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### THE OTTAWA MACHINE.

The report that Mr. W. W. B. McIn-nes is about to resign his position as Commissioner for the Yukon, is accept-ed as correct by the Liberals of this city. This is rather an extraordinary The commissionership carries step. The commissionership carries with it in salary and living allowance no less than \$12,000 a year, and Mr. McInnes' tenure of office was assured for two or more years longer, if he sim-ply marked time. This is a large sal-ary to surrender on the off chance of getting into the local legislature. There is only one explanation of it, and it is that the Ottawa government is going to use every means in its power, patron-age, money and influence, to defeat the McBride administration. This view of the case is strengthened by the report, which was sent from Ottawa to the News'Advertiser, to the effect that the whole British Columbia delegation is about to come west to energy in the

THE DISSOLUTION.

<sup>\*</sup>The Colonist has been at some little trouble to ascertain how the announce-ment of the dissolution of the legisla-ture has been received by the people, and the universal opinion seems to be that the government has taken a course, which is in the interest of the province which is in the interest of the province. No advantage was likely to result from holding another session of the late House, and there always is a chance House, and there always is a chance that, in a province where there is so great diversity of opinion as in British Columbia, members might feel disposed on the eve of an election to pass legis-lation, without sufficient consideration. The last session of a representative body is usually marked by the passage of measures intended to catch votes, and governments, no matter how strongly they may feel in regard to any proposal, do not care to embarrass their friends by opposing legislation, which the latter believe will strengthen their position. All conditions, which have a bearing upon politics, are at present exceeding-ly satisfactory in this province, and

outlook along all lines is very bright in-deed. We are not so absurd as to claim that this is due to local influences en-tirely. The whole country is buoyant, and this province feels the beneficial result. Yet this is not the whole truth. A general wave of prosperity has be-fore now been diverted from its natural course by unwise legislation and blun-dering administration. The history of all countries shows this. Suppose that bad laws had been placed upon the stat-ute books of this province, that the ad-ministration of the public departments had been careless, inefficient or disministration of the public departments had been careless, inefficient or dis-honest, that the public finances had not been properly handled, that there had been no effort made to take advantage of a period of general prosperity to make known the great resources of the province, there would have been a dif-ferent story to tell. Perhaps a govern-ment may not be able to create prosper-ity to any great extent, but it can avoid terms case to which we invite the at-iention of the Times, and upon which it ought to be able to speak with some degree of authority. The claims of the province are not of a partizan nature; that is to say, every public man in British Columbia has advo-cated them in one way or another. When Mr. McBride went to Ottawa Mr. Templeman was in that div and

ity to any great extent, but it can avoid placing obstacles in the way of prog-ress, it can smooth the way for enter-prise, it can keep the public credit high, it can establish a feeling of confidence in the administration of the laws and Mclanes' tenure of office was assured for two or more years longer, if he sim-ply marked time. This is a large sal-ary to surrender on the off chance of getting into the local legislature. There is only one explanation of it, and it is that the Ottawa government is going to use every means in its power, patronuse every means in its power, pairon age, money and influence, to defeat the McBride administration. This view of the case is strengthened by the report, which was sent from Ottawa to the News'Advertise, to the affect that the whole British Columbia delegation is about to come west to engage in the campaign on behalf of the Opposition, Mr. McInnes' entry into the fight also implies that some arrangement satisfac-tory to him has been arrived at as to what shall happen in the event of the defeat of this plan. What it may be, we shall not verture to surmise. There can be no doubt, however, that in the coming campaign the provincial govern-ment will have to contend with all the agencies, which the Dominion govern-ment will have to contend with all the agencies, which the most determined vposition. Few people quite appreciate what an

condition of the province was very seri-ous. It was idle to talk about our great resources, idle to speak of the wonderful things that would be accom-plished in the future, as long as there was a big balance on the wrong side of the provincial ledger, and a large amount of banking capital, that might amount of banking capital, that might have been loaned out to business men, was locked up in a government over-draft. The first duty of Mr. McBride and his colleagues was to set this mat-ter right. It was a duty that was not a very agreeable one. It involved the curtailing of expenditure and the recast-ing of a considerable extent of the sys-tem of taxation, but the government ing of a considerable extent of the sys-tem of taxation, but the government grappled courageously with the 'task, and every one knows the excellent re-sults that have been achieved. This of itself was an act of administration for which the government deserves the thanks of the whole province and a re-newal of confidence for another term. Another feature of the past three and a half years has been the sense of sta-bility, which every one has felt in the administration of affairs. This has been All conditions, which have a bearing upon politics, are at present exceeding it satisfactory in this province, and therefore the time is opportune; to give the electorate an opportunity to decide as to whom they shall entry to give the electorate an opportunity to decide as to whom they shall entry to the electorate an opportunity to decide as to whom they shall entry to the electorate an opportunity to decide as to whom they shall entry to the entry entry to decide as to place within a few months, and the public insconce. Mr: Green came more close-ly in contact with the public than any disconce. Mr: Green came more close-ly in contact with the public than any for shall control of the public is colleagues, and this will always be the case with the incumbent of that position as long as two such important matters as the control of the public ands and the carrying on of the public ands and the carrying on of the public ands and the carrying on of the public and is and the control of the public ands and the carrying on of the public and sand the carrying on of the public and sand the control of the public and be admitable condition of the public and be admitable condition. The base been more brow what they could. They have only themselves to blame, As a santer of fact, w

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the gentlemen constituting it. In this paper is contained a statement of the claims of the province for exceptional treatment. The Times ought to read it. If it does so, it will change its oplinion as to Mr. McBride's prepared-ness to deal with the subject at the Conference. If it reads further, it will see that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was so greatly impressed by what Mr. McBride had advanced that he frankly admitted that a substantial case had been made out for the province. There is one aspect of this better terms case to which we invite the at tention of the Times, and upon which

tanify has been. The Department of Lands and Works was never in any-thing like as satisfactory a condition as it is today, and the change has been due almost wholly to Mr. Green's executive ability. He leaves public life with an excellent record, and the most strenu-ous critics of the government will hard-ly assert otherwise.

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is in record that any one of them ever so much as said a single word to assist the province in obtaining its just rights. It is true that they were not at Ottawa during the conference, but they have gone to Ottawa before now upon little questions of patronage, and surely they could have managed to go upon the most important public busi-ness that has arisen during the last ten years. The truth of the case is that they did not want Mr. McBride to succeed in his mission. They were afraid that if he came back with a just and equitable recognition of the rights of the province, his position would be so strengthened that success-tle question. They wanted him to be than anything else at this particular time is a number of married laboring men, who will come here intending to remain permanently. One great o jection to Oriental labor is that ti men are nearly all unmarried. O course, if it were otherwise, there won be serious objections, especially to the Chinese and Hindus, because of their manner of living; but no labor condi-tions, which create communities where single men herd together, are good. single men herd together, are good. Even in the case of white people, a community consisting chiefly of unmar-ried working men has many objection-able features, especially when, as is the case on the Pacific Coast, the rate of wages is high. Men, who are earning a good deal of money, and are without family ties, are apt to become careless in their habits, and the result is loss of time to themselves and great inconelections would be absolutely out of the question. They wanted him to be defeated at Ottawa. Therefore not a man of them extended a hand to help him. The people of British Colum-bla will remember this, and on the second day of February will know how to show their displeasure with a political party, which had a signal opportunity to benefit the province, and yet held aloof for fear that credit might attach to a political poponent. time to themselves, and great incon-venience at times to their employers. If you walk up Government street, above Chinatown, any evening after 6 o'clock you will meet a number of Chinamen returning from their work. In an East-ern community this cours on two of pro-THE HOUSE DISSOLVED.

returning from their work. In an East-ern community this score or two of peo-ple would all be white men, the ma-jority of them would have wives and children, and nearly all of them would be good clitzens. A certain proportion of them would own their own homes; others would be good tenants of snug cottages. They would attend the churches. Their children would be avail-able to fill the many openings constant-A Gazette Extra issued last evening announces the dissolution of the local hegislature. Nomination day is fixed for January 19, and election day for Feb-ruary 2. The new House is to meet on March 8.

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seconded by the Hon. that the Hon. Lomer Goui man of the joint conference Gouin accordingly took the The Right Hon. Sir Wilf Driefly expressed the pleasu self and of his ministers the provincial premiers and leagues, and said that his would be ready to discuss whatever proposals they mi conference among themselv in submitting. Hen. Mr. Gouin feturned t

the honor done him in elect the henor done him in electi the chairmanship of the join ence, and expressed on beha self and colleagues his ap of the welcome accorded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Hon. Messrs. Roblin, Whith die, Rutherford, Peters, Mot Scott, followed to the same After some proluminar

After some preliminary the joint conference adjour 11 o'clock tomorrow mornin Conference Chamber, October The chairman of the join ence took the chair at 11 o'c

to business immediately after the New Year opens, which will give a month and as most of the constituencies and for effective campaigning. Any long period would unnecessarily prolong the unavoidable interference with business manner that has yet to become the subject of unfavorable crit-tics, mand the same is true of the De-partment of Mines. As Premier, Mr. Messrs. Mackenzie and Maïn were received by banquetted by the Torotro Board of Trade. There was the customary round of speeches, and nuck was said about what this very enterprising firm of Canadian have accomplished in the way of rail work. It is a very remarkable record the present the various companies contrainty that characterized the system of which these gen-milicage of 3,550 miles of railway, of the Pacific Cosst. Mr. Lash, the sent interest, said that they would built for this company, which is of the gravious to the Pacific Cosst. Mr. Lash, the generated counsel for the Mackenzie there are the bead have a combined interest, said that they would in factor of supportions to 1906 have van-the data for the conservatives with the factorized the government feel that in Mr. Mc-Bride's hands the interests of the prov-tion of this company, which is of the gravious to 1906 have van-the data for the government, are per-ference and connection with the plant the government feel that in Mr. Mc-Bride's hands the interests of the prov-tion fact in connection with the plant the government feel that will disturb the exist-tate a very pronounced victory for the provincement of an interest to the goard of political confusion; they have seen enough politicat experiments the fact in connection with the plant the bride's surveys are complete as far as they come within the exist at therest to Victorians, is the grave the biosed surveys are complete as far as they connect with the plant through from Edmonton 40 the Geard through from Edmonton 40 the Grand through will shortly be building lines in this province. Some of our contempor-

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liance with none of the other elements of in the political field, and will have can-min didates in every constituency. It ap-peals to the electorate upon its record; E and with every confidence that the very dict will be in its favor. On the present occasion, for reasons that are obvious, the Colonist will not deal with any of the campaign issues, but will content itself with asking for course during the three and a half e years in which it has been in power.

MR. GREEN'S RESIGNATION.

The contest will be long enough for every been looking for an election, and prepar-ations are already well advanced. The contest will doubtless be vigor-to of success, will spare no effort to make that success as complete as possible. The Opposition claim to be very hope-dful, and at any rate say that they will is make a strenuous fight. What effect the Independent Labor movement will rs have no one can foretell. It may be a a disturbing influence. The Socialists at a disturbing influence. The Socialists at a disturbing influence. The Socialists at the Independent Labor movement will a formidable factor, and it may have only a disturbing influence. The Socialists at make the most of every opportunity at point will strengthen its position in the political field, and will have cam-point to the electorate upon its record; a didates in every constituency. It ap-peals to the electorate upon its record; british Columbia will lose a couple of NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date, we intend to apply to the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for special timber Heenses to cut and carry away timber from the following described tracts of land, situate in Coast District, Cracroft Island, described as follows: NOTICE is here

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min, they will find pietity to do where they have learned their trade, and thus British Columbia will lose a couple of stirdy, industrious young fellows, who would have been glad to have remained at home, if they could have worked alongside of white boys. This is not a alongside of white boys. This is not a solitary case by any means. We con-cede the apparent and temporary ad-vantages resulting from coolie labor, but in the long run what pays best is the white laborer, who marries, establishes a home and brings up a family. Of these we can never have too many. for

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all the members present at t on the 8th inst. were conven addition thereto, as represe Province of Nova Scotia, th H. Murray, premier and prov retary, and the Hon. Arthur retary, and the Hon. Arthur attorney-general: also the H lard Turgeon, C.M.G., min lands and forests in the government of Quebec. The Rt. Hon. Sir Wilfrid proposed that Mr. Chas. Lac and Mr. Jos. Pope, C.M.G., u retary of state, be appointed ies of the joint conference, w agreed to.

agreed to. The chairman handed to S Laurier certain resolutions of ternational conference, which follows: "Whereas the members of

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for the award to the provin ernments by Canada of an am ficient to meet the costs of this tration of the criminal ju exceeding twenty cents per the population: "Therefore is is unanimo solved, 1: That the subject is the resolutions adopted by the ence of the representatives of eral provinces held at Quebe cember, 1902, which were thereafter presented to the ment of the Dominion, and wi ratified by the legislatures of existing provinces except tha tish Columbia, be now press the government of the Dom immediate and favorable ao der reserve of the right of the government of the bom immediate and favorable ac der reserve of the right of vince to now submit to such ment memoranda in writing ing any claims it may have sums than those set out in resolutions, or to additional eration or recognition. Resolved, 2: That in case of ernment of Canada concurrin views of the conference as in the above resolution a should be submitted to the pe of Canada at the next session us for payment of such subsidies and allowances as determined upon, pending an