stop there on her way in and out, and I cannot see why the government should not insist upon this being done. \* \* \* \* Sir Richard Cartwright (Liberal)—It seems

to me the hon, gentleman is perfectly within his right, and that moreover it is our duty to see whether this can be done. Now, this bringing down these schemes and asking us to vote them blindfold is utterly objectionable. \* \* It seems to me if the case is as he (Mr. Prior) states, it would be an extreme hardship that the mails and be an extreme hardship that the mails and passengers for Victoria should be taken 75 miles out of their way and sent back again
Mr. Mills (Liberal)— \* \* \* Surely if the government of Canada is called upon to pay £15,000 annually for subsidizing this ine of steamers we have a right to say for

Mr. Davies (Liberal)—This committee asked to vote a subsidy not exceeding £15,000 per annum for a monthly steamship service or £25,000 for a fortnightly service. We are asked to vote this amount because it will promote Canadian interests. In such a proposition we ought to have a voice as to the conditions under which the company arguments are incorrect they should be troverted, and at all events we should intelligently and not in the dark. We a right to insert these conditions in the contract and it is our duty to do so until the facts submitted by the hon, gentleman from Victoria are contradicted, and the vessels should call at Victoria, especially as it could be done with such little inconvenience

Almost six years have elapsed since son, provincial auditor, will not present

ical capital was expected from a story | ing in its allegiance to the government, | istrate Bate in sending the case of Regina so palpably incredible, or that the equally stupid "rumor"—that aid to the Britlish Pacific had been refused by the Doly stupid "government—would by some uncontrol the cabal at Ottawa. Is it. control the cabal at Ottawa. Is it, therefore, not time we had a change?

PROTECTED-AND DIED.

This protectionist of all protectionists, and Colonistic. The opposition propose this protected of all protected industries, to fight fairly and without the aid of the Toronto Empire newspaper, which lies, or slanders, or boodle, or cowardly knew better than anyone, indeed than everyone else that protection, and proabsurd "rumors" about the British Pa- | tection only, was the salvation of the country, that the country was prosperous because of and only because of prowith all its protection, by all its protecwell? The Colonist will see that there | tion, for all its protection, in spite of all | decided upon the course he should take the general protectionist prosperity, notwithstanding all its protection advocacy, which should have given it an impregnable place in the hearts of a convinced people, has not been able even to survive advocacy was so urgently needed, but has miserably succumbed on the eye of bench battle and become a sort of tail to another newspaper which has been advocat- McKenzie providing bail for all there ing tariff reform, and has so managed to parties. survive the rival which was started to take its place when it was compelled by public opinion to give up protectionist ordied of protection, has been killed by the once. That paper is now apparently going to experiment on the poison again, met with on this small space. but in smaller doses, as an independent protectionist Conservative under the name of the Mail and Empire.-Montreal Witness

In the meantime the Globe, that staunch opponent of independent Liberalism, continues to flourish like a green bay tree. The people don't want pro tectionist newspapers. The utter rubbish which that mediaeval absurdity compels its unfortunate upholders to resort to disgusts any man of intelligence enough to subscribe to a newspaper. How many of them are hanging on to existence by the thread of government patronage no one knows, but if the government goes under at the coming struggle will be many Tory journalistic disappearance, and they will not all be in the upper provinces either.—Halifax Recorder.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

M. Montpetit, one of the translators of trate to-day. the house of commons, has put in a bill are complaining of the visitation of That liquor commission will cost the show. country an immense sum before it is wound up; and what will be the benefit?

Law reform seems to be seriously agitated at the legal headquarters of Ontario. The York law association is said to be considering the following recommendations: "That the present method of now inundated. adjusting solicitors' costs by long bills of detailed items is antiquated and tends to bring disrepute upon the profession. That the settlement of costs between party and party by a block system or commission, or by a combination of both, would be in the public interest. That there is no valid reason for any tariff between solicitor and client. That a solicitor and client should be as free to make any bargain as to solicitors' remuneration, subject only to the same rules as any other contract." If these were adopted a long step would be taken in the direction of a very necessary reform -the reduction of the formidable pile of costs incurred in proceedings preliminary

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, Feb. 25 .- Mr. Smith, the opposition candidate possesses the faculty of making friends wherever he goes. He is cool in judgment, sound in reason and is a good debater. True he has not had much experience in Dominion politics but he is thoroughly conversant with the Liberal platform and knows what protection means. Mr. Smith will shortly stump this constituency in his own behalf and there is little doubt that he will convince the majority of those he comes in contact with that the opposition policy is the correct policy to support. The recent successful Liberal convention has aroused the ire of some of the old Tories here and even Mr. John Pawson is credited with the statement that before he will see a Liberal take the constituency, he will stand for election in the Tory interest.

The Nanaimo second Rangers visited Wellington on Saturday and met the ome team on the new grounds there, The game was all in favor of the visitors who appeared to carry the ball whereever they pleased. The score at the close of the game was Nanaimo 9 goals to Wellington's nil.

The Hornets are now very anxious to meet the Vancouver team. The remains of the late Mrs. Isabella Reid were brought to this city on Saturday night from California and interred in the Nanaimo cemerry. Deceased was one of the early pioneers and in consequence the remains were followed by a

large concourse of friends and citizens. It has been intimated that Mr. Peardicted. The suggestion that any polit the fact that Victoria has been unswerv. the city' clerk's books until next week, Nanaimo, Feb. 27.-The decision of Mag-

they will convert into an athletic room.

R. Smith, the Liberal candidate, is now on tour in the constituency.

Nanaimo, Feb. 20.-Magistrate Bate gave his decision in the case of Reg vs. McInnes & McInnes and P. Ross yesterday afternoon, which was that there were elements in the case which warranted his sending it up for trial.

T. R. E. McInnes expressed great surprise at such a course being adopted by the magistrate on such firmsy evidence, and from the tenor of his argument it would appear that the attorney-general's hand is seen all through the case. The tection, and that if protection were given accused proceeded to argue the matter up ruin would follow, has not been able with the magistrate, but that functionary said it was no good arguing as he had after mature consideration and believed to him at an earlier stage of the proceedings that as a civil servant his jurisdiction might be limited so far as such a court's jurisdiction to deal with till the coming elections, for which its case as the present was concerned, he very probably would not have sat on the

Bail was accepted in \$100 each, C C.

The E. & N. Rrailway Company have given notice that they intend to apply for a license to prospect for coal over ganship or die. The Toronto Empire has the Nanaimo river Indian reserve. It is very questionable whether in the event poison which it has prescribed in season of coal being found on these lands, that and out of season for the country. Pro- it would pay any company to sink shafts tection organship all but killed the Mail and put in machinery for the practically small deposit of coal that is likely to be

A. Black eloped yesterday morning from Wellington in company with a man named Veers. Mrs. Black is said to have taken a thousand dollars belonging to her husband with her also all the jewelry she could obtain possession of and two small children. Black gave information to the police and a dispatch was received later in the day from Vancouver stating that Veers was under arrest. Black is a miner, and is known as an upright, honest, good fellow. The full particulars of the elopement will be made known when Veers appears before the magistrate to answer to the charge of runnig away with another man's wife.

The residence of R. Watson was plundered by thieves yesterday while Watson was at work. Many valuable medals were removed, and had the thieves not been disturbed they would also have taken two valuable rifles. Constable A Montreal dispatch says: "It appears ternoon on a charge of vagrancy, but McLean arrested six men during the affrom several columns of correspondence none of the articles were found on them. published in Le Temps of this city that | They will be brought before the magis

The residents of the "Five Acre" lots of \$27,000 for the translation fo the re- chicken thieves. In some instances no port of the royal commission on the less than fourteen birds were carried liquor traffic, but is unable to get the off, and thefts varying from six birds money. He claims to have been given Some of the birds were valuable, havupwards are of frequent occurrence. the contract, and demands his money." ing taken prizes at the recent poultry

J. Callahan, who recently resigned his position as operator at Nanaimo, was presented with a purse of \$300 by the merchants on Tuesday evening in token of their appreciation of his services. Mr. Callahan left for California, where he

hopes to recruit his health. The heavy rains of the past few days have caused the Nanaimo river to overflow its banks, and the Indian reserve is

The W. C. T. U. intend putting a candidate in the field for school trustee, provided under the new act. It is almost certain that A. Haslain, M. P., will seek re-election at the approaching election, although he has stat ed his intention of declining the nomina-

## CABLE NEWS.

Colonial Topics Talked Of in the Imperial Parliament.

London, Feb. 25 .- Louise Michel, the anarchist agitator, has been very ill for several days. She is not expected to

Mr. Conway, chairman of the committee of the society of authors, will have a letter in to-morrow's Times re-attacking the Canadian position on the copyright question. He announces that a petition will be sent to the colonial secretary, and appeals to authors, publishers and owners of copyrights to sign it

promptly. The cages came into collision in the shaft of the Whitewood colliery at Normanton, near Leeds, to-day. The shaft was damaged so badly that it, was impossible to bring up any one of the five possibl hundred miners who were below at the time of the accident. Much anxiety is felt for their safety.

The Emperor William will not leave bert's funeral, but will remain with the will return to Berlin on Wednesday. Berlin, Feb. 25.-Cobourg is the only values, chiefly in the outskirts of the city in the empire that has declined to city. elebrate Bismarck's eightieth birthday. Rome, I'eb. 25.-A dispatch received King Menelek sent against the Gala

thousand. London, Feb. 25.—Right Hon. John Morley is confined to his bed from the effects of a chill with which he was attacked to-day. Right Hon. Henry Fowler, secretary for India, and Dean Bradey are laid up with influenza.

In the house of commons to-day Mr. Sydney Buxton, under colonial secretary, said in answer to a question that a ture of the trouble has not yet been disbill to enable the Australian colonies to make preferential treaties with Canada and other British countries had been introduced in the house of lords on February 21. Home Secretary Asquith fice here. The testator's son, G. W. moved the first reading of the disestable. Elliott, M. P., J. G. Griffiths and Chas. lishment of the church in Wales bill!

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

An Action Involving the Title of Town Lots in Donald.

Mr. Justce Walkem in the supreme court chambers this morning made an order in the Bank of Montreal v. Henry Croft allowing the plaintiffs liberty to sign judgment against the defendant for \$14,694.43 and costs. Crease (Bodwell & Irving) for plaintiffs.

Mr. Justice Crease is to-day hearing the admiralty case of Heater et al. v. Robert Ward & Co., limited. plaintiffs are William Heater, Charles Kiel and George Butt, who shipped last summer as sealers on the sealing schooler W. P. Hall, and they claim in all \$990 as balance due them for wages. According to the plaintiffs they were discharged in October last at Yokohama and were given by the master of the chooner orders for their wages on the defendants, who refused to pay them. he was right. Had it been pointed out The defendants set up that they were only agents for the schooner, which is in debt to them. They also deny the question of the orders. It is said the schooner has been sold in Yokohama by the seamen for wages. Mr. J. P. Walls appears for the plaintiffs and Mr. P. AE. Irving for defendants.

Mr. Justice Walkem is to-day trying the action of the C. P. R. vs. Patrick Murphy. The plaintiffs are suing for the possession of some lots in Donald. and on the results depends the ownership of a large part of the townsite of Don ald. The trial was commenced at the spring assizes at Kamloops and aft r continuing for two days was adjourned in order to allow plaintiffs to prove additional facts. The railway company base their claim to the land in question under and by virtue of a grant by letters patent issued under the great seal of Canada dated the 26th day of August, 1887, and the defence deny that any title passed thereby. The plaintiffs proved the order-in-council (Dominion) dated 21st September, 1884, approving the change of location of the railway and then endeavored to prove the plan. Mr. Belyea for the defence objected and a long argument took place.

Hon. A. N. Richards, Q. C., H. D. Helmcken, Q. C., and A. G. Sprague for plaintiffs, and A. L. Belyea for the defendant. Mr. Justice Crease in the supreme-

court chambers this morning heard the following applications: Cooley v. Fitzstubbs.-E. M. Johnson appeared in person in support of an application that his name be struck out as a party defendant, as he had not been served with a copy of the order of the divisional court making him a party de-Gordon Hunter contra. His lordship, upon referring to the order of the divisional court, said he had no jurisdiction to grant the application and dismissed it. Costs in the cause.

Payne v. City of Victoria.—Order made for trial of action on March 12th before a special jury. This is an action for \$1000 damages for injuries sustained by plaintiff, who is a street car conductor, some months ago. He was going from a car to a trailer and was struck by some trestles and severely injured. Simpkins (Drake, Jackson & Helmcken) for plaintiff.

Ward v. Clark .- Potts (A. L. Belyea) obtained an order allowing defendants to amend their defence. Pike v. Mawdley.—Crease (Bodwell &

Irving), for the plaintiff, obtained are order to proceed with accounts. Culverwell, Brooks & Co. v. Marvin .-Luxton, for the defendants, obtained ar order for further particulars of the plaintiffs' claim.

Clementson Bros. v. Sehl-Hastie Co. -Herbert Robertson, for the defendants. moved to set aside the writ of summons herein on the ground that the copy filed did not comply with rule 23 in having the signature to it of the solicitor issuing the writ. George Jay, for the plaintiff, contra. Motion dismissed. Costs in the cause.

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The Divisional Court, consisting of Justices Orease, McCreight and Walken are to-day hearing the appeal in Edison v. Edison General Electric Company, are suing Edmonds, David and Isaac Oppenheimer, John A. Webster, Alexander Ewen and Edgar A. Wyld, as shareholders of the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. The point to Wyld, as shareholders of the Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Co. The point to be decided is a nice one. Under the railway act of B. C., shareholders in a railway are liable to creditors, after an execution has been returned "no goods," on all moneys remaining unpaid on their capital stock. The Westminster and Vancouver Tramway Company was incorporated by special acts in 1890 and in 1891 a consolidating and amalgamating act was passed including algamating act was passed including the building of a road between Vancouver and New Westminster and in that act the tramway is called a railway. The contention is that the provision in the railway act applies to the company in question, and upon a point of law raising the question Mr. Justice Drake held that the railway. the respondents.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—The assessment on Vienna immediately after Archduke Al- which the taxation of the current year was levied is \$146,338,384, which is \$4,-Emperor Franz Joseph over night and 428,000 less than last year. The decrease is caused by the reduction in land

Montreal, Feb. 27.-W. H. Meredith of Moses, Middleton & Meredith, died o-day says: The recent expedition which | yesterday. Meredith was a director of the Bank of Montreal and son of the tribes in South Abyssima slew seven late Sir William C. Meredith, chief justhousand tribesmen and captured fifteen tice of the Queen's Bench of Quebec. and second cousin of Chief Justice Meredith, of Toronto, and of H. V. Meredith, local manager of the Bank of Montreal.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—Owing to the discovery of some crooked work among the grain buyers at Minnedosa several of those concerned have hurriedly and secretly departed for the States. The na-

Halifax, Feb. 27.-The will of the late Sir George Elliott, baronet, England, was filed last evening in the probate of-Elliott, M. P., J. G. Griffiths and Chas-E. Hunter are appointed executors.

SUBMITTED TO THE

Electric Light and Fire By-Laws to be Vot March 19th.

The City Officials to Act ing Officers - McPha Bobs Up.

In special session the city vened last night stopped electric light works for wa and set March 19 as the da on the by-law to appropri thousand dollars berrowed tory for electric light purpo Deputy Attorney-General to the council as follows:

Sir:-I am directed to call of the city council to the cas man McFadden who was a the Old Men's Home, but w some disagreement with th was turned out. The con caretaker in this matter has vindicated, and it seems pe that McFadden is entitled t from the city. The government of the difficulty with the ca be prepared to accept Mcl send him to the provincia home at Kamloops provid council assumes 75 per cent the government bearing the cent., pursuant to the provi Provincial Home Act, 1893.

There was a smile when tread. Ald. Humphrey sai left the home on his own the action of Caretaker St been vindicated. The city structed to reply in that t letter was handed over to th

Foreman Preece, of the v asked for \$100 a month s L. Raymur asked for \$20 crease, owing to his extra o commissioner, as well as au Laid over until the subm estimates.

John Stewart asked for th the plumbing inspectorship crease of his salary by \$25. The by-law appropriating for a crematory to electric l was put through committee. was set as the date of ve ratepayers.

Ald. Williams wanted a cl that the money was to defra red during 1894, and for c works. He wished the pe for what they were voting. would serve no purpose.

Ald. McCellan said the derstood how they were well as did Ald. Williams. The amendment was vot Ald. Williams then asked the officials conduct the would save expense to the question was debated a sh resulted in the appointmen sessor Northcott as réturnin

a subsequent motion gave cheese his assistants. Ald. Partridge's fire exte was then taken up. borrow the sum of \$19,000 of the fire system. The byed on the fire-wardens' appropriated \$4600 for Vi \$5750 for the eastern part \$8000 for the central and \$5 Bay district. The Deluge to be repaired and it was rental of the hall would pay

on the loan and eventua Ald. McMillan favored re terest on the debentures 4 per cent., but it was vote Ald. Cameron would vot by-law because he believed not afford the increased a

Ald. McLellan replied tha had again and again deman fire protection and that i want the expenditure they out the by-law at the pol The by-law was eventual and it was decided to place ratepayers on March 19, as the \$10,000 electric ligh The question of school e up for discussion, and it to ask the school board to council next Tuesday even The council likewise con

vene in private to-night. Ald. Williams suggested be well to close down the works till the by-law wa The committee did not v spending money, perhaps i Mayor Teague was of t

It was concluded to stop men and discharge them t as the by-law is voted u shafting alone to be proceed The council adjourned ar

MR. DAVIE'S SUCC Mr. Pooley Considering a of a Political Sm

The retirement of the H from the premiership will ernment party headless dis dissatisfied. It is known vie has advised the Lieute to send for Mr. Pooley pr council, and that that ge the present moment consider tion of forming a cabinet. is solicitor for the E. &, N pany and C. P. R. compan sources he derives an incom ly in excess of the salar the office of premier. She the leadership of a govern sitions would have to be r the duties of a solicitor fe porations would be incom those of the public whose premier is. Several cauci last week by the governm