

THE NEW MINISTRY.

After the defeat of the late Administration, His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, no doubt in the exercise of his wisdom, called upon the chief editor of the OWL to form a new Ministry.

Having given the proposition ample consideration, and doubtless under some inspiration, we accepted the onerous task, and after mature reflection, the outline of a policy dawned on our imagination, that is in itself at once unique and original, and in its results will be far-reaching and most beneficial to our Province.

We are not permitted by our colleagues to give more than a synopsis of the scheme till after its full maturity, but it will be no breach of Ministerial etiquette to give a faint outline of it.

Our financial policy is so constructed that our vaults can only be compared to a "bonanza" for all future time; and particular care shall be taken that not only shall we refuse to accept any future payments, either as loans or on account of subsidy, from Canada; but we will have no difficulty in offering her sufficient money to construct the railway from ocean to ocean, on terms and at a rate of interest that would send the Governor of the Bank of England insane.

Our own public works will be on a scale that can only be expressed as colossal. The harbor of Victoria shall no longer labour under the stigma of a herring pond. We intend to amalgamate it with that of Esquimalt, close up the entrance to the latter, widen the whole so as to give it a uniformity of two miles and a half by seventeen.

In our fertile brain we project a succession of wharves the whole length, with warehouses, where in a few short years ships of every flag will be unloading the wealth of the world.

To, as far as possible, anticipate the glorious results of our railway, and with this special purpose in view having created a portfolio under the Hon. Mr. Trumphreys, we have

projected a daily line of balloons from Victoria to Halifax, so that at all times, and under all circumstances we will actually hold the key to practical Confederation.

Our Ministry shall consist of eighteen with portfolios, and the leader of the Government.

Ourself (whose income from journalism is sufficient for all our wants,) without a salary. The salaries proposed to be paid to Ministers will be estimated by the amount of work they *have capacity to perform*. Keeping in view at the same time the undoubted success of our financial scheme.

We have much pleasure in announcing that the following gentlemen have consented to form part of our Cabinet and they have graciously accepted the various portfolios set opposite their names:—

MR. MAY—Chief Inspector of Clam Beds. Salary, \$14,735 374 per annum, with the privilege of manufacturing lime out of the shells, for railway purposes.

THE BIG GUN OF ATHLONE—Ambassador to Drumsnag, the coldest and bleakest part of Ireland. Salary, \$20,761, with one keg of *Eunisshone*, and two creels of *Lumpjers* per annum.

MR. TRUMPHREYS—Chief Comptroller of Political Hydrogen. This being the most important office, the salary will be commensurate with the task of generating, and to be fixed after an examination of the public till.

THE REV. MR. DISHER—Minister of Public Worship and Grand Chaplain to the House. Salary to be paid by McKenzie.

ALFISTER McFOLLOW-ME—Minister of Edicashun and Chief Dialectician to the House. Salary, \$15,376 48, and one new box (with a hole in it) per annum.

MR. RAREY—Master of the Horse. Salary, \$16,831 50 per annum, with hay, oats and liniment.

MR. STICKINSON—Chief Weathercock. Salary, \$9,651 30 per annum. As the honorable gentleman is likely to be much exposed to atmospheric changes, an overcoat and woollen comforter will also be allowed him.

NEBUCHADNEZER WHITE—Immigration Agent to Birkenhead. Salary \$12,500 50, and travelling expenses.

WM. FROWN—Chief Musician and Leader of the Orchestra. Salary, \$7,000—and rosin.

W. A. TOWELL—Chief Attitudinizer and Minister of Department. As this office entails a heavy outlay for personal embellishments, the salary will be \$26,301 25, paid weekly in advance, with combs and brushes free.

MR. TARA—Chief Commissary and Purveyor General. Salary, \$12,160 12, and pic—, no perquisites.

MR. O'KANAGAN—Master of the Buck Hounds. Salary, \$14,380 62.

MR. LIMBERRY—Colonel of Pemberton's Regulars. As this office requires no administrative ability, there will be no salary attached.