which this amendment it had been made pos-y defections from the y which the members difficult to justify to As for the junio present government where except directly in r could the member for otherwise catalogued. In absence he looked to that stify their common posi as some explanation from hange of front, in that he himself declared, ejected ernment. Mr. Higgins, no such excuse for an-looked for better things mber for Esquimalt-was ginning to regard him as and a power in the party ook his principles and his le regretted that the memalt should have done so, that that gentleman, hav-ignored his constituents in nd not even taken the trouthem in regard to the re the principles upon which elected, would meet with at their hands when next ore them. He regretted this ore deeply as he was sorry liggins end his political ca-opposite side of the house-apparent to him that be n have opportunity to in the course of his again have opportunity

ext to Mr. Martin's attack, t entirely upon personal filled out by violation of all ns of political honor, he his introduction of matters art from those originating of mit the business of the ided with the business of the hould be deprecated by both attack had been unjust, un-unjustifiable. He had him-he of Mr. Martin's strong-and most faithful followagreed cordially with the which Mr. Martin stood, endorsed those principles Victoria was seeking Mr nfall and disgrace, he had at gentleman. When the government had called on his position in the govern-still been with Mr. Martin, principles. The reasons ition being asked for at ere well understood both in the government. They did atter of principles upon as thoroughly in harmonic for a start of the ion from the party, which e into by Mr. Martin, for that to do so would nee suing the same reprehen his own to deal with, for dr. Martin would yet have self. He would, however, inving declined to resign at r's request, Mr. Martin had ggested that the causes of should be laid before a meet-party, binding himself to acof that meeting.

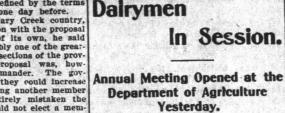
rable man would recognize eant—that in the event of an gment he would still continue e principles of the party, and place in its ranks which the lecided it was best for him The decision being reached, Mr. Martin had immediately his promise to accept the ver-caucus, and placed himself in gonism to the party-which igonism to the party—which i for the principles of which a foremost champion. le matter of his political sup-scame with Mr. Martin a matnal nature. In honor he remained faithful to party reality he at with the work of wreckgovernment and jeopardizing ciples. It was for this that he Martin-he could not follow thought more of gratifying personal ends and personal of carrying out good govern-

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at, you mean. nith (correcting himself)-Yes, the government-taker (sotto voce)-Coming Baker (sotto voce)—coming respect to Mr. Martin's attack e leader of the government, it h an example of cowardly villi-as could only work disadvantage an guilty of it. Mr. Martin had that Mr. Semlin, in accepting of forming a government, had ed a distinct breach of _trust, owing that he was not the edged leader of his party, even ime of the general election, and ere had at that time been no ed leader of the party—yet ere the facts? It was only ty to refer to the documents between the Lieutenaat-Gover-i the Premier at that stirring b disprove Mr. Martin's state-out of his own mouth. The or, in asking Mr. Semlin to form nment, said that he did so after which Mr. Martin had assured at there was no division in the on the question of leadership there was no division in the question of leadersl the question of leadership-he (Mr. Martin) looked to Mr. as the leader. Lartin had made extended refer-Martin had made extended refer-b the means he himself had t to reach the house on the open-of the session, and had endeav-make capital out of the fact that Smith) had in his pocket a pass im by the C. P. R. and good over is of that company in British ia. He might say that he had pass, and that he had once used pass, and that he had once used n he visited the East as the rep-tive of British Columbia at the ative of British Columbia at the congress. As a result he had been by save the cost of a ticket, to the body that he represented. But he that there was any parallel or ity between his acceptance or use is complimentary transportation he regular trains of the C. P. R., Martin's ntilization of a special and train provided solely to a to the Capital, and to secure it had been necessary to dis-t regular travellers, set aside the er's schedule, and delay Her ty's mails for twenty-four hours. without recognition of these found fault chiefly with Mr. for his flimsy, paltry endeavor to the fair, honest and self-evident Mr. Martin had told the house endeavor to self-evident he had heard there was to be a er going over to Nanaimo. He appened to hear this; he had hapto catch the steamer; had to find a carriage waiting; he appened to get in board the special and so he got here. No one of course believe for a moment had not known and taken advan of all these arrangements to enable o get here: if he had said plainly honestly "Yes-I did form a com-ion with Mr. Dunsmuir to defeat

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ence to Mr. Martin's unparment voices-Leader of the



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