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It is becoming more and more apparent that Premier McBride and his ministerial colleagues are unfriendly to the Provincial Mining Association. The present government has persistently refused to accept from the association many sound suggestions with regard to the introduction of remedial legislation for the correction of unfair and nimical conditions, and has never lost in opportunity to give the association the cold shoulder. The government's etention of the two per cent tax, in pite of urgent and repeated represenations to the contrary, is a striking stance of McBride's attitude, and the studied refusal of all members of the abinet to go near the association at ts recent convention at Victoria is ufficient proof of how the present adinistration seizes upon the first oportunity it has had to give the snuh

It seems that as soon as the scores of delegates of the Provincial Mining Association were ready to open their cond annual convention at the capital the other day, McBride sneaked out of town. He deliberately left the nultifarious public duties that he is supposed to attend to and hid himself n Seattle till the convention had adurned. The business of the convention terminated on a Saturday, and on he following Sunday, the Colonist was o impressed with the good work done that it had a leading editorial, which expressed open admiration for the asociation and its actions. The next day. Monday, McBride hied him back rom Seattle and evidently lost no time in reading the riot act to his organ. with the result that the Colonist took ccasion the very next day to retract all that it had said on the subject in its Sunday issue, and in addition reended a policy of continued inction on the part of the government. This has had the effect of thoroughly disgusting the executive of the associa-tion, whose views seem to be very admirably expressed in the following ommunication from Mr. A. C. Galt, which was addressed to the editor of

Sir,-Your editorial on Sunday last was to the effect that "a perfect understanding" had been reached beween the Provincial Mining Associaween the Provincial Mining Associa-tion and the government, and if it meant anything it meant that the gov-ernment, of which your journal is sup-posed to be the mouthpiece, had at length decided to consider and carry out the numerous reforms recommen ed by the association for bettering the nt condition of the mining indus-Your editorial of today reads the a complete disclaimer of any such lectsion, and recommends a policy of continued inaction. Which of these contradictory attitudes are we to accept as the true intention of the gov-

Do you suppose that the men who winked into inaction by a statement that a perfect undestanding has been reached with the

nestanding has been reached with the government, if the latter intend to continue their apathy indefinitely? For conclude your editorial today with the following words: "The conservative and cautious manner in which the Impression of the reaches and the the Imperial government and its repesentatives in South Africa have dealt with the mining legislation there, is aple deserving of attention from our legislators. And it is worthy or note that the last two sessions have shown that they realize that inaction is sometimes the best policy." What are we to understand by this?

Speaking for myself, and as a life-

long Conservative, I can assure you that if this represents the policy of the present government it is idle to talk about "a perfect understanding," or any understanding between them and the Provincial Mining Association. It will be time enough to adopt inaction for a few years after the existing grievances have been remedied. The phrosperity of the mining industry means the prosperity of the province, and the depression of that industry means the continued depression of every other industry in the province. How much longer, Mr. Editor, is it going to take you and the government to realize this palpable fact? A. C. GALT.

March 1st. 1904. There does not appear to be any probability that the Provincial Mining Association will enter the field of party politics because of the deliberate unfriendliness of the McBride government, but it is only reasonable to exnect that a large majority of its members will take the first opportunity to vote and work for the defeat of an administration which not only refuses to isten to any recommendation for the correction of grievous abuses, but which will do nothing to assist in the upbuilding of the province and the advancement of general prosperity.

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quested to govern themselves accordingly; that applications for license and bonds be filed with the secretary of the board of horticulture without delay."

Another ploneer settler passed away on Saturday afternoon in the person of James Todd, son of the late John of Jämes Todd, son of the late John Todd, a well known figure in the corner stone period of this province, say the Victoria. Times. Mr. Todd wa born in Manitoba about the plac where Winnipeg now stands, an came west with his father in the earl forties in the employ of the Hudson. Bay company. Not long afterwards he went to Ontarlo, but returned in 1850. He was very much different in disposition from his father, who was

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