Tuesday, August 16, 1864.

THE SOOKE PRE-EMPTION. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a

crown." Alexander, with all his conquests, had his share of human miseries and anxi- behind the time stipulated in the Proclamaties; and Cromwell, we are told, spent many tion. In this question, we have nothing to a sleepless night on account of his Protector- do with the cry raised about "the poor man." ship. It is, indeed, one of the penalties of Whether Thompson was bordering on starva greatness to be, in Irish parlance, "both- tion or wealthy as a Rothschild, has as little ered." Governor Kennedy, although neither to do with the merits of the case as whether a Cromwell nor an Alexander, cannot expect the property is valueless or worth the town to get rid of those trials and tribulations that site of Victoria. The simple question at isare the concomitants of rule, whether in an sue is whether Thompson can prove that he told in Vancouver Island at times that he stipulations of the act, in that respect. The is a despot, and be thrown into consternation mere fact as we have shown of his non-paysome day by arriving at the knowledge ment of twenty-five or thirty dollars at a through the public press that he has " robbed specified time, could not, under the above a roor man" not of his "beer" but of his land. consideration, in the slightest degree destroy He will occasionally be charged with aiming his title, especially when he had not been some desperate death-blow at the people's notified of any such consequences. When liberties, and will be reminded that there we look, however, at the action of the late was a King John once that had to grant Government in these land transactions, Magna Charta, and a King Charles that had Thompson's remissness in not paying up his to submit to decapitation. All these things instalment punctually is by no means unwe dare say Governor Kennedy is by this pardonable. It was the fashion to have the time prepared to hear-or if he is not will settlers in arrears in their instalments have to be. He must bear himself bravely; for it was found very convenient when voand when he is called a monster, a vampire, ting day came on; and Mr. Pemberton, no or any other thrilling and romantic appella- doubt through the force of habit, did not tion that a fertite mind may conjure up, he seem unduly anxious for Thompson's instalmust not be frightened out of his propriety, ment and so led the latter gentleman probut eat his daily bread with as much non- bably to feel easy on the matter. That the chalance as those terrible fire-eaters who land should turn out valuable is only what sould discuss calmly and luxuriously that every settler in a new country anticipates breakfast of "pistols and coffee for two." when he undertakes the vicissitudes of a We ourselves have occasionally something pioneer's life, and Thompson is no more to say against His Excellency's administra- lucky, supposing the embryo town site ever tion; we did not like his action on the Bar- to pay for its survey, than thousands of setzister's Bill, nor were we especially enamored there in Canada or the neighboring States. of his recent mining regulations; but we At all events we would impress upon the can assure him for all that, that we do not Government the fact that permanent popularegard him in the light of a murderer, a high- tion is what we want ; and if we could conwayman, or even a "picker up of inconsider- vert three-fourths of our inhabitants to-morate triffes," In fact we do not believe His row into bona fide settlers by giving away Excellency is an enemy of the human race, of the land, we would be creating sources of society, or of Vanceuver Island. We say revenue that would shortly pay the upset this advisedly; although we are about to ob- price over and over again. ject to a third instance of what we conceive to be government misapprehension.

A commission has been appointed by His Excellency to decide on a case of land dispute between the government and a settler in the Sooke district, named Thompson. The circumstances of this case, so far as we can learn, are as follows: Thompson pre-empts a learn, are as follows: Thompson pre-empts a General Pearse and party, Mr. J. Hughes, piece of land in the usual way, in March, 1863. resident magistrate for Socke. Mr. Wm. In April of the present year, he applies to the Farren and Mr. Barthnick, both well-known flower, handed in the following presentment, BENSON'S WATCHES & CLOCKS Land Office for a certificate of improvement. Uariboo men, also went down, with provis-with the testimony of Mr. Nagle and a Mr. They intend to pack. Jones, a resident of Sooke, to the effect that roughly, and we may hope to hear favorable the necessary amount had been expended on reports through their energy and persever the land. The Land Office objects to Mr. ance Jones because it doesn't know Mr. Jonesor probably because the Jones family is rather the Governor has appointed the Surveyor large, and that it cannot pick out the Jones General, Treasurer, and Mr. Wood, barrister, of Sooke, from amongst the number; it as commissioners to decide between the Gotherefore calls upon Mr. Thompson to obtain the signature of a gentleman whose patronymic is more Scotch in its origin, and more rare in its application. We are not told why this name was not obtained, more than the hint that there was a personal difficulty in the way; but we are informed that the Surveyor General told Thompson, when the latter made his application, that it was not necessary to pay his instalment to obtain the sertificate of improvement. Thompson again proceeds to the Land Office, on rough travelling reached Goldstream. the 4th of the present month, ready to pay his instalment and prove his claim to the certificate; but this time his title to the land chard Golledge and Charles James Hughes, is disputed on the ground that he had not Esquires, to be Justices of the Peace in and previously paid his instalment; and that for the Colony of Vancouver Island, and C. to New York by the steamers calling at the recent Proclamation in reference J. Hughes, Esq., to be acting resident Magisto oreserves embraced the property he trate in the Sooke district.

Such is the substance of the case that will come under the consideration of the Comcirculated yesterday that a rich prospect of mission. Whatever may be the decision of \$10 to the pan had been struck within fifteen that body, of one thing we feel certain, that miles of the city. The report does not emait is not the intention of the Government to nate, so far as traced, from an authentic deal out injustice to any inhabitant of the Island, and it is with no view therefore to cast Nor Resigned - Enquiries which we made any reflection on the administration of His yesterday, enable us to state that the Attore Excellency, that we proceed to show that on ney General has not sent in his resignation. principle the recent act complained of is untenable. The object above all others which the Government of a new country should aim Williams' grey mate Fashion, and the horse at is the settling up of the public lands. The Oregon Bawley, was run yesterday on the principle is in lact the only one upon which Bencon Hill course, and was witnessed by tlement, we have, therefore, those liberal land of speciators. The distance run was only a systems which characterise the Governments quarter of a mile, but what created more than of the New World. We have had large usual interest in the race was that the terms of the match were "horse for horse, and a stake of \$250." Fashion, which is a well head little mare, possessing great speed for a sate of improvement, in April last, no failure account of himself on some future occasion.

in paying the instalment could evidently in- "IT NEVER RAINS BUT IT POURS."-Mr. validate his claim; for what he would have been obliged to pay as an instalment would where the proposed town site is located, yesbe covered ten times by the value placed on the property; least of all could reasonable objection be taken when the man was willing and able to pay the amount before it was demanded of him,—although several months empire or a colony. He must expect to be has been a bone fide settler, and fulfilled the

### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Wednesday, August 10. STILL THEY Go .- The steamer Alexandra carried down to Sooke yesterday upwards of sixty " hardy miners," bound for the new dig gings, among them were Assistant Surveyor

THE SOOKE TOWN SITE.-His Excellency vernment and Thompson in regard to the pre-emption of the latter at the landing at Sooke. The commission held its first sitting in the Government offices yesterday, and adjourned till to-day.

ARRIVED OVERLAND. - Mr. Dickinson diggings and come through overland. They but eventually lost it, and after some very be protected.

GAZETTED .- The Government Gazette of yesterday contains the appointments of Ri-

REPORTED RICH STRIKE .- A report was

Thursday, August 11,

A SPORTING RACE.-A match between alsation can be founded. To induce set- His Excellency the Governor, and a number agricultural population; and the Govern- short spurt, was ridden by the successful ments acted wisely; for they knew that it jockey, Fitzpatrick. The Oregon horse, a fine was not land that made a country wealthy, well built bay possessing some excellent was not land that made a country wealthy, points, was taken to the stand by his owner. but people. The Vancouver Island Land Some time clapsed before the latter horse put Proclamation was framed with this intent.— in an appearance, owing to his exhibiting.

The settlement of the colony, not the great stubbornness when mounted. Finally, pecuniary interest of the Crown was they got away, the horse having a decided its object. When Thompson, therefore, took yards out of the course, which Fitzpatrick man the land and entered upon it as a bona immediately took advantage of, and pushed fide settler, he was carrying out the intention the mare in a winner by about ten lengths. of the Proclamation; when he was ready to The horse is apparently a strong runner, and prove that he had expended sufficient on the land to meet the requirements of the certifi-liams stud, and will no doubt give a better

Thompson, the owner of the ranch at Sooke terday received at the post-office no less than seven letters from his friends in Nova Importers and Wholesale Dealers Scotia, from whom he had not heard for two years. One of the letters gave him the lessing information that the property which he had left in Nova Scotia, then of comparatively little value, is now worth some £7,000, on account of the gold quartz discoveries which have lately been made in that province. Several of the quartz-mills are situated on

Mr. Thompson's property. THE SOOKE MINES .- The steamer Alexandra carried down some 30 passengers to Sooke yesterday and returned same evening at 8 o'clock, bringing back about the same number. The news from the mines continues good. An Italian drayman of this city took out \$8 in three hours with a pan. Parties were whipsawing lumber and preparing for sluicing.

THE SOOKE TOWN SITE .- The official de cision of the Commission appointed to consider Thompson's pre-emption claim at Sooke has not transpired, but we understand that it is in favor of his being allowed to retain his land. The decision meets with general approbation.

NANATMOITES FOR SOOKE .- The Emily Marris brought down fourteen passengers last night, all bound for Sooke. Great excitement existed in Coal-dom, and a "strike" had taken place among the miners for higher

THE EXPLORING PARTY.-Dr. Browne's party will leave Nanaimo to day for Barclay Sound, crossing thence to Comox.

### THE ASSIZES.

(BEFORE CHIEF JUSTICE CAMERON.) TUESDAY, August 8th.

Quarles - William Quarles was again arraigned upon a fresh indictment charging him with fraudulently obtaining goods under false representations from Messrs. Janion. Green & Rhodes of this

Prisoner's counsel, Mr. D. B. Ring, was not present. Quarles pleaded "not guilty," and protested against being tried twice for same offence.

The jurors were called but it was found that the Sooke gold fever had carried many of them off-and the requisite number could not be obtained. The court was accordingly adjourned until Friday next at 10 a. m., when those jurors who do not answer to their names must look out for squalls.

#### THE GRAND JURY.

The gentlemen forming the Grand Jury assembled Tuesday morning in full force at the Supreme Court, and upon the Chief Justice taking his seat upon the bench the foreman, Kenneth McKenzie, Esq., of Craig-

The Grand Jury would respectfully pro sent as follows, viz :

They would again draw the attention the court to the negligent manner in which some of the indictments laid before them were drawn up. Much delay is frequently eccasioned and in one instance the ends of astice might thereby have been frustrated. ished The Grand Jury has had prominently brought under its notice the damage and inconvenience suffered by occupiers and owners of property to the south of James Bay by the placing of barricades across the streets abut-ting on Beacon Hill. The Grand Jury while Mr. Carveth, and a party of miners arrived in recognising the necessity of any steps that town last night at 12 o'clock, having left the will preserve the public rights, would respectfully suggest that some plan be adopted followed the blazed trail for some distance, whilst private rights and privileges should

### K. McKenzie,

IRISH EMIGRATION DECREASING .- A Cork paper says: It gives us pleasure to be able to state that there is a considerable falling off in the number of persons seeking passage Queenstown. It is known that the great rush through this port for the past few months, has been, for the most part, of emigrants whose passages had been prepaid by friends in America, the proportion of those who emigrated at their own expense being compara tively small. The thousands who are influenced by the former inducement, have been nearly all swept away westward, and those who have not yet departed, quietly remain at their homes in the country till the days of sailing, for which respectively they have been booked, approach. The demand for passage by persons paying for themselves, has also for the past week or two, been suffering con-siderable diminution, as, indeed, it was anti-cipated would be the case, at this season, when the crops need tending, to insure a fruitful harvest of which latter, by the way, there is very fair promise. The consequence is that after the sailing of the Edinburgh, Olympus, and City of Washington, this week, there remains but a small number of emigrants at Queenstown. Yesterday there were but twenty awaiting the next Inman steamer, though the lists of the vessels of that ine are full up to the 17th instant.

The London Spectator, in a curious article on educated ignorance, says of the English people: "As a rule the masses know nothing the English peasantry, for example, not having an idea of any geography, and the educated very little indeed beyond a few names of places, and the general aspect of the map. They have very rarely an accurate notion of comparative size even in Europe. There were more than 400 members in the House of Commons when Cobden gave his account of the foundation of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles. We put it to the consciences of the majority-didenst the statements that Singapore was an old island, that it was a free port, that it was founded by Sir. Stamford Raffles, strike them as new infor-

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# The Weekly

Tuesday, August THE NEW

The Eastern intelligence b evening by H. M. S. Devasta 6th inst. Full details are giv attack on Petersburg, after the Confederate redan. The seem, was badly managed, th ing demoralized when almost the coveted heights which co The old fear of the " mine." the most fertile creator of effect on the colored troops, v advance, and back they came ing everything into confusion ture, the Confederates poured fire, and the Federals were quish the position they had o lost in the attack 2,500 men. troops acknowledge a loss of principally by the explosion fire which immediately follow Federal guns.

From Sherman's command

gence of a serious disaster the raiding party under Ge After destroying about eighte Macon railway, and otherw siderable damage to Hood's McCook was attacked by a under the Confederate Gener lost a large portion of his com were current that reinforceme Atlanta from Beauregard's Mobile, which, if true may r progress very materially. we may judge of his is not disposed to very highly, and it that his rashness will more lance the gain of obtaining His recent losses, if the des thing near the mark, have be severe. The forwarding of bile to Atlanta may probabl long-talked of Federal attack city-the number of Confeder its limits now being but two From the Shenandoah and sylvania and Maryland bord from the raiders show that numbers large enough to he thern enemy. Some engag won by one side, and offset another; but it is evident th troops will manage to get th Shenandoah valley. There news from Grant's army be of Meade being superseded the intelligence rather favor would indicate that some in both sides.

A "BEAR FACT."-Dur ploration made by Messr Dr. McCandels and Ochso trail to the mines, we lea received an unexpected visitor at their camp. Th had all retired for the nigh party was aroused by sh wakeful companion, an thrown at his head. Thi subject of some practical j er drew his blanket over hi down again into balmy rep ing he was horrified to lea eyes had been observed gli head. Mr. Munro sat with ready to salute his bearsh in case he intruded his pre travellers had neglected to fire burning, as a caution

the forest to keep at a resp DEATH OF A CANADIAN Michael Jordan, a native owning a ranch in Idaho I by the Indians on the 9th vages had made a descent a man, and driving off so mules, upon which Jordan of thirteen men, and at they were intrenched in number of two hundred os bravely for some time aga dous odds, a bullet pier and he fell dead among douekins, his party being obl as highly esteemed by brave and generous man.

SPORT AT THE MINES. are said to abound at the and the miners are now with venison, said to be ton. Salmon trout are in large quantities in the most agreeable change to varied fare upon which are at present compelled t

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