By Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

Total Loss of the Active.

ALL HANDS SAFE!

Death of Chas Dickens!

California.

JACKSONVILLE (Oregon), June 11—Information was received here this morning from Crescent City that the steamer Active, bound for Victoria, was wrecked on a rock about 22 miles south of Cape Mendocino, on the 5th or 6th inst. The vessel is a total loss. No lives were lost. Forty tons of freight and most of the baggage were saved.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11—Arrived—Bark Lizzie and Rosa, 92 days from Newcastle.

Cleared—Bark Shooting Star, Nanaimo.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13—The passengers taken from the Active arrived by the steamship Pacific last evening from Crescent City. The mails and most of the baggage are safe. The disaster occurred during the prevalence of a thick fog.

The Active's passengers will be sent to Victoria on the N P T Company's iron propeller Pelican, which will sail to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13—The Active went ashore in a dense fog. She is not yet broken up but will go to pieces in the first blow. The inhabitants from points along the coast flocked to the scene, determined to plunder the wreck and being joined by two of the crew who had been whipped for stealing from passengers' baggage, they attempted to take forcible possession of the freight and baggage saved, but were driven off with shot guns. When the Pacific left a long line of lights on shore showed that the wreckers were encamped there and would probably renew the attempt to plunder. Capt Lyon and the entire crew remained behind to look after the wreck and freight. It is thought that about one-half of the freight—of which she had about ninety tons—will be saved in damaged condition. Nearly if not quite all the baggage was saved, very little of it being damaged. Some miscreant broke open a valise and a few other petty thefts were perpetrated. Wells, Farge's freight is valued at about fifty thousand dollars, nearly all of which is badly damaged, if not entirely ruined. The total value of the cargo is probably about $100 000. The passengers all unite in a card exonerating Capt Lyon and thanking him for attentions to them. Most of them returned here by the Pacific. Following is a list of those of the passengers wrecked on the Active who returned here by the Pacific:—Mrs Hankin, C S Jones, H H Nagle, John S Paul, W H Fleet, Robert Douglas, Finlay McRae, David Marshall, Edwin Bruce, Chas Steward, D Cruickshanks, W H Trimble, Jas Wilson, John McArdle, Luther Ottis, Henry Wells, Chas W Ashley, Nicholas Baker, Jos Saraphic, James Kirk, L Lucre, A G Klaucke, D McRae, A Frazer, A Cook, Mrs Patterson, Emma J Phelps, Francis E Eaton, Mrs Lewis, Mrs C E P Wood, Mary Wood, Rosina Lewis, Mrs T F McElroy, Mary Slocum, Mrs Conklin, Belle Evans, Miss Sarah Elizabeth Allen, Mrs Gooding, Mrs Kelley, Alexander McGarrie, C A Noltemeier, James Kelley, T O'Connell.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13—Arrived—U S steamer Shubrick, Shoalwater Bay; bark Tidal Wave, Port Madison; schooner W S Williams Coose Bay, Walter Raleigh, Seattle.

Sailed—Steamer California, Astoria; bark Chris Mitchell, Port Madison.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11—The Mercantile Library lottery office is still open. The managers are still selling tickets to all who desire them, but the demand has fallen off materially, pending the decision of application for injunction, which will be heard on Monday. It is reported on the street, that the injunction was issued at the instigation of parties connected with the Catholic Orphan Asylum, who had asked the Legislature for some privileges similar to those granted to the Mercantile Library for the benefit of their institution, and failed to receive permission. There is nothing definite known on which to base these reports. The managers declare there's not slightest doubt that the injunction will be denied.

The gold quartz from the newly discovered mining camp, on Date Creek district, between Prescott and Wyckenburg received here is creating a decided sensation. It is exceedingly rich free gold resembling the famous vulture rock. A company is to be formed at once, comprising a number of eastern capitalists to work it.

John Miles, employed at the North Point warehouse, while hoisting rice, was caught under the jaw by a sharp hook in the tackle, and hoisted some 25 feet in the air, and was suspended for several minutes before he could be let down and the hook pulled out of the flesh. His wound is very serious but not fatal.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 9—Flour—Superfine, $5@5 25; extra, in sks, $5 75.

Wheat—200 sks, new crop, sample lot of 1000 sacks ready threshed, received this morning from Yolo county; quiet at $1 50@1 80.

Barley, $1 20@1 25.

Oats—2000 sks inferior, private, $1 70; market quiet at $1 55@1 95.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10—A Committee of the Board of Supervisors visited the almshouse last evening to see it illuminated with pneumatic gas. The test was highly satisfactory.

It is currently reported that the proceedings against the Mercantile Library Association for the injunction on its lottery will be withdrawn.

The Grand Grove of Druids is still in session, and their new officers will be installed to-day.

The new officers of the Mechanics' Institute were installed last night.

Commodore Taylor, commanding North Pacific Squadron, and his staff, made the tour of the fortifications in this harbor yesterday.

Sailed—Brig Levi Stevens, Port Townsend; ship Nord, Nanaimo.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 11—Greenbacks 89, selling 89½, very stiff.

A dense fog prevails, with a strong southwest wind. The mist is heavy enough to wet the dust completely.

Europe.

LONDON, June 10—Charles Dickens died at 6·20 last evening of paralysis.

Later—The death of Dickens causes profound sorrow throughout the land. He was apparently in good health on Wednesday and wrote several pages of *Edwin Drood*. There are unusual demonstrations of public grief in London and other cities.

PARIS, June 11—The French Government renews the negotiations with Minister Washburne for a new postal treaty with the U S, and accepts Cresswell's conditions of last year.

NEW YORK, June 9—The *Tribune's* London correspondent confirms by telegraph the statement that the alleged Roumania butchery was simply a student's joke.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 8—The fire in Pera district is subdued. Over 70 000 buildings of all sorts were destroyed—many of them among the best in the city. The loss of life greatly exceeds first estimates. The remains of 150 human beings have been found—supposed to be about half the actual loss. The total pecuniary loss is computed at about 25 million pounds sterling. English underwriters will suffer heavily.

MADRID, June 9—In the Cortes yesterday a motion to elect a king by direct vote of the people was lost, and a provision requiring candidates to receive a majority equal to half the whole number of deputies, was carried by 138 to 124.

PARIS, June 8—Advices from Rome state that the Œcumenical Council are engaged in the discussion of the infallibility scheme by sections. The debate on the preamble is closed. There were one or two exciting passages between supporters and opponents of the proposed dogma, but the minority are now silent and passive. Great demonstrations were made yesterday in favor of infallibility; the Jesuites were the prime movers. A large procession passed through the streets bearing banners inscribed 'No Papal Infallibility.'

MADRID, June 8—Amnesty will be immediately declared for all Republicans compromised in the last insurrection.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, June 9—The Senate Committee on Commerce has agreed to subsidise the Australian steamship line, which looks favorable for the Pacific mail subsidy.

The Red Cloud delegation had an interview with the President to-day. Red Cloud made a speech previous to his departure. The President promised to use authority for the protection of Indians on reservations as well as for whites against the redskins.

Davis of New York, from the Judiciary Committee, reported that the bill establishing Universal System Naturalization requires as a condition of citizenship three years residence with the intention of becoming a citizen, except in the case of aliens who enlisted in the army and who were honorably discharged, who may become citizens upon one year's actual residence. The bill was discussed at length. Among its opponents was Sargent, who opposed it unless the amendment offered by Fitch, excluding Chinese and Japanese, was passed. Fitch and Axtel closed the debate: The bill was tabled by 102 to 62.

T M Somler is nominated Receiver of Public Monies at Olympia, W T.

CHICAGO, June 9—A Washington special says in the debate in the Executive session yesterday on the San Domingo treaty, Senator Ferry was very bitter against the President, charging him with being interested with Babcock in a corrupt job to get the treaty through.

Sumner was also very severe on the President.

WHEELING, June 9—The Democratic State Convention met at Charleston, the new Capital of State, yesterday. It was largely attended. The platform demands taxation of capital, expunging from the statute books every form of test oath, and the restoration of the ballot to the disfranchised, and declares that the white race is the superior and ruling race of the country.

Jno J Jacobs of Hampshire county was nominated for Governor.

DETROIT, June 9—Gov Baldwin has summoned an extraordinary session of the legislative for 27th July at Lansing. The proclamation says the late Supreme Court decision relative to railroad bonds necessitates some action.

RUTLAND, Vt, June 9—The accident on the Rutland railroad was worse than first reported. Only one man escaped injury, three were killed outright and two of the wounded—Douglas Flint, President of the Boston, Saratoga and Western railroad, and A B Fields—have since died. W H Emerson and several others were horribly scalded.

BOSTON, June 9—The best time on record was made to double teams by Jessie Wales and Harkness. Time—2min 28¼sec.

BOSTON, June 10—Resolutions of sympathy for the people of British Provinces who desire union with the United States, were passed unanimously in the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

A number of horticulturists headed by Col Marshal P Wilder with aids, have left here or San Francisco, where they will be joined by a New York party.

ST LOUIS, June 12—Representatives of the Cherokee, Creek, Seminole and Osage Indians held a council in the Creek territory to consider the territorial and railroad bills and other schemes affecting the welfare of Indians. The council adopted an address to the President, Congress and people of the United States. They ask nothing except that the compacts between them and the Government be faithfully observed. They appeal to the President and people of the United States to defend them from the schemes of ambitious men.

CHICAGO, June 10—The *Tribune's* New York special says that the discussion on the San Domingo question is developing a great amount of bad feeling. The debate in the Executive to-day was marked by bitterness and excitement such as few senators ever before witnessed. The vote last Tuesday on tabling the Schurz resolution for investigation was a tie, and the Vice President gave his casting vote in the affirmative. To-day an effort was made to obtain reconsideration. The Vice President was taken to task by several senators, who declared that it was not decorous for him as part of the administration to stifle investigation of that matter in debate last evening. Three or four senators got into a wrangle almost without precedent for the last ten years, during which the 'lie' was exchanged.

WASHINGTON, June 9—The Senate Committee have reported favorably on the Bill granting a subsidy to Australian and New Zealand steam line *via* San Francisco, and as soon as the Bill passes, tenders will be invited for service, and advertised for sixty days. The contract will only be let conditionally upon contractors obtaining half of the whole amount from the colonies. The question as to termini and ports of call is to be left to the colonies to arrange with the contractors.

WASHINGTON, June 10—In the Senate a Bill relative to land subsidy to Central Branch Union Pacific Railroad was discussed, and Mr Howard offered an amendment which was agreed upon by both parties. The bill does not grant any funds in Nebraska to the Central Branch, but gives such lands to other branches as the Company's Bill recommends.

A correspondent for the New York *Post*, having reported charges against Fitch, relative to Cuban bonds, was brought before the bar of the House, by order, and under arrest, and stated that he procured his information from official documents, namely, the sworn statement of N D Taylor before the Grand Jury. Gen. Butler said he did not consider them as directly implicating Fitch as it did not appear that he in any way responded to approaches of Taylor. A Committee was appointed to investigate, and the correspondent was discharged.

Smith read a dispatch from Salem announcing that the Democrats have 12 majority in the Oregon Legislature. Applause by Democrats.

The Committee of Conference on Army Bill have completed their report. Army is to be reduced to 30,000 men. All important points in both Senate and House Bills agreed too.

Red Cloud and party had an interview to-day with Secretary Fox and Commissioner Parker.

WASHINGTON, June 11—Bills passed making uniform the salaries of Chief Justices and Associates in Territories, and extending for six months the provisions of the act for the presentation of claims for additional bounty.

Red Cloud denies all knowledge of the treaty of 1867 and says it is all a lie. Copies of it have been given to Indians for interpretation and another ceremonial will be held to-morrow.

Major Gaden has arrived on a mission from the San Francisco Board of Trade. Having obtained the co-operation of the Chicago Board, he will be heard on Wednesday next by the Ways and Means Committee on the subject of transportation of imported goods from New York and other ports of entry to San Francisco and Chicago in locked cars under charge of the Custom House Officers, duties to be paid at destination.

NEW YORK, June 10—A contrivance for filling locomotive tenders with water while at full speed, was applied successfully yesterday on the Hudson River Railroad. A tank sunk between the tracks was filled with water from which, by aid of a pipe dropped at the proper time, water is forced into the tender. Upwards of 1600 gallons were forced into the tender yesterday, the engine going at the rate of 35 miles an hour.

WILMINGTON, N C, June 10—The Republican Congressional Convention of the Third District after stormy session, split and nominated Dockey. It refused to endorse Holder's administration. Another ticket will be nominated, or the bolters will support Stafford, Conservative.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

Cuba.

HAVANA, June 9—A Spanish column was attacked by rebels in ambush at Sierra de Cubana. The rebels were defeated with 12 killed, including 2 chiefs. The insurgents lost 28 killed in two recent engagements.

HAVANA, June 6—The Captain General telegraphs that a filibustering expedition from New York on the steamer Upton, disembarked at Puerto Bravo, a few miles east of Neuvitas. It was attacked by Spanish troops one hundred strong, assisted by by two gunboats, and dispersed, losing nine, including Captain Harrison, two drowned and three prisoners. The steamer's launch, rubber rafts and the entire cargo of arms, ammunition and medicines was captured, with the correspondence. Cismaro, who commanded the expedition, had sailed on the Upton for Colombia to bring back an expedition of two hundred Colombians. The *Vox de Cuba* says six tons of powder, two thousand rifles and the entire material of the expedition fell into the hands of the Spanish troops. Several prisoners were executed.

Central America.

The latest news from the Darien surveying party is that the United States steamer Nyack had proceeded up the Savana river, about sixteen miles, where she anchored. They had made surveys as they had gone, and had also sent four boats with a surveying party further up the river. Another party had ascended in boats as far as the River Iara, and there awaited the arrival of the exploring party from the Atlantic. All on board the Nyack were in good health.

South America.

Dates from Lima are to the 18th.

PERU.—There are rumors of a proximate rupture of amicable relations between Peru and Bolivia.

The great conflagration at Payta, on the 19th of March, in the middle of the day, resulted in the burning down of eleven houses and the loss of considerable property. The church of La Merced was destroyed.

The great equinoctial gale of the 23rd has seemingly done a good deal of mischief both to the north and to the south. At Cerro Azul the schooner Nueva Idea went down with all her crew, among which were two Englishmen, by name Charles L Salter and William Simmons. At Chancay, several launches were stove in, but no loss of life is said to have occurred. At Arica the strong box of the United States steamer Fredonia, (run ashore on the memorable 13th August 1868), was found near the beach. There was of course a scramble for its contents by the populace, and very little of it was recovered when the authorities at last took notice of it.

H M S Ringdove has left on a cruise to the South. On the 31st there arrived at Callao bay, H M S Chanticleer, seven guns, Commander Bridges, with one hundred and seventy-five men on board. The U S corvette Nyack left on the 4th, bound northward, and is to be employed in surveys about the Darien Canal projects. The U S corvette Kearsage has returned from her cruise, and is likely to remain some time in Callao bay.

The Peruvian Squadron, including the monitors, are expected to arrive at Lima within a month, account having been received here of their having passed through the Straits and entered the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. Daftnell, Her Majesty's Vice-Consul to Pisco, will go to the Guanape Islands provisionally in representation of the Callao Consulate.

China and Japan.

By the arrival of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's steamer Japan, at San Francisco, we have dates from Hongkong to April 12th, and from Yokahama to April 22d:

From the Shanghai *News Letter*, of April 11th, we glean the following:

A letter from Tientsin says this has been a colder winter than usual; but fortunately for the Chinese fuel has been cheap. There has been much sickness, and the mortality among children has been fearful. The foreign community has suffered as well as the Chinese. The house of Messrs Sassoon & Sons have lost its Agent. At the 'Imperial Arsenal,' there have been seven cases of small-pox, with one death. H M gunboat Opossum has also been infected by this disease.

Intelligence from the seat of war is anything but encouraging to the Imperial cause. Two serious defeats are reported, one in the province of Shensi where the Hwei-fei routed Tsu-tsung-tang's army killing his leading General, Lieu, and killed or captured some 2000 soldiers, with all their equipments; the other in Kwei-chow, which, though as serious perhaps in losses, is not so perplexing to the Government as the former. For a year or more the war in Shensi and Kansuh has been prosecuted with apparent vigor by the brave Tsu-tsung, and more that once the Pekin *Gazette* has chronicled his victories. But despite all his promises relative to the speedy suppression of the rebellion, the heavy *Likiang* exactions and the sale of office cannot yet be abandoned. At last advices the rebels, encouraged by their successes, were threatening another eruption in the valley of the Yellow river, and Li hung-chang, whilom Commander-in-chief of the 'ever-victorious army,' has been ordered to go and stay their progress. The garrison at Nankio, some 3000 strong, and the camps at Fung-hwang-shan, all of them foreign drilled troops, are also under orders to move, some say to the rescue in Kwei-chow, others, to join Li in his march against the Hwei-fei.

A brisk shipping business was done in Hongkong during the year 1869. According to the Harbor Master's report, 2223 foreign vessels, representing tonnage to the amount of 1,127,875 tons, have entered, out of which the British flag claims over 600,000 tons. The junk trade is not so active, owing to the custom's cruisers, which are always putting themselves in the way of legitimate traffic.

From the Japan *Gazette* of April 22d we give the following summary of news:

This country is now apparently profoundly quiet. The rumors of troubles are almost unheard; or, at any rate, the cry of 'wolf' has been so frequently heard that it ceases to command attention, and everything that we actually see denotes peace.

The report via London, that the Governor Consul at Yeddo had been murdered, was incorrect. The following from the Japan *Mail* probably furnished the foundation for the report—

'During the night of Tuesday week Colonel Shepard, U S Consul at Yedo, was aroused by a noise in his room, caused by a Japanese who had obtained an entrance into it for purposes it is difficult to ascertain. At first there were grounds for suspecting an attempt at murder and identifying it with political causes, but on further inquiry this view seems to disappear. The moment the man was disturbed he made off, which would hardly have been the case had he determined on assassination. He carried a short sword, but this is too common a custom to be taken as final evidence as regards his object. Col Shepard gave chase and fired three shots in the direction of the fugitive, but without effect. As to any personal feeling against the Consul, it is in the highest degree impossible, as he is universally esteemed among the Japanese for his kindness of disposition and pleasant bearing toward them.'

The Government railways will, we suppose, soon have a commencement. Mr Morrell, the engineer-in-chief, has arrived and has already had conferences with the authorities in Yeddo.

Admiral Rowan left Hong Kong March 12, by the Pacific Mail steamer America, for Japan, to hold a court of inquiry upon the surviving naval officers of the U S steamer Oneida.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, June 9—The Minnisota delegation favor the course of Canada towards Reil who will involve the whole Northwest Territory in war. The Manitoba Act more than concedes to Reil's demand except in the important omissions of amnesty. News from Fort Garry shows that Reil will resist the Canadian troops with 3000 men. Every day's delay makes the situation more critical and renders more necessary interposition by our government for the security of our frontier. Senator Ramsay's resolution calling for such mediation will soon be the subject of report from the foreign relations committee.

COAL EXPORTS

From Nanaimo, for the month ending May 30, 1870.

DATE.	VESSEL.	MASTER.	T.	C.	DESTINATION
3...	stmr Fly,	McIntosh	80	05	Victoria
...	stmr Emily Harris,	McIntosh	59	00	do
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6...	stmr Newbern,	Freeman	224	00	do
...	H M S Beaver,	Pender	45	00	do
7...	ship Shooting Star,	Austin	1003	00	San Franc'o
...	stmr Fly,	McIntosh	90	05	Victoria
...	stmr Emily Harris,	McIntosh	65	10	do
9...	sch Black Diamond,	Rudlin	104	10	do
10...	stmr California,	Rogers	198	00	Own Use
11...	stmr Constantine,	Small	170	00	do
...	stmr Emma,	Ettershank	6	00	do
16...	stmr Otter,	Lewis	81	10	do
18...	stmr Isabel,	Devereux	20	05	do
19...	stmr Fly,	McIntosh	81	05	Victoria
...	do do	do	3	05	Own Use
...	stmr Emily Harris,	McIntosh	62	10	Victoria
20...	stmr Emma,	Ettershank	3	10	Own Use
...	sch Black Diamond,	Rudlin	102	00	Victoria
27...	stmr Emma,	Ettershank	3	15	Own Use
		Total	2357	00	

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

June 7—Stmr Olympia, Finch, Port Townsend
June 9—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
10—Stmr Varuna, Nash, Port Townsend
June 11—Slp Ocean Queen, Dick, San Juan
Schr Surprise, Carleton, West Coast
June 13—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New West's
Stmr Emma, Ettershank, Nanaimo and Burrard Inlet

CLEARED.

June 7—Stmr Olympia, Finch Port Townsend
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June 9—Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
10—Stmr Varuna, Nash, Port Townsend
June 11—Slp Ringleader, Lake, San Juan
Sch Surprise, Carleton, West Coast V I
June 13—Ip Yellow Lane, Spence, San Juan

MEMORANDA.

The N P T Co's steamship California left Portland at 7 30 p. m, June 6; arrived at Astoria 5 30 p.m, June 7; crossed the Bar at 8 a.m, entered the Straits at 3 a. m, the 8th; landed off Neah Bay and left at 5 15 p.m, and arrived off Victoria harbor at 12 m.

PASSENGERS

Per schr Dreadnaught, fm San Francisco—J Elliott, C Elliott, A Muller, and 37 Chinamen.

Per stmr Olympia, fm Puget Sound—Walker and wife, Miss Walker, Dr Walker, Mrs Pond, Mrs Huntingdon, Miss Patterson, Miss Josie Clark, Lindsley, Tabor, Shannon, T A Wilson, Dr Tolmie, Capt Mitchell, Smith and wife, and 12 Indians.

Per steamship California, from Portland—Capt R Hoyt J Levy, H Failing & wife, T Robertson & wife, A Francis L Boscowitz, Geo Manson, Wm Manson, wife, son, daughter and servant, D Manson, W G Manson, G H Armstrong A J Curtis, Miss E Griffith, Mrs T Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Watkins, Miss M Mulvaug, J W Griffith, B Saunders, J Fitzpatrick, W McDonald, A McRae, H McCurie, D McRae and 148 Chinamen.

CONSIGNEES.

Per stmr California, fm Portland—SM, WF & Co, Fell & Co, Thos York, RC, DH, S, HsCo, SE, RC, M&B, JH, T James, JGN.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr California, fm Portland—89 sks wheat, 23 kgs dried apples, 2 kgs lard, 283 sks middlings, 920sks flour, 10 bdls newspaper, 1 box cheese, 3 cs mowers, 34 pkgs agricultural implements 6 pkgs papers, mdse and express matter.

Per schr DREADNOUGHT, from San Francisco—4 kgs iron bolts, 1 pkg leather, 15 cks malt liquors, 18 pkgs meal, 14 cs coal oil, 4 cs olive oil, 42 cs cheese, 12 stoves, 1 cs smoked beef, 22 cs spices, 20 cs starch, 258 bxs soap, 139 sks salt, 310 kgs syrup, 10 bbls syrup, 50 hf-bbls sugar 25 bxs sugar, 50 pkgs tea, 6 doz buckets, 4 nests tubs, 5 bbls whisky, 15 cs yeast powders, 3 pkgs agricul'l impl'ts, 10 carboys acids, 1 cs alcohol, 400s boots & shoes 140 sks barley, 1 ck bottles, 89 doz brooms, 14 cs blacking, 91 coils cordage, 1 cs chocolate, 246 cs case goods, 84 bgs coffee, 4 pkgs drugs, 1 crate earthenware, 100sks flour 23 pkgs furniture, 1 cs fancy goods, 445 pkgs groceries, 6 bls hops, 111 pks hardware, 1 pkg isinglass, 21 iron plates 16 brs iron, 2 boiler heads, 50 boiler tubes. Value—$17,152 95.

BIRTH.

In this city, June 11th, the wife of Mr Wm McKeon of a daughter.

At New Westminster on the morning of the 9th inst, the wife of W. J. Armstrong, Esq, of a son.

MARRIED.

In this city, on the 11th inst, by the Rev A E Ross, Mr Samuel Stubbs to Miss Harriet Mills, both of Victoria.

DIED.

In this city, at the French Hospital, on Sunday, the 12th inst, Mr Alex McPherson, aged 50 years, a native of Quebec, Canada, and lately of Barkerville, B C.

At James Bay, on the 7th inst, Annie Gertrude, infant daughter of Richard and Kate Wolfenden, aged 11 months and 17 days.

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cents three letters would be sen
only one would be sent were it
and so on in still greater prop
the rate increases. We do n
to say, however, that such
be the *immediate* result.
do nevertheless affirm that such
inevitable tendency of cheap
This theory has been so clea
forcibly demonstrated in the hi
the United Kingdom, the United
Canada and, in fact, in the case
civilized country where the exp
has been made, that no words
in support of it will be ne
Thus, then, it is found that,
from a mere commercial or do
cent stand-point, cheap postag
true policy of every civilized
But there is a higher point
from which this question should
garded. Intelligence is the
stone of a free government.
literature is a vital necessity of
gress and welfare of a free and
ened people. An efficient mail
and cheap postage may, therefo
unfitly be regarded in the ligh
great civilizer; for not only d
mail constitute the medium
transmission of letters, but, if co
upon liberal principles, it con
also the chief medium for the dis
tion of knowledge. That Briti
lumbia does not enjoy either
quate mail service or cheap
rates it is not necessary for us t
Of that fact the colonists, and n
pecially those residing in the
are but too well aware. In t