

FOR BETTER POLITICS.

We do not vouch for the correctness of the translation, which is that given by Lieutenant Colonel John MacGregor, who is a merry soul, as his brief story of his visit to Peking shows. But he seems serious enough in speaking of the prophecy, and many readers will remember how he told a hearty tale of the Emperor. It would require very great effort of imagination to assign the role of the "old hag" to the present Dowager Empress of China, who from all accounts is a venerable mermaid of very obscure origin. She undoubtedly governs. The reigning Emperor is a young man, and deaths and floods there have been many indeed during his reign, which was supposed to be the severest of his life, and the first of his reign. There remain the Temple of Heaven, the Summer Palace, and here the present epoch fits the prophecy like a glove, for shortly after the young Emperor ascended the throne this temple, which is situated in Peking, was set on fire by lightning and reduced to a heap of ruins. Whether this prophecy is like that of Mother Shipton, that is, it is a prophecy of the future, or whether, but every one who pretends to know about China says it is very old, and MacGregor tells us that when he visited

Lieutenant-Governor is not present at the sessions of the Executive, but the less he is supposed theoretically to be there. No decision of the Executive Council has the least constitutional value unless it has been submitted to and approved by the Lieutenant-Governor. The Executive Council as such has no power whatever apart from the Lieutenant-Governor. If, as has been alleged, the decisions of the Executive Council are made by a small number of members, the Columbia and the Legislature, the Lieutenant-Governor is not to be communicated to, and this whether they ought to be, and this whether they are decided to do or not to do so is another thing.

Let us apply this principle to

The probability is that the output of gold in the present year will exceed \$300,000,000 and be easily the largest on record. The estimated production for 1898, according to the Director of the United States Mint, was \$290,000,000 against \$287,000,000 in 1897 and \$280,000,000 in 1896. The Mint Director anticipates a very notable increase this year because of the greater activity manifested in gold production in South Africa, Australia, Canada and the United States. There was a gain of 10 per cent in the United States in 1898 over 1897 in the United States

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estimate the cost of extraction and the value of the ore. The estimated value of the ore of six hundred thousand dollars. The development of the mine, of course is of course, the first step. The mine will be commenced in January. The plant will not be installed until the 80th of March. The mine will be developed by two drill air compressor, two 80 b. h. boilers and a large hoist. The mine will be developed by the mine and McGee, Ryker & Company purchased the mine in January last upon the report of Major Leckie, for three hundred thousand dollars. The mine is owned by Major Leckie. "I recently visited," added Major Leckie, "the Rathamton group of mines, which is a very large group of mines on the B. C. On the Maple Leaf and a well defined quartz vein. As my visit was a preliminary one, I did not make any samples for assay purposes. The development of the mine is being pushed under the direction of the president, J. M. O'Toole. There is a shaft in the mine, and the mine is being developed. I am sure an additional one hundred feet. The Republic mine," he continued, "is a very large mine. The work is going on in the north end of the

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interviewed by his or her correspondent designated by him as he had made or received any proposition. On the other hand Mr. Graves was equally uncommunicative, contending himself with the observation that he was busy with the work of the second conference at Grand Forks. In a subsequent conversation Mr. Johnson said: "There have been many misstatements in the press about my mission to the Boundary commission. It is not true that I am representative of an English syndicate, or that the proposed settlement will be in operation in November next. The reduction works will be completed and we will do custom work besides treating the ore of the Mother Lode. I propose to pursue my investigations at other Boundaries."

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