SHOULD NOT HAVE GIVEN THE LANDS

COMMITTEE REPORT AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Grants Outside Purview of Act - Company Should Not Complain of Cancellation.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The special committee appointed to in-

It was stated by Mr Wells although

came in a telegram addressed by Mr.

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way Company—and instead of the crown of the message recommending the bill, attention was drawn to the wide features of it, i.e., that lands should be granted in the districts of Yale and Kootenay, without restriction of any kind, and at the control of the members of the government in the districts of Yale and Kootenay, without restriction of any kind, and at the control of the members of the government in the districts of Yale and Kootenay, without restriction of any kind, and at the control of the message recommending the bill, cancellation of the crown grants to the Columbia & Western came up. This was carried out. He was in accord with most of the members of the member ish Columbia Southern to the Columbia decided upon that the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works (Mr. Wells) that after consultation with Mr. Eberts, a reply was sent that such a change was impossible, the basis of that wiew being that the terms of the Columbia & Western Railway Act would not permit the appropriation of lots 4,593 and Works had express instructions when

tion by the company, have been alienated by the crown or held by pre-emption or as mineral claims, or where the blocks are of insufficient area on account of their proximity to the international boundary, or other cause, upon any one their proximity to the international boundary, or other cause, upon any one more of the respected anything to come of it, and their two and two and their two and or more of the said sections of the line or more of the said sections of the line

or invitively upon satisfying the Lieut.

Governor-in-council of such fact or facts, the company shall be entitled to equal areas of crown lands in the said districts, to be taken up in blocks or not railway company after his (Mr. Wells's)

or more of the said sections of the line was the suggestion of Mr. Attorney-General's (Mr. Eberts) view of it, by their repeated requests to Mr. Wells to deliver the crown grants to the Columbia & Western Railway Company was not in the public interest.

2. We find that within the original Columbia & Western reserve there remainstrates, to be taken up in blocks or not less than one mile square, and to be reserved, selected and granted to the company from time to time as the work proceeds, in such manner as the Lieut. vernor-in-council may determine, and in localities as near as practicable conthis mainer of reserving, selecting and

pressly that deficiency lands are to be Hon. Mes selected as nearly as practicable con- tice and Prior, on the 18th day of March, conditions of the Subsidy Act, the comtiguous to the line of railway. The lands tin question could therefore not be given that the rescinding order-in-council of that date was passed, taking away from the plain direction of the statute. However, three orders-in-council were pass-grants already issued, but not delivered, would appear by the Journals of the for the said blocks 4502 and 4504. The said blocks are said blocks 4502 and 4504. The said blocks are said blocks 4502 and 4504. The said blocks are said blocks. Southern Railway Company's settlement of September 10th, 1900, and a third of which carried into effect the proposal made on behalf of the Columbia & Western Railway Company, on the lines Railway Company, on the lines granting of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 to the in full satisfaction of the de-lands to which the company would be entitled in respect of the conof section three of its line.

We are unable to find any trace of any

minutes of a council meeting of the 10th August, 1901. On that date Mr. Dunsand Mr. Prentice were absent. The minute of council which was placed beknowledge that he withheld from the legfore the Governor, signed by Mr. Turner islature; and Mr. Eberts further ob4,594 were granted to the railway comand Mr. Wells, although dated the 10th of August, was not signed or prepared until some date later than the 28th of August, 1901. The draft of this minute which may have been before the meetwhich may have been before the meeting of the 10th of long the property dealt with, were prepared action involving the disposition of 625, and bill No. 16 were steps taken in the by or under the direction of the exec agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and furnished by him to the de- out care being had to see that all the not and never could have been considered partment of lands and works. All the statutory requirements, being conditions ministers disclaim any knowledge of the precedent to the right of the railway lumbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, grounds upon which the council acted in erts says that he, having been consulted. advised that the lands could be lawfully granted under the statute. Mr. Duns, descriptions of the land were supplied view of the statute. That being the fact, mure says that the matter was not set the before his departure from the city to locate; and there was evidence,—government in the matter, the rescinding on the 4th of August, although the matter had been discussed, and he had expressed his dissatisfaction with it. Mr. or not,—which we are not prepared to say,—that the order-in-council was actually being in the public interest—and view Prentice says that he was absent and ally drafted at the instance of the rail- ing the matter in this way, we cannot knew nothing about it. Mr. Wells says way company, and apparently all was see what ground of complaint is open to that he was absent from the city from the 27th of July until the 8th of August, the lands and works department, or that All of which is respectfully submitted and that on his return it was represent- of the Attorney-General ed to him that the matter had already In passing, it may be said that the been disposed of by council, and he signed the report as a mere matter of Commissioner of Lands and Works comform, while in his own mind feeling the pained about,—was present and promotgravest dissatisfaction with the course ing the action of the government at the bound passenger train on the Chesa-

been represented to him that the effect of were not fully satisfied in accepting title the transaction would be a substantial to blocks 4,593 and 4,594 under the Cogain of acreage to the province.

The reason for the change is not apparent—two reasons are indifferently set up or mentioned, and both would appear to of 1902, which was brought down by be without merit—one that there was a considerable saving in acreage, and it er of Lands and Works had relied upon the general statement put forward on behalf of the Columbia & Western Rasilway Company, that the coving the columbia & Western Rasilway Company, that the coving rants of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 under the Columbia & Western WEAKENED MINISTRY way Company, that the saving would be some 300,000 acres, but the amount was refterwards discovered to be incorrect. The other was this-that the British Co-

The remarkable fact in connection with umbia Southern Railway Company had bill 87 developed that the authorship of been allotted these lands, it was only a the bill is jost in obscurity, but one thing matter of domestic economy after all, was very apparent, and that was tha and it mattered not to make the change, the railway company were satisfied with as both companies, i.e., the British Co- the form thereof, and in fact put the iumbia Southern Railway Company and King's printer in motion to print the Columbia & Western Railway Company, were both controlled by the C. P. to have the bill introduced and dealt with as drafted. The inevitable conclusion the After the passage of the order-in-coun- committee have come to, and do come to

House recited the facts in connection that th After a history of the transactions, it issue to the Columbia & Western Rail-secites that blocks 4,593 and 4,594 had way Company, and the crown grants that were to two agent of the C. P. R. (Mr. Brown) so wrote the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works (Mr. Wells), and re-**attracted the attention of persons inter**attracted the attention of persons inter**were prepared for the lands so granted.
**atlands and Works (Mr. Wells), and reminded him that such was the understanding—this was denied, though, by
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**Inclusive of the said blocks 4,593 and 4,594, and the committee do not propose to dispose of this question of fact; but, the committee does proposed to remark upon the action of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, voted, not a sign of a pick or a shovel in railroad construction or the province.

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**Mr. Wells, and the committee do not the province of the greatest importance to the province.

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Mr. Wells, and the committee does proposed to remark upon the action of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, unInclusive of the said blocks 4,593 and the committee does Commissioner of Lands and Works, in-der date the 3rd day of October, 1901. General did not draft the bill: the Deputy denied by Mr. Eberts and Mr. Taylor, that the first suggestion of this change in a telegram addressed by Mr. Eberts and Mr. Taylor, able upon the issue of crown grants were that the first suggestion of this change in a telegram addressed by Mr. Eberts and Mr. Taylor, the Columbia & Western Railit. It is true that after the introduction muir government the question of the cancellation of the crown grants to the suggestion of the dilemma in which great that the usual fees pay after he joined the Dunster of the prepared to offer the First Minister any assistance out of the dilemma in which great the government found itself. While it is the course he had taken

that company. To understand the position, it is necessary to remember that concessions from the Columbia & Western railway was Rossland. The Western Railway Company of the Columbia & Western Railway Company, before makway Company, before makway Company, before makway Company, before makway Company the Columbia & Western Railway Company of the Columbia & Western Railway Company the Columbia & Western Railway Company thought they could be called upon to grant any lands what the country. That was his first intimation that the province would be met by two lots in question were situated at a ling delivery of the crown grants for ever, and thereby there was protection such a move as that. When he returndistance of about 300 miles from that blocks 4,593 and 4,594 and we cannot against any selection not agreed to by ed he conferred with his collection.

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the delivery of the crown grants, subject only to the terms thereof. Howblocks 4,593 and 4,594 as coal properties, the ever, it is quite evident that the then and to support the belief that there was company which shall, before the selection of the Premier (Mr. Dunsmuir) was willing that something in the Montreal incident.

1896, because of the facts that developed

in connection with bill 87, of the session

message but did not pass through the

customary stages and become law.

and that it was the suggestion of Mr. 4,593 and 4,594 to the Columbia & Wes

return from Montreal, notwithstanding appropriated for the construction of the that no promise had been made to build first section and two pieces of land apthe Spence's Bridge to Midway line.
We now come to the Montreal incident, propriated for the deficiency lands to which the company were entitled for the the moving cause, as stated by all the construction of that section, an area of ministers, for the passing of the rescind- land amounting to 2,600,000 acres. We ing order-in-council of the 18th of also find that within the said reserve there was ample land available to satis-

srs. Dunsmuir, Eberts, Pren- that the settlement had not violated the 1902, gave such credence to the matter pany would have been forthwith entitled

ed, dated the 10th day of August, 1901, for the said blocks, 4,593 and 4,594. The House, and the government permitted one of which rescinded the order of the committee cannot consider that this action of December, 1900, the second of the solution was other than as all actions of the of which restored the British Columbia government must be,—binding upon all 5. We find that on the 5th day of May, dissented therefrom; and it would appear of letters that passed between the executhat his opinion was that the order-in- tive of the Canadian Pacific Railway council was ineffective and that the pro- Company and the Hon. the Chief Com perty in the lands was passed to the missioner of Lands and Works, which Columbia & Western Railway. Com- although marked "personal," were clearpany, or that whether it had passed or ly official letters, dealing with official not, should be left to be decided in the business; and also failed to return a let-

courts; but it is to be observed in the ter of 8th day of November, 1901, from Fight of the evidence adduced, that he the Deputy Commissioner of Lands and held this view with facts within his Works to the government agent at Fort jected that this action was ill-timed, as pany.

well as the later action of the legislature | 6. We find that if bill No. 87 had be in passing bill 16.

A matter for comment with regard to way Company would have had power the order-in-council of the 10th of conferred on them to claim blocks 4,593

600 acres of most valuable land, at the public interest, as unquestionably the said lands, being blocks 4.593 and 4.594, were company to be granted lands under the 1896, and it is unreasonable to assu entering into this transaction. Mr. Eb. subsidy act, were complied with; and it that the railway company, advised at all is to be observed that no survey had been had, and as a matter of fact even the whether it can be said to be satisfactory order-in-council was right and proper, as

> (Signed) C. W. D. CLIFFORD. Chairman. same agency,-which later the Chief Dated May 27th, 1903.

> > A Charlotte special says that an east-

were not fully satisfied in accepting title to blocks 4,593 and 4,594 under the Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, THE LEGISLATURE

ENCOUNTERED DEFEAT

Premier Promised He Would Ask Lieut. Governor For Dissolution Before Assembling To-Day.

(From Wednesday's Daily).

The special committee appointed to inquire into all matters connected with the granting or proposed granting of a land subsidy to the Columbia & Western Railroad Company in its report to the House recited the facts in connection the Lieux-Governor on the Lieux-Governor on the Lieux-Governor on the 23rd House recited the facts in connection day of September, 1901, and approved by His as to this, it was plainly stated to be the province. He said in March, 1902, House recited the facts in connection day of September, 1901, was passed, aphis government upon the direct understanding that he had a railway policy in connection with the northern portion of

This showed that subsidies were not suf-

distance of about 300 miles from that castern terminus. The Columbia & to in any way alter or varied as follows:

blocks 4,593 and 4,594—and we cannot against any selection hot agreed the government.

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ene in connection with parties who were being proceeded against by the Columbia & Western. The government did not intervene, but bill 16 was passed by which the lands were conserved to the province.

Col. Prior.

Col. Prior in accepting the position he

In that matter he was opposed by one nember of the government, the Attorney-General. It was difficult to go against a man of such learning in the law. Yet supported by his other colleagues, bill 16

The Premier alluded to the investigaion and the interest he took in the matter. After following it he found it was mpossible for the government to continue as such with such a divergence of

In a govrnment there must be a difference of opinion. But in this case he saw that there was not the confidence which should exist among some members of he government. In view of this he regranting shall apply to all cases where granting shall apply to all cases where granting shall apply to all cases where the area covered by the said blocks is ansufficient to make up the quantity to which the company is entifled under this act."

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The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works (Mr. Wells) had improper proposals made to him, which, if acceded to the company for a period of five years.

3. We find that the company is aw that it was in the public interests it was not a question of their personal feeling, but he must take the bull by the horns.

He endeavored to divert attention from himself because the company of the company in the concluded by stating that the company appropriate to make up the concluded by stating that the company appropriate to make up the concluded by stating that the company appropriate to make up the concluded to accept the s

He had acquainted the Lieutenant-Governor with the situation and asked f he would grant him dissolution. His Honor had granted him this, but asked that he should endeavor to have supply granted before this course was taken. He thought that it was wise to have

Jos. Martin asked for a more definite to have that statement. He could scarcestatement. He wanted to know if the House passed a vote of want of confidence would he be granted an appeal to the country.

Promier Prior said that he expected an

appeal to the country under any circum-Mr. Martin asked if he had the pronise of the Governor to that

mier Prior said that if the House wanted to defeat him they might do so, stepped upon the troubled political stage in this province. During that time he it at the instigation of engineers in Vanask a dissolution.

g the necessary supply. The country needed an appear to the country. Had he seen a chance of carrying on the affairs of the country by the government in a dignified manner he would have remained with it. The would have rem

He had opposed the Premier on bill 16. ed his skill, and he jockeyed for position and he was backed by the majority of with much the same wariness as the cried Mr. Prentice.

course he did. No report had been re- ward him. eived from the committee The Premier received from the committee. The Fremier thought that he had a right to do as he irgs will necessarily be of the most momentum nature. Both Col. Prior and that he was taking the bull by the horns.

The outcome of yesterday's proceed a grave matter.

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This action by the Premier was but facilitated; but if he refuses and sends The E. G. Prior Company was a limited This action by the Premier was but an excuse. He was satisfied with his course. He knew what he had done in the leader of the opposition, a serious blow will be administered to the was a member of the Dominion governthis House.

plain speaking. The Attorney-General deserved no consideration in the matter. He had brought this upon himself. Follow this matter up. Geo, McL. Brown since 1900 had been assisted by the Ata torney-General in this matter. He had been aided by that nefarious partner of his-the blackguard-cries of "order"

Proceeding to tell of the telegrams passing between Mr. Eberts and Mr. Taylor, the Speaker objected that nothing that was given in evidence before the committee should be given.

He alluded to the Premier's course as having been consistent. He had had for colleagues men who were untrue and unfaithful and were cowards and liars. The Speaker called for an immediate

retraction. Mr. Clifford said that the committee had come to a unanimous finding on the Columbia & Western subsidy matter. 1t would be presented later in the after-

on when typewritten.

Mr. Wells said that he took the position he was called upon to take in a philosophical manner. It came to him, which only a few days ago had only a pass a supply bill.

If this motion be shared by the general public. It seemed to him that in due deference to three defections having taken place.

not revealed the real reason which he assigned for asking for his resignation. He read the letter received from the Premier, in which the Premier stated that he had formed the opinion that he as Chief Commissioner had not done everything in the interests of the country, and reciting that there were other reasons in his conduct of the department. The letter also stated that Premier Prior intended to call for his resignation

at the close of the session. Mr. Wells said that the Premier had right to come to the conclusions he had in connection with the Columbia & Western subsidy matter. He defied the Premier to point out wherein he had been negligent of his duties.

Three years he had been in the gov-Mr. Dunsmuir, he belie had no fault to find with his administration of the department. Mr. Dunsmair in recognition of that recommended him-

did as Premier assumed full responsi-bility for the acts of the past government in this very matter. The grants were prepared and he assumed the responsi bility for these just the same as Mr. Eberts and himself.
Smith Curtis: "Hear, hear."

Continuing, Mr. Wells said that the government endorsed his action in cancelling the grants. Again in the intro duction of bill 16 he was again endorsed by Premier Prior.

Why the great haste in this demand for the resignation? Why did he not wait for a few days until the report was showed that there was no excuse for granting. The reason was plain. The days the showed that there was no excuse for granting Premier Prior upon his defeat the should be a should be sh

He criticized Premier Prior's statement must have a compact that no matter what happened he would get dissolution. Although this was extraordinary in view

of constitutional usage, it was important y credit such a statement. Mr. McBride refused to accord Premier Prior any support. He said he fav-

ored an appeal to the country on party Mr. Eberts. (From Thursday's Daily.)

twenty-four nours. Col. Prior has undoubtedly established a record as the amendments to the Boiler Inspection fastest quick change artist that has ever | Act. recessary supply and perhaps pass a few necessary bills, such as the Coal Mines fered defeat at the hands of the legislamendment Act.

Mr. McInnes said that his resignation place immediately, after the convening J. H. Hawthornthwaite pointed out as handed in this morning was final. He had good reasons for doing so which he did not propose to place before the House it with a cheerful courage, which has The resolution carried. low. He was prepared to assist in pass- been such a valuable asset to him throughout his political career. Even report and findings of the special com-The country needed an appeal to the country. Had he seen a chance of controlled the House, and would be ob-

this was not to be accomplished, and he considered it his duty to resign.

The necessary supply should be voted, and an appeal should be taken to the country upon party lines.

That the government's days are numbered the corporation of the city of Victoria the corporation of the city of Victoria the right to submit a by-law respecting to this very definite. He would not be satisfied until there was brought down to the House a memorandum from the country upon party lines. ountry upon party lines.

Mr. Eberts said he did not stand in a government's going, but with the quesery enviable position. He had been to resign, which he sked by his leader to resign, which he circle figures to put themselves in the enviable position. He had been tion of succession, and there was an imhad done this morning. He could not line of the Governor's vision. In this was resigned before because his reputaeffort Mr. Martin, as usual, demonstratrider of a small and inferior horse plays rider of a small and inferior horse plays first and second reading. Upon a motion passing a vote of want of confidence to go into committee on the bill objection That is by no means necessary. A vote Again proceeding, Mr. Eberts said that the stand. It is not improbable that had e had favored intervention on behalf Mr. Martin not challenged them to do of Mr. Rogers.

so, the opposition would have refrained from dividing the House on the motion embers of the government side cried to adjourn. But Mr. Martin evidently thought that they feared the issue and Mr. Eberts said he opposed bill 16, and his taunt was quickly taken up, with the told the Premier that he would not vote for it, and if he was asked to do so he whelmed. Later he recovered himself whelmed. Later he recovered himself somewhat by securing the defeat of Mr. Premier Prior said he told Mr. Eberts hat he could take his choice—he withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the opposition chiefs challenged him to lined the article in connection with the helmcken, Prentice, Prior, A. W. which was being taken. Mr. McBride time.

was unable to recollect anything about

The committee are strengthened in the matter, except he understood it had their view that the railway company

Thomas Hill Snider was killed.

Fremmer Froz said ne told Mr. Edgerts method to dajourn, but later peaks & Ohio railroad jumped the track near Woollen Mills, Va. Engineer vote for it or resign.

Mr. Edgerts method the withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the railway company them the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the railway company the matter peaks & Ohio railroad jumped the track near woollen Mills, Va. Engineer rail on the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be with the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could take his choice—he could be withdrew quickly from advancing a motion of his own to the same end when the could be with the could take his choice—he coul

He wanted no enconiums from the Pre- in the party saddles. If the Governor called to his attention until he got a He hurled them back in his face. dissolves the House, their efforts will be message from Vancouver that morning hopes of both. Mr. McBride did not ment, so that the firm would not be de-Mr. Prentice said it seemed a day of miss the opportunity to ridicule the claim barred from taking any contracts which of the titular leader of the Liberal party might be given. n British Columbia that the people were overwhelmingly in his favor, and to councreek bridge. It was the lowest tender, list of bye-election victories of the opposition. None of the leaders in the House gave His Honor any excuse for overlooking him, even Mr. McInnes

> peal to the House and the country. Premier Prior during the afternoon made a statement of the Chimney Creek contract.

leaping into the arena with a ringing ap-

R. McBride referred to the fact that they had an official statement from the Premier that no matter what the situation was that he would be granted an they stood. This was a peculiar posiappeal to the country if defeated in the tion. Three members of the government. The Minister of Finance accordingly House. He understood the Premier to had resigned. The Premier had taken did so, and apologized for his expression, say that no matter what voice was expressed in this House that he would have ter before the Lieut. Governor, and acan appeal to the country. He wanted cording to his statement got the promiseno mistake about this. It was a most peculiar position. He didn't think that it was in line with the constitutionar

majority of about three members was now composed of only two members,

As leader of the opposition, he was not hands of the Premier. He would personprepared to offer the First Minister any ally fall in with the suggestion of the assistance out of the dilemma in which Premier in providing for supply being He was sorry that the Premier had yet he could not fall in with the idea of Premier. was needful to grant necessary supply, accept or refuse to-day the offer of the yet he could not fall in with the idea of supporting the present administration in ment to-day that there was necessity for

stitutionally. He saw no reason for de- ernor that he favored a dissolu parting from the well laid down course in these matters. He would have liked he was not in control of a majority of the Provincial Secretary to have enlarged upon the position he took at this time. the opposition, he was not prepared to agreed with the Premier's proposition to

into this matter. When the question opposition.

was before the select committee of the Mr. Martin said that he was not a House his name had been mentioned, but supporter of the government, but he did he was on each occasion exonerated from not acknowledge the leadership of the

all complication with the matter.

He did not know but what the First Minister had the right to act as he did Mr. McBride, showed that he most asbefore the report of the committee was suredly looked to him as leader. In Mr. brought in. But it might, perhaps, have Martin's remarks he said that in the abbeen better had he waited until the researce of advice from the speaker he had port was presented. The Prime Minister taken his present course. This showed appeared to-day with only two members unmistakably that that gentleman lookon the treasury benches. That was not ed to him as leader of the opposition.

tion under any circumstances was one tin prided himself upon his knowledge of which should not go unchallenged. It constitutional procedure yet they had no was a course not according to the au- statement from him to-day. thorities. The construction to be put that the Lieut. Governor became the passive instrument in the hands of the Mr. McBride said

Quoting from Todd, Mr. McPhillips tin he wanted to know what Mr. Martin If such a promise were given it should not go unchallenged by the House. It was a serious matter that the Lieut.
Governor should be so unmindful of his
done duty as to give a pledge such as the Pre-

mier said had been given.

The Premier presented the report of the Minister of Mines for the past year.

The following bills were introduced and

that he had a promise of dissolution, irre-spective of the action of the House. If the first minister with the first minister Martin; "An Act to amend the 'Coast-keep the government in power." No one Kootenay Railway Aid Act, 1902," by could tell where he stood. Hon. Mr. Eberts; "An Act respecting was to count him out and let him take Transportation," by Smith Curtis; "An his own course.

Act to amend the 'Provincial Elections He had no doubt that the Lieut-Govservation of the Lerd's Day as a Day of Rest," by C. Munro: "An Act to would grant him a dissolution upon his of Rest," by C. Munro; "An Act to amend the Bureau of Mines Act, 1895," giving him an assurance that he could by Premier Prior; "An Act respecting Sanitary Drainage Companies," by Hon.

Mr. Tatlow moved that an order of the with it in his own political career, By his performance within the last House be granted for a return of all petitions and correspondence relating to

has read two of his principal advisers couver. The government had not acted out of his cabinet, has received the resignation of engineers in van-

The resolution carried. C. W. D. Clifford in presenting the answer from the Premier.

bill. It was really a public bill in the to ask from the Lieut.-Governor. He

was raised by A. W. Smith. Premier Prior said that the bill af- did not preclude the granting of supply. fected no place but Victoria, and at the present time under the political condition to refuse dissolution until supply was ions it was expedient that this should granted.

ciple of the bill, and was not in favor of that it had not the control of the House,

ed to the Premier having taken the test the real sentiment of the House to- Chimney Creek bridge. He suggested that a committee of the House might The outcome of yesterday's proceed- be appointed to inquire into it. It was

Smith, Clifford, Houston Rogers, Hunter, Dickie Nays.-Stables, E. C.

thornthwaite, Gifford, Curtis, Tatlow, Green,

McPhillips, Taylor,

Mr. Prentice did

Wells, Dunsmuir.

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Mr. McBride:

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Mr. Martin moved

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however, in control of the

Mr. Garden thought the

motion would be recording Mr. Martin.
Mr. McPhillips was glad

tunity to show just what party was that Mr. Marti

Mr. McBride said he

to say as Mr. Martin did control of the House or o

But he could say that the which had been held sin

government resulted, h satisfactorily with respect

he led, every seat almos won by the opposition par

mate opposition in the H and united, and they had

British Columbia back of shown that there was a in the House which could

upon at any time.
Mr. Hawthornthwaite

adjourn until half-past thas leader of the Social

promised he would not he voted for it responsible.

Mr. McInnes said that th

the House wanted supply face of that what justifica Premier for the statement was not to granted. T

placed himself in a most

tion when he went to the

granted. A compromise m

told him that supply was

arrived at by which supp

ing passed a vote of want

it was impossible for the grant supply. He contend

opposition had refused the

Premier to agree to grant s

could be granted.

Mr. Martin held that the trangement had passed. H
they could temporarily withdre

tion and allow the Premier in control of the House.

Premier Prior said that !

first in the House to pass su

rangement. It was too la The opposition refused it.

have to go to the Governor

Premier did was to hold the He came to them and said:

have to grant supply or I w

dissolution." It was a monst tion to hold such a threat House. The Premier when h

the Governor would assuredly if he could yote supply. If

could not he felt satisfied th

ernor would say: "Well, I

Premier Prior said he agree Provincial Secretary that

Smith Curtis thought that th

had acted too quickly. He prove a resolution that an address

sented to the Governor advising

to prorogue the House until s been voted. That resolution

a majority of the House

that the House was prepare

to carry out any arrangemen supply provided it could be

Curtis was the veriest nonsen

the most nonsensical resoluti

ous to talk of the withdrawa

of want of confidence. He think that Mr. Martin was

this proposal. Since his resig the government of Mr. Dunst

the opportunity to meet the peoprovince in a number of bye-elec

it had been favorable to the pa

he represented. He felt, there

the people were at his back. He

that an election could be carr

less than three months. The

were anxious for it. They kn

the result of the continuation

Premier in power would be. mean that he would have to dictation of a certain men House, who sought to work or

He had watched too often an

of that sort. The spectacle of

who a little while ago voted

had no confidence in the gover

then in the next breath voted had not confidence in the

pitiable one. It would not

On motion of the Premier

Upon the House resuming

by a vote of 16 to 15.

Premier Prior said he was

Mr. Martin said the resolut

Mr McBride thought it wa

sorry, Col. Prior, but I another First Minister."

would grant supply.

Mr. McPhillips said that

could be entered into by

Mr. McInnes thought an

Mr. Martin said that the

was the Liberal party

control the House

Premier Prior said

I shall fe

His firm tendered for the Chimney and was accepted. The contract was

C. A. Semlin pointed out that the force in the report was that the tender was said to have been made after the other tenders were ascertained by the Premier Premier Prior said he did not make the tender and had nothing whatever to

do with the matter. Mr. Prentice asked: "Don't you think we're getting too petty?"

Upon the motion of the Premier to-

Mr. Martin wanted to know where of a dissolution.

Premier Prior interjected: "I got the assurance and the right to use i Continuing Mr. Martin said under the circumstances it became necessary to-

If this motion to adjourn passed the House it was practically acknowledging that the control of the House was in the

He thought they should proceed con- an election showed to the Lieut,-Gov-

The Premier had acknowledged that At the present juncture, as leader of peal to the country upon party lines. He

say nay or yea to the statements of the Pirst Minister.

A. E. McPhillips said that he wished to speak as his name had been dragged.

A. E. McPhillips said that he wished been a misunderstanding of his position. The last speaker was a member of the

member for Dewdney. The member for Vancouver continued

according to the general rule.

The statement of the Premier that he had been given the promise of a dissolu-

remarks of the Premier was

Mr. McBride said that having sucwould do on the motion to adjourn Mr. Martin said he would vote for it.

as he was in favor of giving the Premier support until the estimates passed.

Mr. McBride was not prepared under

Mr. McPhillips thought that it was very easy to see the specious tactics of Mr. Martin, who was always ready to serve any one but the party which he "An Act to amend Chapter 111 of the cerely followed up and exposed the condi-

control a majority and grant supply. No one knew that principle better than Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, for he had met

Quoting from Todd he pointed out that in the case of a political crisis or in the case of a government being defeated in the House, it was still possible to ong the life of the House until supply was voted.

Mr. Curtis asked the Premier if he had an express promise from the Lieut. Governor that in any event he would grant the Premier a dissolution? If the committee had reported against the members of the government and found them guilty of fraud upon the country would the Lieut.-Governor still have granted him dissolution. He wanted an explicit "I have stated as much as I intend to

Mr. McPhillips supported the bill.

Mr. Helmcken asked for a suspension of the rules in order to proceed with the private bill, pure and simple.

Premier Prior accepted the bill as a for Vancouver attempted to show that it government measure, and it passed its was necessary to grant supply before of want of confidence in the governmen

be dealt with at once.

A. W. Smith was opposed to the prin
He would vote against the motion to adjourn in order to show the government

on Premier Prior moved that eed to committee of supply. Mr. McBride though that on in detail was necessary such a motion from the Pre emier should tell why he tho the House had confidence end Smith Curtis wanted to know extent the Premier was going