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(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)

An Affront to The Legislature.

Kamloops Publisher Taken to
Task for Lampooning Open-
ing Proceedings.

Mr. Martin's Advent in Opposi-
tion Again the Subject
of Discussion.

Interest in yesterday's session of the legislature centred not in the main proceedings, but in an incident that presented itself just before the adjournment. It was introduced by Mr. Joseph Martin directing attention to a remarkable publication in the Kamloops Standard, in connection with a report of the opening, in which the editor of the Standard-Governor is held up to contempt and ridicule, the language and tenor of the paragraphs quoted being of a character seldom heard of in Canadian journalism. Premier Smith intimated that he had hoped so outrageous a publication would have been allowed to pass with silent contempt, but the matter having been presented to public consideration it was stated by the Attorney-General and the President of the Council that proper proceedings would be taken to punish the offenders. It is anticipated that the party or parties responsible will be brought before the bar of the house, although the process of dealing with their case is not yet outlined.

PETITION.
Upon the opening of the house without formality, prayers being dispensed with for the first time since the session was called, for the Kilmartin-Caledonia Co. Ltd., for incorporation, was read and received.

DEBATING THE ADDRESS.

HON. DR. MCKECHNIE, continuing the debate upon Mr. Turner's amendment to the motion for a reply to His Honor's speech, said that before moving the adjournment of the debate on Monday he had been engaged in criticizing the remarks of the opposition leader, advanced as justification for his amendment. He did not intend to repeat the arguments he had then advanced, nor even to recapitulate. The leader of the opposition had based his argument on certain grounds, and had ended with the conclusion that the government had lost the confidence of the house. He had said that the reasons advanced for this conclusion had been the adverse votes recorded during the first session of the year, and ordinary occasions an adverse vote was significant and important. It meant that either the government had lost its position upon its policy or principles in ordinary cases. In the present particular case, however, it meant nothing of the kind. It meant only that under peculiar circumstances in no way touching the policy or principles of the government, the opposition had gained the majority.

Mr. Martin claimed the indulgence of the house for a word. He said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment.

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for coalition at a sacrifice of principle. It would have been an easy matter for him to have asked for and obtained the truth, yet he had preferred to jump at a conclusion and jump to the other side of the house.

Passing next to Mr. Joseph Martin's references to the Nanaimo Herald and his own connection therewith, the honorable junior member for Vancouver had intimated to the house that the paper in question was owned by himself (Hon. Dr. McKechie) and the house being persistently led to believe that its policy and editorial utterances were largely dictated or controlled by them. This he denied. It was true that he held stock in the publishing company, a public company, but he had at no time sought to shape the Herald's course in matters political. The Herald was not a party paper, but a labor journal also.

He had never suggested or dictated the Herald's editorial policy, so that the paragraphs in question could not in fairness be attributed to him or credited to him or the member for South Nanaimo—they did not represent that gentleman's views nor yet his constituents. In connection with the matters complained of in the extra of the Herald to which the junior member for Vancouver had devoted so much attention—had that honorable gentleman disapproved them? He would read in this connection that honorable gentleman had sent to the editor of another Nanaimo paper. It was:

"McKechie never said that he was responsible for extra of Herald. Smith repudiates any responsibility. Have asked McKechie and Smith to meet me at the public meeting at Nanaimo. Extra of Herald full of false statements."

It was to the last sentence of the special report that he had referred. The extra of the Herald was described as "full of false statements." Was this the fact? The honorable member for Vancouver had certainly failed to prove that the statements were false. He had indeed only attacked the particular paragraphs of which the following was one:

"During the sitting of the arbitration court at Nanaimo—we are informed that Mr. James Dunsinuir, in connection with our city members, said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment."

Here Hon. Dr. McKechie denied to a moment, and then repeated his questioning clause, resuming his seat to give the junior member for Vancouver opportunity to reply.

"Certainly it is true," said Mr. Martin, "that the statement in that paper that I had joined the opposition is not only untrue, it is what might be called a plain words, a lie. I think I made sufficiently clear the position I have assumed. I am not with the opposition. I am not with the opposition. I am not with the opposition."

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straight labor candidate who had ever offered himself for the Dominion house. If Mr. Martin had stuck to his declared principles he would have assisted the government even against his own brother-in-law. He had stated on a certain memorable occasion at Roseland that his friends were the working men, and that he had nothing to do with the government. He declared with emphasis that Mr. Martin when he broke from his party without delay for the endorsement or condemnation of his action. He also censured the junior member for Vancouver for his arraignment of the acts and omissions of the government. Mr. Martin had charged the government with neglecting to carry out the legislation of last session and had specifically asked why the Torrens system of land registration had not been carried into operation by resolution. He held that, as much as Mr. Martin had remained at the close of the session, if anyone had been guilty of shirking his duty in this connection it was that gentleman to the junior member for Vancouver. The same gentleman had also referred to the Crown's Nest Pass land grant.

Passing next to Mr. Martin's "brutal and vicious" attack upon the honorable leader of the opposition, the honorable member for South Nanaimo could be said to have a cleaner or more honorable record than the Hon. Chas. McKechie. He had not been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment. He had said that he had been asked to give the opinion of the house on the subject of the amendment.

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Carpets,
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the Dominion government, and rightly so. He quoted from the correspondence of the Dominion Minister of Justice in regard to the local legislature, to show that the reasons cited herein by Hon. Mr. Mills applied with equal force to the Dominion government. He also quoted from the provisions of the British North America act, showing that Hon. Mr. Mills considered such legislation as that proposed by the government, as being in violation of the provisions of the British North America act, and that he was not in favor of such legislation.

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Hon. Mr. Henderson corrected the junior member for Vancouver. He was not to understand that the government had taken no action in this matter; what Hon. Mr. Martin had meant was that he had hoped that the matter would have been allowed to pass with silent contempt, but the matter having been presented to public consideration it was stated by the Attorney-General and the President of the Council that proper proceedings would be taken to punish the offenders.

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New Steamers To Run North

Syndicate Negotiating for Two
Fast Vessels for Pass-
enger Service.

Riojun Maru Arrives Early Yes-
terday Morning From
Oriental Ports.

Transportation facilities between Victoria and Northern ports will be just about perfect during the coming season if the plans which a wealthy syndicate have in hand are completed. This syndicate, some of the members of which are interested in the company which recently purchased three river steamers from the C.P.R. to run on the Yukon between the terminus of the White Pass railway and Dawson, are negotiating the purchase of two passenger steamers with a speed of not less than eighteen knots each. The plans of the company are not yet far enough advanced to go into details but it can be said that negotiations for the steamers have about been closed and that everything is going along as at present they will be here to secure a share of the spring trade. With good boats on the coast, the railway completed beyond White Horse and good boats on the river, travelling to Dawson and even to Nome, the river route will not be accompanied by many difficulties. One thing certain there will be no want of good steamers on the coast.

ORIENTAL LINER IN.
The Riojun Maru Brings a Large Number of Steerage Passengers.

The Riojun Maru, of the Great Northern line, docked at the outer wharf at 10 o'clock last night. She arrived at the wharf from the coast, the railway completed beyond White Horse and good boats on the river, travelling to Dawson and even to Nome, the river route will not be accompanied by many difficulties. One thing certain there will be no want of good steamers on the coast.

Grand Concert—There is to be a grand concert in the public hall at 8 o'clock on Saturday night. The concert will be given by the Victoria Musical Society. The concert will be given by the Victoria Musical Society. The concert will be given by the Victoria Musical Society.

Will Hold a Banquet—Members of the Arctic Brotherhood, an organization for the relief of the poor, will hold a banquet at the Victoria Hotel on Saturday evening. The banquet will be given by the Victoria Musical Society. The banquet will be given by the Victoria Musical Society.

Chinese Reformer—Leong Ki Chew, the chief lieutenant of Kang Yu-Wei, the Chinese reformer who spent last winter in Victoria, has been arrested. He is now in the custody of the police. He is now in the custody of the police. He is now in the custody of the police.

LABOR IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN MINES.
Black labor is to be had in any quantity, under proper conditions, and the best of it is excellent in quality. The trouble is that the conditions have been so bad that the lowest element of the blacks would submit to working in the Transvaal, and even these blacks at all except under pressure of absolute necessity. Abuse, extortion, enforced labor on the farms without pay, tithing, robbery of their accumulated earnings by the Boers—these have not attracted the negro to the South African mines. The report of the two races is a difficult one, but the Boer of the Transvaal has not even approached it. On the one hand, the blacks have ruined the labor supply of the Witwatersrand, and not the least benefit of the gold-mining, and just as the ammelioration of conditions in this respect, "a but tax," by which the negro is made to supply the labor of the Boers, and in return for which he receives poor wages, seems to be one of the most successful methods of raising the standard of living of the blacks.

WON'T TAKE BOER ACCOUNT.
New York, Jan. 13.—Geo. W. Van Sicken, who is at the head of the movement in this city to raise money for the widows and orphans of the Boers, has been visited some twenty banks and trust companies in an interview to-day that he has taken the Boers into his confidence. He has been visited by the Boers, and he has been visited by the Boers. He has been visited by the Boers, and he has been visited by the Boers.

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Ministers Make No Definite Reason But by an Automatic Vote.

Members of Opposition
Several Points in C
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There can be no doubting the intelligence of men and women who filled the galleries at the legislature yesterday were very much disappointed that they had favored the parliamentarian system. They had favored the parliamentarian system. They had favored the parliamentarian system.

On the opening of the house prayers again being dispensed with, the speaker presented a petition from the residents of the district of the Klondike, praying for the settlement of their grievances relative to the Yukon river. The petition was presented by the speaker. The petition was presented by the speaker. The petition was presented by the speaker.

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