

The Colonist.

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THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION

The constitutional question involved in the dismissal of the Turner ministry has been disposed of, so far as the present session of the legislature is concerned, but it remains a live issue, nevertheless, and one that will play an important part at the next general election.

On the primary proposition—that is, the prerogative right of the crown or its representative to dismiss a ministry, the Colonist has no reason to alter the view expressed in its columns on August 9th last, the day after the dismissal, as follows: "That the lieutenant-governor has power to call upon any one at any time to take the position of chief adviser may be conceded."

The second proposition is that, as the crown or its representative cannot act except through a ministry, and every exercise of the prerogative is supposed to be done under advice of some one responsible to parliament, ministers taking office after the dismissal of their predecessors, accept the responsibility for such dismissal.

The third proposition is that in case of a dismissal of a ministry and any delay in forming a new one, the incoming ministers are responsible for what the crown or its representative may do in the interim.

The fourth proposition is that the grounds of the dismissal should be stated and justified to parliament by the administration.

In order that this may be fully appreciated, it is necessary to mention that the lieutenant-governor gave two reasons for dismissing Mr. Turner. One of these was the result of the elections, which he declared established that Mr. Turner had lost the confidence of the country; the other that his ministers had lost his confidence.

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A little over a year ago the Colonist suggested that if in any part of the province private persons chose to construct roads at their own expense and for their own convenience, they might be given authority to collect tolls from other people using them.

Honor was charged with grave breaches of the constitution and grave misstatements of fact, and never ventured to say a word in his defence, but specifically declined to defend him.

There is therefore left for discussion only the justification advanced in His Honor's first letter, namely, that the elections showed that Mr. Turner had lost the confidence of the country.

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The elections were not over on August 8th, when the letter of dismissal was written, but it may be admitted that, conceding Cassiar to the government, the house was divided 19 to 19.

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districts are to be developed. The late government proposed that roads should be built at the general expense of the whole people, and, if money had to be borrowed, that the interest and sinking fund should be paid by the whole people.

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Government's Feeble Constitutional Crime They Owe Power

HON. MR. MARTIN, on the occasion of his remarks in the House of Commons on Thursday (the first of the session) on the subject of the resignation of the late ministry, stated that he had been called together on the 19th and a speaker being chosen to move a resolution, Col. Baker observed that he might very easily have been chosen.

MR. EBERTS, resuming his remarks, pointed to the fact that the late ministry had been dismissed on the 19th of August, and that the present government had taken office on the 20th of August.

Up to the year 1818 the right of a minister to be elected, and to hold his office, was not in the hands of parliament; it was in the hands of the crown.

There was no parallel in the history of the British constitution to the resignation of Mr. Gladstone and his resignation of the government.