The Colomist.

Min. Cottons of the state of frontal attacks upon the enemy in his understanding. We are endeavoring to

situated, for he is not dependent upon proposed by-law are very unfavorable, railway connection and he has no British force in his rear, as White is in the that there is altogether too much unrear of Joubert; but he also is subject certainty about the whole transaction. to the danger of a crushing defeat if he There is uncertainty as to where the

as if the time were ripe for an advance to the witimate liability which the city into the Free State from the south. If is asked to assume by subscribing to

of any definite information it is not pos-sible to form any opinion that is more ers, be required? than a surmise. He is moving heavy guns so as to bring them to bear on the Boer position at Colenso. This seems to indicate that he proposes to make a new frontal attack, but it may be only a blind to cover his real intention, which may be northeast. The Boer line of communication is by the line of railway running through Cleanest Junetion and Newcastle to execute a flank movement to the through Glencoe Junction and Newcastle to Pretoria. They are thought to have ilt a spur around Ladysmith. If this ne can be cut the fate of Joubert's force will be sealed. Can Buller cut it? There do not appear to be any insuperable difficulties in the way, so far as the general character of the country is con-Open ground appears to extend castward from Chieveley for a distance of about thirty miles to a point where a and Elandslaagte there is a highway, but about midway it crosses a range of low hills. The crossing of the Tugela and these hills would present the only difficulties on that route, and Buller ought to be able to send sufficient troops carry these points without unduly weakening his present position. The distance from Chieveley is about sixty miles. Another but longer and probably safer route would be to send a column from Weston to Greytown and thence to be about 110 miles, but one of the principal highways in Natal would be fol-

prevent a bad bargain being made for Cronje's column is somewhat better the city, and we believe the terms of the attempts to withdraw from his present money is coming from, uncertainty as to the cost, uncertainty as to important Looking at the whole situation it seems sections of the route and uncertainty as

A great deal of speculation is indulged it is proposed to provide for \$2,000,000

# CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.

general elections; the others were defeats in the house. In neither instance was the defeat followed by a dissolution pendent. One would suppose that if there was a case when a minister would the opposition to form a government.

was refused. We are not informed whether the deforce of Boers is in the neighborhood of Glencoe, and a flying column sent by this route could cut the connection here and ministry having a prima facie right to a council transferring the duties of the interest in council transferring the duties of the interest in council transferring the duties of the interest in council transferring the duties of the contention, which it has persistent they suggest that they suggest tha destroy sufficient of the railway to very seriously embarrass Joubert, in not wholly cut off his supplies. This is the route which the Boer column followed early in the campaign with the intention of taking Pietermaritzburg by surprise.

It is said that Gen. Buller is preparing to attack the Boer position in the Inhiawe Mountains. This movement it made will be in the direction of one of tuose suggested as probable in yester day's Coloniat. The funhawe Mountains are to the south of the Tugela and command the ferry over that river. If the government defeat, the Lieutenant deriver out of this point the Governor would depart from the best to speak so of the first enemy are driven out of this point the way will be open for a dank movement, to say that the exercitive council which does not founded to the first of the south of the first of the f destroy sufficient of the railway to very dissolution, the cases are exceptional Mr. Cotton was in so many words ap-

MR. COTTON'S POSITION.

the course which the government has taken in this matter.

## THE COMING SESSION.

The session of the legislature which is o open in the course of a few days will is not a matter of choice, but of neces be a very important one in the history of sity. He gives as his reason that it is British Columbia, because one of the only by this means that the Conservaquestions to be determined thereat will

and the times we here for my always and the treatment of the soliton and content of the soliton and the solito law to one member of the executive all those who see alike as to the proper council to be from time to time as- course to be taken, irrespective of least interest from the well known fact signed or transferred to another member whether they are supporters of Sir 'for the time being or otherwise," but Charles Tupper or Sir Wilfrid Laurier. not complete, it is not a constitu- the Conservative party. There were not The Queensland case was a peculiar one. The two parties in the house were evenly matched in voting strength, the balance of power being held by an indeone office to another does not touch the mained in power and carried the country composition of the executive council. It at the elections. The fact that Ontario ferry crosses the Tugela. Between that be entitled to a dissolution this was one; may have been competent for the govern- has had a Liberal premier almost con but the Lieutenant-Governor did not ment to make an order-in-council trans-think so and called upon the leader of ferring certain powers and duties of the the opposition to form a government.

In South Australia the ministry was the finance minister but there is no will depend, we hold, not upon their condefeated by a majority of one, but there power vested in any one except the legis- troi of the local legislatures, but upon finance and the chief commissioner there has been a superabundance; upon therefore, that the present government if would like to hear inter- and has been unconstitutional in its composi- the growing conviction of the people that more modern methods than have charac-We are not informed whether the defeated premiers in New South Wales and tion ever since the shuffle which put Mr. the Liberal leaders have been weighted in the balance and found wanning. The three cases above cited clearly show ship and made Mr. Cotton commissioner federal arena offers a wide enough field ighways in Natal would be folIt is not likely that any large

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two subjects, and the 12th sec- The proposal was sprung upon the dele-

## REDERAL LINES.

supplied, and the Imperial parliament often follows in the lead of her younger sons with success. After all, Mr. Wil-son would have done better had he "let Sir Charles Tupper in his speech at sleeping dogs lie." With regard to the action of federal legislation on provincial Kamloops said that the introduction of progress, Mr. Wilson was most happy and those who have seriously considere federal lines into our provincial politics the question from a provincial standpo sity. He gives as his reason that it is only by this means that the Conservatives can regain power at Ottawa. We Conservative rule on British Columbia: be whether the present incompetent and quote from the Standard's report of his speech. To the leader of the Conserva-

chuen's line of communication would in jeopardy.

A great deal of speculation is indulged as to Buller's plans, but in the absence as to the proposed to sell any of the stock for a cent under par. Then may we ask why is contrary to the intent of the constitution act. It is true that there are provincial questions, the solution of stock since only \$700,000 will, according to the proposed to sell any of the stock for a cent under par. Then may we ask why is contrary to the intent of the constitution act. It is true that there are provincial questions, the solution of stock since only \$700,000 will, according to the proposed to sell any of the stock for a cent under par. Then may we ask why is contrary to the intent of the constitution act. It is true that there are provincial questions, the solution of stock mich the proposed to sell any of the stock for a cent under par. Then may we ask why is contrary to the intent of the constitution act. It is true that there are provincial questions, the solution of stock since only \$700,000 will, according to the proposed to sell any of the stock for a cent under par. Atkins. His political works is contrary to the intent of the constitution act. It is true that there are provincial questions, the solution of stock since only \$700,000 will, according to the proposed to sell any of the constitution as a possible successor to the Columnia. Atkins. His political works is contrary to the intent of the constitution as a possible successor to the Columnia and the proposed to sell any of the possible successor to the columnia and the proposed to sell any of the possible successor to the columnia and the proposed to sell any of the possible successor to the columnia and the proposed to sell any of the possible successor to the columnia and the proposed to sell any of the columnia a

been, perhaps the most persistent advo The Australasian precedents related in this does not affect the provisions of the yesterday's Colonist are singularly to the point in connection with possible contingencies in this province. There have najority of the voters of the province.

We take issue with the view that "if mania, South Australia and New Zea- The phraseology of the section shows the the Conservatives are to regain power this seat now held by his son, it is to be mania, South Australia and New Zear The phraseology of the section shows the land. The last-named was due to the constitution to contemplate that these general elections; the others were described by separate vincial legislatures," and we believe that ndividuals. An executive council is this view, if acted upon, will shipwreck nese legislation. If it were not that nothing in politics need supprise any one, we would be inclined to treat the rumors as a mere freak, of the holidays; but as the old saying of the streets used to put it: "You semetimes almos can't tell what's going to happen."

The News-Advertiser wants the citizens of Vancouver to avoid dead issues. in the forthcoming municipal elections. The difficulty about this is that you can never tell until after an election what issues are dead. Ressibly our contemwas no dissolution, the leader of the lature to declare that the minister of the mistakes of the Liberals, of which Congratulations to Chief of Police was no dissolution, the reader of a many composition being at once called in.

In Victoria Sir George Turner after ship of lands and works shall be held the lines of progressive policy favored the lines of

terized the conduct of the Victoria, force in the past. The Times, is right. Premier Semin will be quite justified in asking the Lientenant-Governor for a dissolution, and he Lieutenant-Governor will be quite justified in refusing it. A man may ask for anything in this country, but he does

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AN INTERESTING STORY.

inces have hear d of the Whig and Cour-ier, the leading newspaper of the state of conduct recruiting drills, and the ordinary maine, and ms my of them know by reputation, at least, its brilliant proprietor, Congressman

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Charles A. Boutelle. Mr. Charles A. Boutelle. Mr. Charles A. Boutelle. Mr. Charles A. Boutelle. Mr. Charles A. Boutelle is on e of that gasax of oratorical and political genius which made the state of Main te so potent in the political life of the I Jnited States and included such mean as Hamilin, Elaine and Reed.

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A CORRECTION.

Sin-Willi you please be good enough to contractlet what appeared in your issue of resterday's Colonist, that my launch, the 'Blanche' broke down while on my way o William Head? The truth of the matter

not always get it.

The action of the New South Wales

So, toddling away to his trundle bed,

He dreamt of the pretty toys.

And while he was dreaming, an angel

Aye, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand,

Porto Rico is what the English-speaking world has been calling a West Indian island for as long as any one can remember. The dictionary writers and what he become of that little Roy B

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THE BRITISH MILITER'S

ty or place not providing sufficient men the ballot may be resorted to. Each militia Most people from the Maritime Provinces have hear d of the Whig and Cour-

form, the tusk bending signify is left, from the base, and taking a pronounced curve to the right, a further along. At the base end is a hollow of two feet, the enci ivory being less than an inch in ness. The color is a clear black of the color is a clear black. ness. The color is a clear black at the upper end, and when discovered it was all of this color from age, but the main surface has been scraped, and is now the soft tint of old ivory.

The tusk is owned by a Norwegian missionary, whose name Mr. North does not know. It was sent by him to some friends in the West, who were to sell

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about it. Mastodon ivory is, in itself, not rare. For more than 100 years there has been a trade in it in the New Siberian islands and other Russian possessions, and the first geographical surveys in Russia's far north were made by hunters of mastodon ivory. The greatest find, scientifically, was made by a Russian peasant in 1799, who discovered a mastodon, almost perfect, frezen in a huge block of ice. Good specimens of tusks, however, have mever been common. Ivory dealers here say that the tusk in Mr. North's possession is the largest they have ever seen.

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