## The Colonist

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1894.

THE OPPOSITION PLATFORM.

The proceedings of the Opposition Conwas certainly no enthusiasm among its mem-bers, and the business done, with a single exception, was of little general importance, was certainly no enthusiasm among its members, and the business done, with a single exception, was of little general importance, The object of the meeting evidently was to get rid of the reproach of having Mr. F. C. Cotton as reputed leader of the Opposition. The members of that party had clearly come to the conclusion that the leadership of Mr. Cotton was an incubus which the organisation was not strong enough to bear. They found that the time had come when its well-being imperatively demanded that the party should have a leader of fair character and good political standing. It was painful, no doubt, to require Mr. Cotton to assist at his own deposition, but the should be no longer even nominally the leader of the Opposition.

Having chosen a new leader, there was really nothing else for the Convention to do. But it would never do to allow its members to return to their homes without herein.

But it would never do to allow its members to return to their homes without having done something towards drawing up a platform. This business was both delicate and different Asdifficult. As votes were not immediately The greater number of the planks of this single one of the members present at the three that would have any political signifi-Convention. Here it is :

As the present system of legislation seems to make it easier for the average legislator to make laws for the benefit of some particular class, we deem the adoption of the initiative and referendum a present and present and present and present and present and the latter are evidently at a loss to decide what course they shall pursue.

11. That no royalty be levied on the tim

wanted, the Convention had no use for any of new platform might be adopted by any the platforms on which they had been party, of any province, no matter what its elected. Its members, therefore, had no political complexion might be. There is scruple in setting them aside. They had nothing characteristic about them. Some of done the work they were intended to do and them are vague general statements that may were, therefore, in their estimation, useless. It mean anything, and others are, in a politiwill perhaps be edifying to compare the Opposition's two platforms—the one drawn up and extensively circulated before the general election, and the other adopted by be equally impossible to make it the basis of the members now that they are safely in a distinct policy. This collection of political their seats. Many of our readers will, no platitudes was evidently drawn up to comdoubt, remember the Union Hall platform mit those who adopted it to as little as possi so rapturously endorsed by the Westmin- ble. It would not be difficult to cut ster Columbian, and not repudiated by a the whole seventeen planks down to two or

Convention. Here it is:

Whereas, we recognize that life is more sacred than property, legislation in the interest of the worker is a just demand;

While men and women are suffering for want of the necessaries of life, or that the production of wealth when such widespread that their principles are not fixed or their intelligence wide. A more striking poverty exists;

Knowing that all wealth is produced from contrast than is exhibited by the two platnatural resources, we believe it is impera-tive that labor should have free access to and definite, the other timid and ambiguous; forms can hardly be imagined. One is bold

dates for any alection.

4. That all members of the Legislature be compelled to resign their seate as the request of a swo-thirds majority of their our attractions.

5. That all clittons, irrespective of sar, over the age of 21 years, be enfranchised, and that no other qualification be required for any election, Municipal, Provincial or Pederal.

6. That all election days be declared legal of the unsuperstance of the sufference of the suffe 12. That all banks be nationalized, and that the Government issue and control the medium of exchange.

13. That all education, elementary and advanced, with necessary books, be free.

14. That eight hours shall constitute a legal work day.

15. That the contract system on public works be abolished.

On the Government recently to urge dyking matters, was curtly told by the Premier that, as the district had gone Opposition, they could not expect any consideration from the Government."

Of course, not having heen present at any such interview, we cannot testify to what the

16 That the importation of labor under contract be abolished.

Compare the above vigorous and definite declaration of principles and aims with the following milk-and-water programme agreed to by the Opposition Convention.

Section to the weight volume to appears to them reasonable, even if it is processed to the traditions and the practices asy that either the Columbian or the "good authority" which it quotes, is guilty of the grossest fabrication. But laying that aside, how is the Government to undertake exten
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ment of bona fide cultivating owners.

9. That the agricultural and industrial resources of the province shall be developed by the making of trunk roads and trails and the building of bridges, and by other works necessary for such development.

10. That the mining laws be reformed so as to develop the mineral resources of the province and give encouragement to prospectors.

Comparison that there will be an early session, we do not know that there could be any greater indication of sincerity on the part of the Government to carry out its pledges than that very proposal. If the province and give encouragement to prospect to assist the country at this time, it about an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be an early session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session, we do not know that there will be any session. we have grown so secustomed to hear the virtues of Mr. Laurier extelled, that it is something of a moral shock to find him but a fellow mortal, and that his political morality is somewhat below par. Perhaps, as of Brutus, it may be said: should encourage in every possible way the effort to consider the necessities of the country, in view of the unprecedented floods and other casualties, at the earliest date practicable. Even if the Columbian were much more dull-witted than it is, it should,

do anything not already provided for constitutionally, without the sanction of parliament, and that it is childish to talk about
going ahead with public works which there
do has yet been no opportunity to consider.

One thing more it says; speaking of the
extension of the Nakusp'& Slocan railway to
New D nyer asked for by the people of the
latter place, "it is darkly hinted by people
who claim to know that the terminal rest
estate interests of Mr. Davie and his friends
will not be benefited by the extension of
the famous Nakusp & Slocan railway, by
this short spur line to New Denver." That
is simply another of these mean insinnations
made under the guise of "it is said" or "it is
drakly hinted," or some other miserable subterrugefor defaming the character of political
opponents, which, when an opportunity presents itself, to be made good, such as was
afforded last summer before the Royal Commission, no one has the manliness to become
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out of sight. If our contemporary will
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man and more of a politician than we had
aupposed.

"Mr. Laurier says he comes as a 'woocer'
and though "mormonism" and 'bigamy'
are both contrary to natural and civil law,
we are bound, in courtesy, to examine into
his claims for consideration before rejecting
his suit. Divested of its "vigorous verbound, in courtesy, to examine into
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Not one word as to how the "teeming"
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A BOLD PROPOSAL. The Australasians have very little respect for precedent. The New Zealanders, as we have seen, are making experiments in legislation which would be regarded in the older Angle-Saxon communities as socialistic in a high degree; and now we see the Sydney Daily Telegraph attacking a constitutional constom, the necessity of which has not been constomed in either Great Britain policy of this party I have just told you." or the Dominion of Canada. The custom

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declaration of principles and aims with the following milk-and-water programme agreed to by the Opposition Convention:

1. That the distribution of Parliamentary representation throughout the Province be satabilished and maintained on a miformly equitable basis, giving a larger proportion of representation to the more thinly settled districts, an distinction being made between Island and Mainland.

2. That the scorecy of the ballet shall be absolutely secured in every instance and no means be afforded by numbering of the ballot or otherwise—of ascertaining how any vote has been recorded.

3. That the financial and general policy of Provincial Governments shall be closely under the sanction of the Legislature of the Province shall be so regulated as to avoid annual deficits.

5. That all Provincial or ordinary expenditures all be made solely under the sanction of the Legislature Assembly.

6. That any infringement of the constitutional rights of the people by the Executive Council shall be possibly the Executive Council shall be possibly the Executive Council shall be provided to the constitutional rights of the people by the Executive Council shall be possibly the Executive Council shall be possibly the Covernment that for the Legislature assembly and the constitutional rights of the people by the Executive Council shall be possibly the Executive Council shall be possible to the Council shall

LAURIER'S BLIND LEAD.

Well, Laurier, thou art noble; yet I see, They honorable metal may be wrought From that I is disposed: therefore it is meet That noble minds keep seer with their likes; For who so firm that cannot be seduced?

"Cassius" Carawright and "Caso." Mills may have so corrupted "Brutus" Laurier, that he is "fit for treason, strategoms, and

some alone, and he dared not denounce them to please the framers of the Manitoba School Act of 1890! The only subject upon which he touched, wherein he gave any indication of the future policy of the Liberal party, was in the proposition of "Free Trade."

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1. We demand for the producers and wage earners the full producer of their labor.

2. That population be the one property of tension in the present and present and present and the producers and their producers are the producers and their packets of community, deeming it a privilege to a campaign. In a characteristic editorial on the producers and wage earners the full produce of their labor.

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3. That all obstacles to free representations are common of the province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real province and the province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real province and the province that did not support the Govern to compelled to resign their seats at the real

If Mr. Laurier enforced Prohibition he

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attacked is that of sending members of the popular branch of the legislature back to their constituents after they have been appointed to seats in the Cabinet. The Telegraph declares that this constor.

The is the policy we have to adopt; we cannot have it at the present time I am sorry to say, but we can advance towards it, and I can tell you that as soon as we shall have a Liberal administration at Ottawa-and I think we shall have a hall have a

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If Mr. Laurier enforced prohibition, and prevented importation of intoxicants, \$350.000 must be taken from this total.

The heads under which excise duties are collected are as follows:

Total revenue......\$8,000,000

Brutus,

"He sits high in all the people's hearts;
And that which would appear offence;
His countenance, like richest alchemy,
Will change to virtue and to worthine

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Joseph Hunter, M.P.P., is visiting Port-



JAMES BAKER.

Provincial Secretary ovincial Secretary's Office. 22nd August, 1894.

NEWS OF THE PRO

Vancouver's Board of Wo Case.

Judges for the Westmin The Fraser Bridge-Co for Murder.

(Special to the COLON

VANCOUVER VANCOUVER, Sept. 11.-Th were figured down very close a ning of the year for the purpos down the taxes, already very consequence the board of works a hard time to pull through. and other streets were left un soon as the defeat of the by-law had continued there would money to pay them. The Tra pany now write the city the Tatlow that Westminster ave dangerous condition and the held responsible for damage in

C. D. Rand has written to saying that work on the Burrar Frager Valley road could not be until December next, and askin other bonus by law be submitted giving them a year longer to con work. He offered to put up \$1 pledge of good faith. The con was referred to the city solicitor

William Brown, of the C.P.R arrangements for the shipment ortangements for the shipment of Okanagan and other up country which have been hitherto unstheir goods to Vancouver on high freight rates.

There is considerable typholotown, chiefly in the east end.
Col. Christopher, a mining gone to Kamloops Lake to examilar claim.

Mr. Hutchins, of the Tramwe s leaving the city, was tendere ast evening at the Merchanta' E. tractor McGillivray is working ours a day. The matter was the board of works. Several of the aldermen hav

war to the Tramway company on the injunction served on them by pany to prevent their purchas lay on Hastings street. to day. There are 700 applicati VANCOUVER, Sept. 12.—Settler encing to build on the small

W. G. Tretheway has established bureau here, and has the patent the United States and Canada

The new Y.M.C.A. will start home for young men and the athletic training.

A plague of grasshoppers is hilcotin and Ashcroft. The Laurier meetings on The Saturday will be held at the mark stead of on the lawn in front of Vancouver. This change has owing to the threatening weather

WESTMINSTER. NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 11 recent meeting of the tural Society the following ind pointed to act at the forthcoming of the control of pointed to act at the forthcoming

J. Pelly, barrieter, Chilliwack, J. Pelly, barrister, Chilliwack, Mary Kinsey, were married here o'clook this morning by Rev. Mr. of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

In the city council last night a read from the Burrard Inlet and Hey Railway Company, asking for sideration of their former propos bridge. The letter was referred tway and ferry committee.

The combined citizens and counttee on the Fraser River bridge.

mittee on the Fracer River brid private last night to consider the aubmitted It is not known which, render has yet been adopted.

Henry Godfredsen was come trial to day for the attempted Indian Jimmie in this city on the Rev. Sister Beatrice, Superior Ann's Convent, went to Montre day. She has been connected wit stitution for 21 years, and only 1 on account of ill health.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Sept. 12.against John Boultbee, of Vandahe District court here, charged hezzling \$304, has been adjourned fendant's counsel stated that his sick in bed.

Sister Mary Ethelbert, nurse in hospital. died yesterday. She connected with the institution foundation in 1886, and was high

ed. The funeral on Friday from cathedral will be a large one.

Heavy takes of big sturgeon made in the Fraser.

The Westm. ster Telephone Colaid another cable across the Frase Ladner's. The enterprise of the o NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Sept. 11.-The pr hearing in the case of Mrs. J. I charged with assaulting Mrs. Hu ey, wite of the proprietor of the hotel, occupied the whole afterno evidence elicited was to the same the report of his affair already put the COLONIST- The defence did a