MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1900.

THE CONDITION OF

THE COUNTRY. We would have the Wilson movement putting candidates in the field. And we AN ARGUMENT In a common of the province is not dustry is temporarily paralyzed by reason of the hasty legislation of last session. The confidence of investors has been rudely shaken. The development of mining districts is being retarded by the exclusion of aliens and by the uncertainties attending the exclusion of aliens and by the uncertainties attending the exclusion of aliens for hydraulic mining. There is companies formed for hydraulic mining. The compound intervent to take it up, but will give his assistance and support to the manner in the house time for joke. On Friday might is not desfrous of controlling the enterty will the effect the project and intention to vote against the government. We submit to take it up, but will give his assistance and support to take up the project dot take it up, but will give his assistance and support to take up the project wis ferred to take it up, but w certainties attending the operations of companies formed for hydraulic mining. There is complaint on every hand that the reasonable demands of new sections for public works is not being complied with. Law and order are imperilled. And last, but not least, the legislature is being petitioned by representatives of millions of money, invested in metalliferous mining, for relief from the excitations the incompetency, the another into the face of these conditions the ministry stands helpless. It cannot claim that it is prevented by a factious opposition from do
tins province is so devoid of capable ment that such a ministry cannot be formed, that such a ministry cannot be formed, that such a ministry cannot be formed, that such a ministry cannot the formed that such a ministry cannot the formed that such a ministry cannot the formed. We submit for the consideration of the westbate that such a ministry cannot the formed that this result showed the policy to have been states—showed the policy to have been states—which are compound interest from the example of the cannot claim that it is prevented by a factious opposition from do
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There is complaint on every hand that that such a ministry cannot tend that that such a ministry cannot the formed that the standpoint of the citizens combination of capable ment of the standpoint of the citizens combination of capable ment of the standpoint of combination of capable ment of the standpoint of the sta these conditions the ministry stands helpless. It cannot claim that it is prevented by a factious opposition from doing anything to improve the situation of predictive the proposition of premiers. On the claim of the proposition of predictive house anything whatever looking in the direction of relief, the ministers remained silent. We retrained from making this observation until the Master of the country some measures to verture upon the time for only on the remarket in a short time as a borrowing white would be permitted to do anything except upon portly. The ptty proposed to large before the would permit the Premier Semilin in his speeciful proposition, and the would command a majority of the legister of the market in a short time as a borrowing white the would permit the Premier Semilin in his speeciful proposition, and the position, and grown the political god. But in common with the polit Cotton for at least something approaching a hint that the government appreciby Dr. Todd in his work on Parliamenates the condition of the province and tary Government in England. Dr. Todd money to be expended in opening the contemplates doing something to relieve it. If he had indicated anything of this kind, he might have found the opposition ready to suspend their assault upon the government to permit the necessary legislation to be enacted. But what have read the contemplates doing something to relieve said:

"It is highly irregular and unconstitutional to refer to a dissolution of parliament as a probable contingency with a view to influence the conduct of members of influence the conduct of members are influenced and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which was forcible and elevered by Mr. Eberts yes forci ready to suspend their assault upon the particular occasion. For lation to be enacted. But what have we had? So far as the debate has now gone, and the ministers have said all they have to say, it seems as though from the government point of view the only other."

It administration are closed so far as field in a manner that gave satisfaction relates to the financial policy followed. The present ministry is following another course. It started out by claim in that their predecessors had brought on the one hand nor the people on the other."

In the administration are closed so far as field in a manner that gave satisfaction to his friends and uneasiness to his optonents. Mr. Cotton did his best to parry the attacks by frequent interruption, but took nothing by them, except the province to the verge of bankruptcy other." the government point of view the only between their creator and late colleague and master, Mr. Joseph Martin, and themselves. In this quarrel Messrs.

Semlin, Hume and McKechnie play only a subordinate role. The interests of parliament for it. It is a subordinate role. The interests of parliament for it. It is a subordinate role. The interests of parliament for it. It is a subordinate role. The interests of parliament for it. Semlin, Hume and McKechnie play only a subordinate role. The interests of the province must stand still while Messrs. Cotton and Martin settle which of them is to come to the top at the of the people, and on it depends the sent regime to be very near.

Semlin, Hume and McKechnie play only a subordinate role. The interests of the ministers and their supporters that of the members so understood him, of the members so understood him, of the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the fifth is action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for they did understand him it justified his action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for the ministers and their supporters that they realized when the adjournment for they did understand him it justified his action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for they did understand him it justified his action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for the members so understood him, or their will cast a their word and bid for the loan action of Friday night, or that they did understand him it justified his action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for the members so understood him, or the mature of parliament, for it will cast a their word and bid for the loan action of Friday night, or that they realized when the adjournment for the mature of parliament, fo next election in vancouver. Mr. Martin gave the house very distinctly to understand that he is in the political fight derstand the po to down Mr. Cotton and his colleagues; has been more or less of a contest bebut because he did so, the government tween the Crown and the representatives were under no obligation to take the of the people. There have been times, challenge up and occupy the house with when the King has arbitrarily dissolved a personal quarrel, while the great in-dustrial interests of the province vain-have refused to call them together. Ocly demand immediate consideration. If casions have arisen when parliament, beface of things and which no man of the Crown that a sufficient this loss has not fallen upon this province knew long before the session what those the prerogative which has only been ex- serious effect upon future investment

long he proposes that this sort of thing shall go on, he would be justified by constitute on the control of the that the end of the Martin-Cotton quarrel has been reached. Every one knows that it has only beginned as the sound that the end of the Martin-Cotton quarrel has been reached. Every one knows that it has only beginned as the sound that the sound t that it has only begun and that long before it has been concluded there will be such a washing of dirty linen as this province has never seen. There is a charge of falsification of records to be disposed of. There is a charge of deliberate misrepresentation to the country of the facts regarding the passage of the Island issue, which has hardly been touched. There are other matters more directly personal to Mr. Cotton that can hardly fail to come up. We protest that Mr. Cotton's interests are not of such surpassing importance that the affairs of British Columbia ought to stand still while they are being disposed of. The remedy is his removal from the administration, or rather, this would be the re-

MR COTTON'S SPEECH. Mr. Cotton made a long speech on the solution of any problem. The plan which Address. We do not say it was too long, ought to have been adopted was to have medy if Mr. Semlin were a stronger man. On the contrary, we approve of long

If he were equal to the situation he speeches on important occasions., for it is would say to the gentleman, who, in de- right that all matters relating to the govhold two cabinet portfolios, that his resignation was needed at the earliest possible day, and he would take into his cabinet two gentlemen against whom there are not such objections as may a they ought to be. But when we have there are not such objections as may as they ought to be. But when we have Vancouver Island. A connection with with the public business, and yet when our own people.

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the soundness of the policy of borrowing

Nothing can be clearer than this. Nothutterly false were the pretensions of the Higgins absent, the house divided yester-

> been wasteful and extravagant, A PART OF THE COST.

In their last circular Messrs. More & there was an atom of statesmanship, ing unwilling to bend to the sovereign's Co, say that at conservative estimate the nay, if there were a grain of apprecia- will, has been summarily dissolved and value of British Columbia mining stocks tion of the needs of the country, of elections have been held so much has depreciated \$0,000,000 since the pasthe needs which lie upon the very sur- under the control of the officers sage of the eight-hour law. The whole of can fail to see if he is not wilfully number of servile members have possibly not fifty per cent. of it, because blind, Mr. Martin and his grievances been returned to enable the Crown a large proportion of our stocks are held would have been side-tracked by mea- to work out its designs. The power of elsewhere, but the depreciation in value sures to meet these needs. The ministers dissolution is an extraordinary branch of is actual and cannot fail to have a very not know that the intention of the Pre- When the condition of metalliferous minone and to be able to hold this only by into operation gradually, although doubtthe unconstitutional threat of a dissolu- less there would be some difficulty about it. Nevertheless it is surprising how dif-

> it is not too late to do so now. RAIL TO THE NORTH.

signation of Mr. Semlin, whereby the signation of the dadders through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through, a chiral pressing needs of the province. But their fighting blood is up and a loved they could get the address through. No. 2. It is innocrate the could get the address through. No. 2. It is in not he are an active and their fighting blood is up and a loved two. If

stances would afford very little relief. said in defence of his government, and that all is very little. When Mr. Cotton sat down after a speech of about two hours fusion. We would have the Semlin-Cotton combination appealing for support. We would have Mr. Martin endeavoring to create a party for himself.

Note that all is very little. When Mr. Cotton sat down after a speech of about two hours of them has been given at the instance of Mr. James Dunsmuir. The names allegiance to the ministry and no one any of the persons on whose behalf the other notice has been given have not been distource are likely to be well administered by them. closed, but two financial combinations ernment, and that is to direct the ser have been spoken of in connection with

The house greatly enjoyed the speech delivered by Mr. Eberts yesterday, which

It is impossible that the administration can stand long under such an attack, to which no convincing reply is possible. It was very clear from a study of the faces

ministry that their predecessors had day 17 to 18. If these two gentlemen him, and we ask every one else concern-

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S COMPANY. was carried away by the excitement of brought up the question of the control of the control of the company of mounted men to be furnished men to serious effect upon future investments in company or mounted men to be turn er bulwarks of liberty, as the incident of gather from the knowledge available as ernment measures, if opposed, can only find a part of the cost of a shed by this province for service in Friday demonstrates. needs are. They knew long before the ercised in cases of emergency.

here. This is a part of the cost of a South Africa, and Mr. Turner also did hasty piece of legislation. We are not we feel able to agree with what was we do not know we session what attitude Mr. Martin intended to take. But the speech from the
throne reads very much as if they had
purposely laid aside the consideration of strings" attached to British Columbia's, rights and liberties, but we are confident that he has to fight for every foot of give Mr. Cotton a free hand in his fight with Mr. Martin.

The property foot of the time being can players and employed. There was nothing as Col. Gregory holds, and it is also desire that the way. Yesterday morning's deposite that the British Columbia component of the time being can players and employed. There was nothing as Col. Gregory holds, and it is also desire that they will not hesitate to make their the way. Yesterday morning's deposite that the British Columbia component of the time being can players and employed. There was nothing as Col. Gregory holds, and it is also desire that they will not hesitate to make their the way. Yesterday morning's deposite that they will not hesitate to make their the way. Yesterday morning's deposite that the profile that they will not hesitate to make their the way. Yesterday morning's deposite that the symbol that they will not hesitate to make their the way. 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It must be apparent to every one in the way of giving effect to both views. There pioning the cause of freedom of discussion. It must be apparent to every one hours of labor and their rate of wages. There pioning the cause of freedom of discussion. It must be apparent to every one hours of labor and their rate of wages. On the way of giving effect to both views. In the way of giving effect to both views. The British Columbia company might the Speaker, whenever it serves the pure of the cause of freedom of discussion. It must be apparent to every one hours of labor and their rate of wages. On the way of giving effect to both views. The Boer position was still in front, and it is possible that this swinging move hours of labor and their rate of wages. On the way of giving effect to both views. The Boer position was still in front, and it is possible that this swinging move hours of labor and their rate of wages. There pioning the cause of freedom of discussion. 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This conclusion can-mine-owners and the government with sure that if it were represented to that not be avoided in any way. There can the view of arriving at a conclusion that office that British Columbians would like not be a man in the province, who does would have been mutually satisfactory. to be able to keep track of their boys, no difficulty would be found in devising way. We did not understand Mr. Turnmier was to compel his supporters to ing in this province is such that an eight-stand by him. The government, therefore, occupies the very extraordinary poshould be glad to see it adopted. It ways, We did not understand Mr. Turner as suggesting that the distinguishing name should be a condition of the offer. stand by him. The government, therefore, occupies the very extraordinary position, that it expects to keep office if it is might even be possible to provide a means about the decrease some 10,000 will be leap-year; 2100, and 2300 will be leap-y sinon, that it expects to keep omce if it is able to do so at all, only by a majority of whereby such a system could be brought less there would be some difficulty about it. Nevertheless it is surprising how difficulties disappear when men get together with an honest intention of reaching a referred the subject to a commission, and

ance could receive some recognition.

geant-at-arms to refuse admission to the

may be disregarded, then at any time a the considerations above advanced make Speaker can keep a card up his sleeve to be played at a critical moment. If delay in the submission of the by-law this shameful act is to pass into a precedent, all that a partizan Speaker will have to do hereafter is to mutter something to himself, tell the government caucus that he did so; and then spring it upon the house to the confusion of the opposition. There is not a stage of paramentary procedure at which such a confidence game cannot be played. Mr. Forster may have said what he alleges he did. We would be very sorry indeed to intimate that he would deliberately utter a false statement, but that a ma-

That the matter may be fully under- of Laing's Nek. At 78 miles from stood, we may state that the practice in Ladysmith, Newcastle is situated, which had been in their places the vote would all parliamentary bodies is to take up is the last place of importance in Natal. ing that he proposed to throw the Inhave been 19 opposition to 18 govern the Address in reply to the Speech as a Charlestown, the first important centre scribed Act over when he floated a loan. ment, and once more Mr. Semiin would whole first, and afterwards to discuss it of population in the Transvaal, is 36 The whole country knows that he did, have lost control of the house. We ask paragraph by paragraph. During this miles further on. Johannesburg is and that the supporters of the governdiscussion the greatest freedom is allow- reached at 293 miles from Ladysmith, ment all over the province boasted of it. ed, how it can be pretended that the goved, and when Mr. Semlin took credit to or 483 from Durban, and 28 miles furment is in a position under these circular these circular these circular took credit to or 483 from Durban, and 28 miles furment is in a position under these circular these circular took credit to or 483 from Durban, and 28 miles furment is in a position under these circular these circular took credit to or 483 from Durban. The line from the that he used; but he cannot be fool the country.

ernment is in a position under these circumstances to carry on the affairs of the bate, he was simply treating the house to south on which Colesberg it situated people.

what was either an exhibition of arrojoins the line from Durban a few miles gance, which we do not think likely, or south of Johannesburg. At the patriotic meeting Col. Gregory the moment. It may be said that these caution, and his left, according to Gen. meaning of a majority of one, he pro-At the patriotic meeting Col. Gregory brought up the question of the control of in room than that forms are the stand that these but nothing brought up the question of the control of in room that forms are the stand that these caution, and his left, according to Gen. meaning of a majority of one, he promote that forms are the standard and the control of in room that forms are the standard and the control of the control of

FERRY TO THE MAINLAND. The statement made by Mr. Renou before the city council on Friday evenpany the offer. Nor did we understand ferry to the Mainland, must be under- military advantage to them. We do against anything like stipulating for abandoned. Mr. Renouf is entitled to the railways; but only that when Gen. terms which the Ward Department might a great deal of credit for the energetic White's force is free to come or go as hesitate about conceding, and the former manner in which he has directed public the general in command thinks best, the only to indicate a way in which the na-tural interest and pride of British Colwe are sure that every one will be glad

attention to this important subject, and enemy will no longer have any object in maintaining, his present position in Natal umbians in a company raised by them- to see what the new offer is that he deselves without imperial or federal assist- sires to submit. The statement that he has such an offer is the strongest argu-

that the \$500,000 of stock will cost the itizens as follows:

Original cost of stock......\$500,000 Total\$900,000 In addition the city has paid and is liable upon the Sidney railway bonds as

THE WAR. So much interest centres around Ladysmith that it may be as well to remind readers that it is the junction of the line from Harrismith, in the Free State, with the railway from Durban to Pretoria. The distance from Durban to Mr. Eberts charged that when the Ladysmith is 190 miles. From Lady- financial returns up to January 1st, 1900, smith to Harrismith is 60 miles, the are brought down the revenue of this direction being northwesterly, and the province is steadily and rapidly declinjority of the members so understood him, border of the Free State by way of Van place and did not venture to deny it.

the whole face of the campaign in Natal

even if he is able.

A SCOTCH HERO.

there are not such objections as may justify be made against Mr. Cotton's speech was long, who would enable him to carry on the business of the country. But Mr. Sembin is not equal to this heroic remedy, so there is no use in suggesting it as a means of relieving the present tension. It would be an act of folly to propose that Mr. Sembin should be propose that Mr. Sembin should be continued as leader of a re-organized government. Therefore the only way in which relief can be found. Therefore the only way in which relief can be found. The proposed to the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed of the proposed. But when we have already said that Mr. Cotton's speech was long, which we have stated all that there is to be said in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent when we add that was well expressed when we stated all that there is to be said in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Cotton is a gent in favor of it. Mr. Prentice very pertinently asked the Lower Mainland is highly important, the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with, the scheme proposed in the business, and yet when the decased and trap the Lower was to go on with, the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with. The scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with the Lower Mainland is highly important, the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on with the scheme proposed in the broken was to go on the He scheme proposed in the broken was to go on the He scheme proposed in the broken was to go on the He scheme proposed in the broken was to go on the He scheme p

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Is the bane of so many lives that here is where we make our great boast. Our pills cure it while others do not. Carter's Little Liver Pills are very small and CARTER MEDICINE CO., New York.

Small Pill Small Doss. Small Price.

be added to the roll of British honor, but it will not be the last that Scotland will contributes. He is one of a numerous and goodly company of heroes, who have died nobly on the field of duty for their country's cause. There is something in the Scotch blood which peculiarly fits those in whose veins it runs for deeds of daring. You cannot open a page of the history of Britain's battles without finding thereon the name of some heroic Scotch leader or some deed of valor done by the rank and file of those who wear the tartan. All honor to Scottish courage. Its record may be dyed with blood, but it has never been stained with dishonor.

When Mr. Eberts placed before the at-Gen. Warren is moving forward with tention of the house yesterday the real to the disposition of his forces and the be carried through committee by the cast-

A correspondent falls into the same erthe main army and the inhabitants be calendar are a little too short, but the ment and an assault. Once this is done, centuries a leap year is dropped, then the will be changed. Ladysmith has only been the governing factor in the Natal been the governing factor in the Natal campaign because some 10,000 or 12,000 Thus 2000 will be leap-year; 2100, being 26 seconds. So that it will be neces-

THE KING MINING CO.

Sir: In your columns this morning the King Mining Company, Limited, is represented as a signatory to the petition to the legislative assembly asking for the repeal of the eight-hour law.

Permit me as a director of that company to say that he same has mithant the current of the company to say that the same has mithant the current of the current of

Anti-Japanese

(From Sunday's Daily Edition

Legislat

Passed Last Year Wei Disallowed. Minister of Justice Gives Reasons for Pronounci

Against Them.

The Reason Why the

The correspondence brought d Hon. Mr. Semlin in connection disallowance of the anti-Japanese tion passed by the British Colum lature last year contains a comm to the Governor-General-in-Coun Hon. Mr. Mills, minister of justice

"For the reasons stated in the co dence which took place between I cellency's government and the gov of British Columbia with regard statutes of that province for the ye and in the orders of Your Excel Council with regard to the same, the signed consider it undesirable that provisions affecting Japanese should lowed to remain in operation. In the action taken by Your Excellencerment with respect to the stat 1898, containing similar clauses, a reasons then influencing Your Excellencerment, which still hold good. government, which still hold good, dersigned entertains the hope that ta attention of the government of Bri umbia being drawn to the matter t rnment will undertake to have t tutes amended by repealing the cla ferred to which affect Japanese."

The letter incloses the followin from the Japanese Consul at Vano

Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 9th In the name of the Imperial gov of Japan I respectfully beg to against the legislation being par the present session of the legisla British Columbia, aiming at the tion of Japanese labor undergroun mines, or in other works author provincial acts. I respectfully usame objections as I had the honor ing against the legislation of sam of last session, and would request s sideration as will lead to Your Exc disallowance of same. Will con

(Signed) S. SHIMIZ Imperial Japanese To the Dominion government M

zu complains of the provisions rel Japanese in the Act to Amend th Mines' Regulation Act, prohibit Mines' Regulation Act, prohibiting ployment of Japanese underground anti-Japanese legislation in private He also complains of bill No. 60, in Japanese are included among the gible to hold liquor licenses. He "Your Excellency will observe the discrimination in the bill No. 60 cided advance upon the former maimed against Japanese labor, has this bill imposes restrictions on a state of the state this bill imposes restrictions on subjects in matters of trade also. also be taken, I think, as an indica these anti-Japanese measures will here, in this province, unless th authorities are pleased to exerci powers. I therefore respectfully to to more emphatically reiterate my that Your Excellency will give the lation such consideration as will ation such consideration as w Your Excellency's disallowance

The part played by the Secretary in the negotiations is disclosed in munications which passed betweeting street and the Governor-Gene der date of March 8 he forwards der atte of march of the Imperial govern Marquis Kato, of the Japanese at London. The Marquis, after p against the passage of the Coal M gulation Amendment Act, as "an stance of discrimination aimed a stance of discrimination aimed as

subjects in that province, ith the following words:
"Several bills with a similar pur ed by the legislature of the samilast year have formed the subjerespondence between Y. L. and m the solicitous attention which Her government, and at their instance ernment of Canada, are paying w to the issue of those bills, I feel this renewed action on the par Columbia to call the attention Majesty's government once mo

"The exceptions which the Improment have taken to the legi last year apply in the present cal full scope and extent. Therefore reitering the reasons which I reitering the reasons which i against such legislation in the le I had the honor to address to Y date of August 3rd, 1898, I take ty of calling your attention to trequesting Her Majesty's governmend to the present instance the lightened policy which they have the standard for the legislation of regard to the legislation of policy will fail in augmenting borly relations existing betwee the Dominion of Canada. In consequence of these repres Ir. Chamberlain, the two letter

"Downing Street, March "My Lord. I have the honor edge the receipt of pour dispat of the 27th February, forwardin letter from the Japanese consu-ver in which he calls attentio wer in which he cans attention measures which have been inti-the legislative assembly of Br bla, during its present session, the employment of Japanese, a with regard to these measure tions which he urged against

of the same nature passed by the of that province last year.
"2. Her Majesty's government. gret to find the government ar of British Columbia adopting which is justly regarded as of friendly power, and they hop ministry will be able to arra cancellation of the objectionab and the substitution of a me while it will secure the desi of undesirable immigrants, will result by means of some gen that already suggested in my 214, of the 20th July, 1898. Her Majesty's government s cate the passing of exception affecting Japanese already in "(Signed) J. CHAMI

Governor-General, etc. "Downing Street, May My Lord: I have the hono hat you will be good enoug your ministers that a note has ed to Her Majesty's govern se minister at this co ing of the Act Respecting L recently passed by the legisle ish Columbia, of which a c closed in your despatch, No.

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