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### Political Parties, Their Motives and Actions.

We should be glad if we could dignify the party in this city who are at the present moment struggling hard against the political progress of the Colony, with a name of Conservatives. It would be convenient so far as the nomenclature goes, and it is a short and comprehensive title for a political party—indeed it is difficult to find one word with any clearly defined meaning that expresses so much—we have a great dislike to some of the epithets that it occasionally becomes necessary to apply to this party. We regret the necessity of applying such a term as obstructive to any political party, but then unfortunately Conservative is not a proper term to apply in this particular instance, it does not truly express or define the mixture of principle and expediency which guides the party who are now exerting their influence in support of the Government. Conservatives have ever upheld the Constitution, they have been found arrayed against despotism, when Monarchs have shown a tendency to defect in that direction, and they have also struggled against any attempt to infringe the prerogative of the Crown, on the part of the lower estates of the realm. Thus many staunch Conservatives were found upon the side of the people when the struggle against the attempted tyranny of the Stuarts first commenced. Again, when the revolution which seated the Prince of Orange on the English throne began, the Conservatives were foremost and boldest in their struggles for the cause of liberty. It is attachment to the true Constitution of their country that has always characterized the Conservative party in England; how different are the motives and feelings which actuate the Government party in Vancouver Island just now. We have a right, as Englishmen, to a Constitution, we have a right to a controlling voice in the Government of the Colony; our Constitution has been subverted, liberal institutions are denied to us, and freedom of election has neither place nor name amongst us. Who are we to blame for this state of things? To whom can we point as responsible for the political retrogression of this Colony? Surely to the Governor, whose first duty is to maintain the Constitution of the dependency committed to his charge, and to the party who are now supporting him in his subversion of the rights of the people. The Governor of a Colony, it is true, occupies a position altogether different from that of a Constitutional Monarch, for whilst the latter cannot disregard the advice of his Ministers, who are in point of fact a committee entrusted with the confidence of the legislature, in whom rests the guardianship of the Constitution, the former is responsible directly to the Sovereign, whose representative he is, and is, or ought to be, the natural protector of the Constitution. This is more especially the case in a Crown Colony, the people not being in the enjoyment of the privileges of Englishmen, are placed more or less within the power of the

Governor, and unless the Governor of such a Colony has the courage to make the attempt to rule in accordance with the wishes of the people, his administration must be a failure, and those who attempt to deceive the people by false issues for the purpose of delaying the progress of the Colony are not Conservatives, neither are they the friends of the Governor. An attempt is being made to deceive Mr. Seymour as well as the people, by keeping out of sight the real question and by putting before the country false issues upon which the anti-liberals hope to gain the popular vote; in addition to this, appeals are made to personal feelings, and no device is left untried which will strengthen the official party in this Colony, fortunately however, the people are not easily deceived, they are heartily tired of extravagance, incompetency, and misrule; they desire reform in every public office, and it will be beyond the power of Hudson Bay influence to crown the efforts of the Government party with success. The officials are battling as if for their very existence, and canvassing against the liberal candidates, as if their life depended upon the issue; fortunately by adopting this course they have destroyed the chances of their party.

### Whaling.

Friday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>.—The whaling season has had to record ill success and failure in the expeditions sent out into our waters during the earlier part of the season, but the arrival of the schooner yesterday, from Mr Dawson's establishment at Saanich Arm, with nineteen casks of oil, enables us to speak of the extent to which this business may be carried, and the remuneration it affords. From a conversation with Mr Dawson, we find these nineteen casks contain about one hundred barrels of oil, and in addition to those arrived, he has fully as many more to come down; so that in two months, the period in which he had been fishing, he has obtained two hundred barrels of oil notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. One of the whales killed was over sixty feet long and yielded eighty barrels, and would have yielded a hundred had the works been complete, the average of the yield of oil per whale, it is thought, will be about sixty barrels. At the present high price of oil, produced principally by the failure of the fisheries in the northern sea, the total realized by Mr Dawson since he commenced probably, will be over \$7000, the quotations in the New York market, on the 5th inst., being \$1 20 a gallon. Mr Dawson has seven hands employed, assisted by a few Indians occasionally. Another noticeable feature in this expedition, is the home manufactured casks, and in which the oil is landed at Dickson, Campbell & Co's Wharf. The timber was cut by Mr Dawson three years ago, split into proper lengths and left to season thoroughly, so that no leakage is to be found in any of them; besides those already manufactured, there is material enough on hand to make one hundred and fifty more. From these facts, it must be admitted, it is at last demonstrated, that whaling in our inland waters is a safe and paying business in itself; and when to this fact, we add the numerous occupations it will create, and the labor it will employ, we cannot but regard the success of Mr Dawson as a public one.

### ARRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA STEAMER.

The John L. Stephens, from San Francisco and Portland, arrived yesterday at 4 p.m. with the mails, express and 120 tons of freight and 26 cabin passengers besides those in the steerage. The returned passengers generally known in town, are Capt. Lacey, R. N. J. Southgate, R. Brodick, D. Evans, Ashdown Green, Eags, and Mrs Deverill formerly of Nanaimo. We were informed the steamer will leave this afternoon for below. She has on board besides freight, 73 casks and 114 steerage passengers from Portland. Her memoranda will be found in the usual column.

### SERIOUS ILLNESS OF HIS EXCELLENCY.

The public will much regret to learn of the serious illness of Governor Seymour, for three or four days past. His Excellency has been attacked with diarrhoea, and efforts to abate it have been unsuccessful. The Rev Mr Hayman, himself a physician, has left on the Sparrowhawk to wait on the Governor.

Missionary Meeting.—The audience yesterday at the College called together to hear a statement from the Rev Mr Good, of his labors as a Missionary amongst the Fraser and Thompson river Indians, was not so large as it might have been considering the importance of the subject, though unexceptionable in point of intelligence and respectability. His Honor the Chief Justice presided. Mr Good, in the course of his able address, drew a vivid picture of the trials and difficulties of a mission life amongst a people to whom the white man in his endeavors to teach, has to stoop himself before he can elevate them, or even inspire into their minds the faintest conception of the responsibilities of life. No doubt difficulties, as Mr Good said, are much increased by the trading, and general degradation of the Sabbath throughout the interior of the Colony, for these people are quick to observe the sad inconsistency existing between the precepts of some, and the practice of others. Shirk it as we may, said the speaker, a heavy responsibility rests upon us for our conduct towards the Indian, and we well deserve the severity of some of Mr Good's remarks. His Lordship the Bishop, the very Rev Dean Oridge, and Mr Registrar Alston also spoke with feeling and much to the point. It is intended if possible, to get up a large public meeting in a few days, through which Mr Good's address would obtain a more extended circulation.

### BOOKS FOR SALE.

We have heard from a very reliable source that a piece of Government property known as the Naval Reserve, Burrard Inlet, which was given by the Government to the British Columbia and Vancouver Island Spar Lumber and Saw Mill Company, limited, for the purpose of selling timber to be used at the company's mill, is about to be leased by Government to others. If this really be true, it is a shameful piece of business on the part of the Government, and is tantamount to depriving one of almost vested rights and making void promises which lead to the investment of a large amount of capital by the company abovesaid in the improvement of the mill, and other improvements. We trust the Government will adhere to its just promise and not evince signs of weakness by breaking faith with parties who accepted promises as binding, as though they had been written on vellum and duly executed by all.

### ARRIVAL OF THE NANAIMO AND WAY SETTLEMENT STEAMER.

The Sir Jas Douglas arrived yesterday at half-past five p.m. from Nanaimo and intervening ports, with twelve passengers, eight head of cattle, two tons of produce—potatoes, venison, fowl, &c. The Otter coaled and left for Burrard Inlet on Wednesday, and was seen yesterday bound down with the Princess Royal in tow. Numerous members of our marine mammalia were seen departing in the Saanich Arm and other inlets. Mr David Babington Bing is likely to "carry all before him" in the election line at Nanaimo; it is no doubt an easy matter as the people seem to take but little interest in the matter. Mr Southgate who returned yesterday will have to bestir himself if he is ambitious of honors.

### MR DeCOSMOS.

We have no reason to love him, as a man. As a politician we differ with him in many things, and distrust him in everything. Yet as a political opponent, we cannot but admire the self-sacrificing zeal, the absolute devotion with which the man has advocated measures which he doubtless, at the time, believed to be right; and that he possesses legislative abilities of no mean order, speaking locally of course, his most bitter enemies will admit. Victoria would indeed be guilty of the grossest ingratitude in throwing Mr DeCosmos overboard now. She may do it to injure Confederation. She will, perhaps, by the doing of it, inflict far greater injury upon herself. Confederation can live and prosper without DeCosmos. Can Victoria say as much?—Columbian.

### A FAVORABLE INDICATION.

No fewer than six of the farmers in this district being citizens of the United States, took the necessary steps before the local Magistrate, yesterday, for transferring their allegiance to the British Government. Most of these men have been in this Colony since 1858, and are industrious settlers, who are likely to do well for themselves and contribute their quota towards the general prosperity of the Colony. It is a good sign when such men as these make up their mind to adopt British Columbia as a permanent home. We bid all such a hearty welcome.—New Westminster Paper.

### THE MEETING.

We have to defer a more extended notice of last night's meeting until our next issue.

### MURDER.

From one of the passengers by John L. Stephens, we learn a telegram had been received in Portland stating that Capt Mitchell, who was so much amongst us last summer in command of the U S S Saginaw, was murdered on the 21st inst on Sutton street, San Francisco, by a blow upon the ear with a sand sling-shot. The murderer was arrested, but the cause of the deed was not stated. Since leaving here Capt Mitchell had been promoted to the command of the Savannah.

### RETURNING.

Mr D. W. Higgins and family sailed on Tuesday from San Francisco, for home via Portland, and will probably arrive by the Geo S Wright. We are sorry we have been unable to the present, to publish further of his interesting letters, several of which were received by last mail.

### SAILING.

The Russian brig Olga, Capt Sandeman left Esquimaux yesterday for San Francisco. The steamer Fideliter is expected to leave via Port Townsend on Saturday.

### APOLOGISTIC.

We have to request our correspondents in general, and 'K' in particular, our mainland interior correspondent, to accept our apology for the nonappearance of their respective communications which have been withheld on account of a pressure on our space for a brief period.

### ARRIVAL FROM LIVERPOOL.

The ship Bolivia 134 days from Liverpool arrived in Royal Roads yesterday. She has a full height and one passenger, a Mr Leadbeater. The vessel is consigned to Janion, Rhodes & Co.

### SIDE WALK.

We have been requested to call attention to the bad state of the side walk steps at the intersection of Yates and Douglas streets. There have already been several severe falls consequent upon their dangerous condition.

### COMPETITION MATCH.

A rifle match will be contested on to-morrow, commencing at one o'clock, for the purpose of selecting ten men in the match announced a few days since.

### FROM BURRARD INLET.

The Hudson Bay Co's steamer Otter arrived late last night from Burrard Inlet, bringing down the Princess Royal, laden with lumber, for Valparaiso.

### DOWNED.

A despatch from San Juan yesterday says, Frank Bryant, of Hubba Point Farm, was drowned here yesterday.

### Hops.

EDITOR COLONIST.—In your issue of Tuesday last, a letter appeared from Mr Cloak, of Saanich, assuming that I was one of the judges of hops at the late Exhibition. I beg to give this assertion an unqualified denial, as I refused to act with the other judges in the matter, being an interested party, this statement can be substantiated by application to either of the judges or the secretary. And I also beg to state that Mr Towser was the first man that started raising hops as a business. I regard a bottle of medicine with you as a certain sign of A. BUNSTER.

### WELL WORTH READING.

Who is there that does not desire to be always exempted from indigestion—to have a good appetite, a painless stomach, a clear head, a regular pulse, a healthy complexion? If this meets the eye of any who are not thus blessed, let them try HOPPETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS. We guarantee that this delightful tonic will restore any stomach, however weak, to a healthy condition; that it will bring back the true appetite, and give permanent vigor to the whole system. The feeble and emaciated suffering from dyspepsia or indigestion in any form, are advised, for the sake of their own bodily and mental comfort, to try it. Ladies of the most delicate constitution testify to its harmless and its restorative properties. Physicians everywhere, disgusted with the adulterated liquors of commerce, describe it as the best and most reliable of all stomachics. Its effects are instantaneous. It does not require weeks of doing before its virtues are realized. Thousands sit down to their meals void of appetite, eating because others eat. The food thus forced into the stomach does positive harm. Instead of strengthening the system it engenders a variety of ailments, which end in confirmed dyspepsia.

### SAFETY AND MOST RELIABLE.

HOPPETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

### Cariboo News.

Mr Thomas Jordan foreman of the Floyd co. met an accident which is feared will prove fatal. He fell and fractured his skull. The first new flour of the season was brought on the creek on the 18th inst, from the Protection Mills, Deep Creek. The cargo consisted of 15,000 lbs. Mr Allan has opened a pack-trail to Mustang creek. The foundation of

### MINING INTELLIGENCE.

(From the Cariboo Sentinel, 20th Oct.)  
We have very little to record this week of an encouraging nature by way of mining news. "No water" is still the cry that comes from every creek and gulch in Cariboo; and although the weather is warm and scarcely a sign of frost in the country, yet the miners are all idle for the want of water.

### WILLIAM CREEK.

The wash ups for last week were as follows: Barker co. 48 oz; Baldhead, 36 oz; Cariboo, 45 oz; Mosher, 80 oz; Sheepskin, 30 oz.

### The Sheepshead, Eagle and Never Sweat are making about wages.

The San Francisco, the only claim working above the canyon, took out 4 oz.

### ABOUT GULCH.

The Floyd is the only company working, and the amount taken out by it was 48 oz.

### HARD SCRABBLE CREEK.

Considerable activity prevails on this creek; several new claims were taken up last week and confidence is still strengthening, in its importance as a good mining creek. The Discovery co. commenced on Saturday to open up a breast with about four feet of pay gravel. The Slide company, immediately above, are down with their shaft about 20 feet. The Caradoc company have got down 30 feet, and are in good hard clay. The Mary Ann company, in conjunction with the Cambrian, have run a tail race, and are down with a shaft about 15 feet. The Greenhorn co. have started a shaft, and a new company of 600 feet has just been located above them.

### TOM CREEK.

Messrs Orr, Sargent and J Cain have gone down to prospect on this creek for the winter. They took down on Friday last 1400 lbs of grub and mining tools.

### MUSTANG CREEK.

Mr Allan has taken out 1500 lbs. of grub, and intends to remain and work through the winter. He has every faith that the creek will prove rich.

### HARVEY CREEK.

Dr Carrall and George Devos start out to-day for this creek with a pack train and a supply of goods with the intention of working the Minnehaha claim through the winter. By last accounts a fine prospect had been struck in this claim.

### KEITHLEY CREEK.

The Baxter co. are doing well. The Stonewall and Deadbroke are prospecting. On Little Lake the Chinamen are making about \$12 per day to the hand.

### CHISHOLM CREEK.

Robertson & co. are running in a tunnel below the mouth of Jackson gulch. Haliday & co. are also running in a tunnel below Robertson & co. White & co. are down 16 feet with their shaft, and are still in clay.

### PETERS CREEK.

No companies working at present, except the Discovery co. The company of Cornishmen who have been sinking in the creek, immediately above the Discovery co, have suspended operations until the spring, when they intend erecting machinery over their present shafts, which is down about 70 feet, and on bottom.

### RASFORD CREEK.

The Harvest co. have commenced a tunnel which will enable them to work all winter, and wash with the water of Peters creek.

4—Information from Fort...  
4—Pierre Chateaux, one of...  
5—The twentieth annual...  
Oct 5—A public reception...  
Oct 6—Wm Parker, Super...  
The South American coast...  
AL EXPORTS...  
ing Intelligence...  
PORTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA...  
ENTERED...  
ARRIVED...  
DEPARTED...  
SIGNERS...  
DIED...  
short illness, Harriet E. J., wife of...