

SEEKING REFUGE IN PROROGATION

Hon. Charles Wilson, K. C., Attorney-General, has been called away by urgent private business, and if the government has its way the present session of the Legislature will know him no more.

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A THEME FOR A PATRIOT.

Mr. McPhillips, who as the very dear personal and political friend of Hon. R. F. Green is conducting the campaign in opposition to the Minister of Inland Revenue, desires the fact to be clearly understood that Capt. Chive Phillips-Wolley's name was not submitted to the convention that nominated Mr. Beckwith.

American from Montana into his councils and that but for the valued aid of Mr. Larsen the Grand Trunk Pacific might have refused to locate its terminus in British Columbia, building its stations and round houses in the neighboring territory of Alaska.

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PLAIN "BILL" TEMPLEMAN.

It is pleasing to observe an evident determination on the part of the Colonist to carry the political discussion up to a very high plane. Still we must be permitted to express our inability to perceive the importance of the issues raised this morning by our contemporary of fertile resource.

A SEASONABLE DISCOURSE.

If it were possible to bestow a word of advice, of pure and disinterested counsel, without risk of giving offence, we should advise a contemporary to guard its temper carefully during the remaining days of this tempestuous campaign.

this self-evident proposition in mind, why will the Colonist persist in saying that the Conservatives who have publicly signified their intention of voting against the candidate Hon. Robert Green has set up, and the hundreds of other Conservatives who have made up their minds to vote in like manner without saying anything about it, are men who "can be bought like sheep and handed over to the fold of the Liberals," men whose political principles are to be "bartered for portfolios."

Not a newspaper in the province, with one exception, has had the courage to raise its voice in defence of the Kalen Island deal. The organs of the government, recognizing the hopelessness of the task of attempting to say a word in extenuation of one of the most scandalous transactions in the history of the province, have contented themselves with eliminating from their reports of the evidence such features as exposed in all its nakedness the connection of the Chief Commissioner with the company of speculators who undertook to procure the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific on Kalen Island and the incomprehensible indifference of the other ministers to the interests of the province.

Vancouver World: Is there a crisis at the capital? Have a number of the supporters of the Socialist-Conservative government signed a round robin addressed to the Premier, asking him to dismiss Chief Commissioner Green? The round robins, if any there are, need to be reminded that the premier has no power to dismiss. He may ask for the resignation of a minister, but the Lieutenant-Governor alone has the power to send him about his business.

The political conditions to-day are very different from the political conditions in the fall of the year 1895, so different that it would be waste of time to explain wherein they differ.

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HIS RESIGNATION THAT BE ASKED FOR

HON. R. F. GREEN ON DANGEROUS GROUND

Conservatives Would Welcome His Dismissal—Columbia and Western Bill Will Give Trouble.

The results of the Kalen Island inquiry have had the effect of so discrediting the chief commissioner, Hon. R. F. Green, in the eyes of his own party, that it is regarded as extremely questionable if that minister will be able to continue in office.

Such a pronounced step has not been taken, but members on his side of the House are individually favoring a dismissal in the hope of allowing the government as such to escape any ignominy connected with the transaction. Some members of the government even are inclined to deal reluctantly with the chief commissioner who is blamed for all the trouble the recommendation in connection with the transaction having originated with him.

Upon a contract calling for the payment of \$100,000 for the time he left Chicago until his return, Dr. Seppy, a professor of the practice of medicine at Rush College, Chicago, has come to Helena, to make a diagnosis of the illness of Peter Larsen of this city, who is suffering from bronchitis of the liver.

Recently Mr. Larsen went east for an operation, which, however, was not performed. Dr. Seppy's diagnosis is understood to have been the same as that of the hospital doctors in Rochester, Minn., that the case is hopeless, but not necessarily immediately fatal.

The present week is likely to see the Columbia and Western transaction in an important part in the legislative debates. A bill has been promised to the C. P. R. by the government to ratify the order-in-council conveying lands which have not been surveyed and which have not been granted until after the time expired under which they could be claimed.

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PROTEST AGAINST THE UNIVERSITY BILL

Petition Will be Presented Asking For Its Disallowance—Statement by Chancellor Burwash.

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The petitioners point out that the college was established on the distinct understanding with the British Columbia government that a provincial university would be established with which the Methodists could affiliate.

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The Arlon club concert, advertised to take place on Monday evening next in Institute Hall, has been postponed until the following evening, in consequence of a telegram received from Miss Lewys, of Seattle, stating that she could not appear on the first-named date. Miss Lewys is the contralto who has been engaged by the club to assist at the concert, and the lady who has been heard to great advantage in Victoria on a former occasion.

Local

Martin Johns the Royal Jubilee and the remains of the late home by W.

Michael O'Brien six months' imprisonment on Saturday. The court on Saturday sentenced O'Brien to six months' imprisonment on Saturday.

The popular man's Auxiliary will take place at the city hall, singing committee date.

The Young P. John's church are "cake" social for entertainment of the old English game wants. The enter begin at 8 o'clock schoolroom.

A Japanese concert on Wednesday, the auspices of the Knox Presbyterian. Participating will be costumes, who are engaged to render local vocalists will.

The remains of the Royal Jubilee, Wednesday, have der Island. Rev. ducted services of W. J. H. removal of the

At the monthly shipwrights and of Victoria and E. ing officers were. ing year: W. D. Kelly, vice-pres. able, secretary; an. urer.

A committee of bial Anti-Tubercu upon the govern noon and made a special assistance to tartan for the tives. The comin by Premier M. Br low, Hon. F. Car F. J. Patton, and definite answer at

The funeral of place Friday aft ne's undertaking was conducted by and the pallbearers son Clarke, J. T. and J. W. Bolden contributions rece of wreaths sent by graph staffs of V. ver, on both of the eldest son of the as an operator. H. connected with the

The first annual horses, cattle, shee the auspices of the Stock Breeders' as held Queen's B. ester, on March 21st dates several farm decided to hold me City. A great deal taken in the sale.

There was a members at the ladies' auxiliary of The principal item sale of work to the dence of R. L. Dr. 11th. The various ed progress and with a legal respon the sale. When th proceeds are to be new building fund doubtless be manifi

The members of of Foresters of the joint session at the Court Northern Lig occasion of a Court Victoria, and Courts Vancouver to P. D. C. R. Bro beautiful souvenir the situated the first Addresses will be members of the or time will be held at. ber of the order in to be present.

The first of the monthly socials of the Y.M.C.A. was and proved fully A. All joined in the which the procedin ter which an inform was gone th mainly, to which and Messrs. Gilbert, der contributed. A short speech, in wh the sale of work to of April, to which contribute something were served during

The International Company have bin ing at Spokane, at effort, of Victoria, dent, and H. N. C. Alberta, vice-pres manager. The ann that the profits for ment are \$227,54 No dividend was and the above sur profit and, loss ac amounts to \$201.5 which are situate forty miles from ment to 175 men, an 1,000 tons per day.

The Victoria W. natic society held a masquerade ball in day night, which pro cess than ever. The couple present and up and a check, t at that time showi. joring a good time. Prizes were awarde dressed lady, silk u hand, best dressed. ing case, Mr. Tasle

