

A Power in the House.

Mr. Prentice Appears as Dictator to the Too Arbitrary Ministers.

Compels Timely Adjournment of Bill Prescribing Test for Coal Miners.

Important Amendment by Mr. McPhillips—Delay in Printing Returns.

The government and government party of British Columbia were made to realize last evening more clearly than ever before the elusiveness of the majority by which they continue in control. It came like a bombshell, just before the rising of the house at 6, and soon again Mr. Prentice became the central figure in the honor of being the central figure in the debate which had been under discussion for three hours, strong speeches in connection with the proposed legislation having been made by Messrs. McPhillips and Joseph Martin, the former of whom introduced an amendment covering five full pages of type-written manuscript. Mr. Booth and Mr. Higgins asked that the debate might be adjourned in order that this might be printed and discussed with intelligence. Col. Baker urged the haste, mutual information being on its way to him from the Crown's Nest. Mr. Prentice, however, refused to adjourn the debate in order to secure certain authorities. To each of these requests the government turned a deaf ear—swinging in their chairs in self-satisfied smiles—merely replying to the reminder that the President of the Council had promised them the evening session with the observation that they "had changed their minds."

They had tested their strength that evening, and they had a majority of one, a division of 18 to 17 having resulted. At this point Mr. Speaker insisted that the member for South Victoria should be allowed to adjourn the debate in order that there was no formal resolution before the house. Mr. Prentice entered the arena paired with Mr. James Dunsuir, and consequently had taken no part in the vote. Catching Mr. Speaker's eye he proceeded to illustrate the position of one member to "hold the pistol to the head of the government," this time in a head case. He was heard by the speaker, and the evening paper, he said, learned by the evening paper, he said, that Mr. Alexander Dunsuir had just died in New York, and in view of this close relation between the two Dunsuir interests, he thought it would be little more than ordinary courtesy to postpone the debate until the morning. He added significantly that he had just been informed that Mr. Alexander Dunsuir had just died in New York, and in view of this close relation between the two Dunsuir interests, he thought it would be little more than ordinary courtesy to postpone the debate until the morning. He added significantly that he had just been informed that Mr. Alexander Dunsuir had just died in New York, and in view of this close relation between the two Dunsuir interests, he thought it would be little more than ordinary courtesy to postpone the debate until the morning.

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privileges with the observation that he would continue to do so until his wishes upon the subject had been met. He had some time ago asked for certain reference to the operation of the eight-hour law, and these after considerable delay had been laid before the house. He had asked for these returns, but had been repeatedly told they had not yet been printed. At the same time he saw the correspondence in printed form in the daily press. He demanded to know why this had been permitted, why the government had back this correspondence and permitted a newspaper to publish a mutilated extract. He noted that the Minister of Finance smiled and sneered. He demanded that the Minister should not smile at him—Hon. Mr. Cotton—It was not thinking of the honorable gentleman at all; I was speaking to Mr. Wells.

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"2. If he is so aware, whether it is his intention to draw the attention of the Dominion government to the anomaly, and request that the salaries of British Columbia judges be raised to the same as those of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec?"
Hon. Mr. Henderson objected to the question, and said that the second question was based upon the first, and the first was irregular as containing a statement of fact not permitted by rule 23, providing that a question which states a fact may not be put; he asked for a ruling upon this point. The speaker declared the question in order, and Hon. Mr. Henderson then replied:
"1. Yes. 2. A resolution will be introduced touching the question referred to."

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