

The order of the day. That a certain J. P. not a thousand miles from Ladners Landing rise to explain the particulars concerning the New Cal'ed Cow. DELTA.

### OUR SERIOUS ARTICLE.

Experience has proved to the people of New Westminster that our present mail steamers do not study the interests of our city in the smallest degree, but to the contrary, and we need not expect any better treatment from any line of steamers that are owned in Victoria. The influence of that city has always been used against the advancement of New Westminster. Now, the question arises, what can we do to remedy those evils? We need a steamboat for the Victoria route, built for the express purpose of coming into this port at any season of the year. At no time during the past winter would a boat thus constructed have been unable to reach us. The winter of 1863 was an exception to the rule, and even that is 23 years ago. The steamboat we require need not be a very large one, but should be built for speed, and be able to make the trip in from 5 to 6 hours. Such a boat ought to be built for about \$20,000. The sum could surely be raised in our city for this purpose if the principal merchants take any interest in this very important matter. The Nanaimo people own a controlling interest in the Amelia, and no difficulty was experienced in raising the money. If a city smaller than ours can do this, surely we can. Another steamboat is required for the river trade. The Columbian has shown, in a leading article upon the subject, the extortionate demands made by the railway contractor; and again, any person travelling on the road in its present state, is risking his life while so-doing. The settlements up the river are all very anxious to have a steamer that will run through to Yale. That place itself would subscribe largely towards such a boat, and as the trade would no

warrant the construction of a steamer like the Irving or Rithet, a small one nearer the size of the Reliance, would meet with ample patronage to pay good interest on the investment. Something must be done during the coming season, and what is to be done should be done quickly.

### OUR NAME.

We have chosen the name Mosquito for ourselves because we intend to be found everywhere, giving full and fair warning of our presence, singing notes of warning, or, if necessary, coming down on our victim in such a quiet, noiseless way, that the first thing he knows will be our sting. We do not intend to be void of "the milk of human kindness," but we may have to obtain it by inserting our bill in some fortunate possessor thereof. And further, if some victim should try to kill us, the attempt might be attended by a self-delivered slap in the face, while we fly safely off, singing a joyful note of satisfaction and defiance.

### THE "MAIL" REFUTES.

EDITOR MOSQUITO:—Allow me, through your columns, to deny all current rumors which intimate that the Mail is connected with your Journal. Such, you are aware, is not the case, and I take these means of refuting all such false statements. Very truly, yours,  
E. K. SARGISON.

### MR. DEANE HEARD FROM.

MR. MOSQUITO:—Your kind of pests mostly attack new comers. I am an old hand here; therefore, you must be the new comer and mistaken your man. All I wanted the council to do, was to administer the physic to me, the same as they had done to others, which they declined and said the sidewalk could go into consumption and rot, they could stand it as long I could, thus entirely ignoring the trust reposed in them by the citizens as guardians of their interests. Your inexperience and youth will be the cause of your making many mistakes, but when you do catch the right man be careful and

find out the right spot, and then push in your sting right up to the nose and leave it there.

I am very much pleased with your little sheet; its appearance, independence, and true inwardness for our Royal City, and its interests, which has not yet been found to exist in the Coal Harbor Vindicator, or the Port Moody advocate;—those two papers being wholly taken up with their personal interests. Now, laddie, use more paper and larger type, so that an old man can read it, and I will at once quit the two destroyers of New Westminster, and take yours.

Hoping you will soon enlarge, and grow up to the full stature of a man and wishing you every success.

I am, sincerely yours,  
R. W. DEANE.

Our old citizen, Mr. George Weaster, returned on the Idaho, after an absence of two years.

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