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ation for the then existing Legislature of Vancouver Island, or should be attributed to any other motive than the desire to complete with promptitude an arrangement which I believe to be more in accordance with the main interests of the two colonies than with their wishes, and to terminate a state of uncertainty of which I am convinced the mischief is not overstated by the Assembly of Vancouver Island.

The Rumored Removal of the Public Offices.

A meeting was convened in the Chamber of Commerce rooms yesterday afternoon, at the call of the Hon. Dr. Helmcken, to consider a question of vital importance to the city and island at large. The meeting was composed of most of the influential and solid men of the place and the proceedings were listened to with marked interest.

Dr. Helmcken then proceeded to explain the object of the call. He said he thought it his duty to bring to the notice of the meeting that it was reported the Land Office, Courts, and, in fact, all the public offices, were about to be removed to some other place. These reports were so current that it seemed to him they might have some foundation in fact, and they were highly injurious to the best interests of the country by creating a feeling of insecurity in the public mind.

Mr. Wallace thought that Dr. Helmcken had so completely shown the necessity for action, that he would move the appointment of a committee to draft an address. Mr. Cochrane seconded the motion of Mr. Wallace, and alluded to the great injury that would be wrought on every inhabitant by the removal of the public offices from this place. He agreed with Dr. Helmcken, that a public meeting would only serve to increase the feeling of insecurity that prevailed.

Mr. Nathan seconded. Dr. Helmcken remarked that the paper he had read was only a rough draft, and he thought it should not be passed over too hurriedly. The Chairman agreed with the Doctor, that the draft should be referred to a committee, and should come before another meeting for adoption.

The Chairman then read, and slightly amended, and the address was adopted as a whole. The chairman on motion appointed a deputation of five gentlemen to wait, in conjunction with the city members, upon His Excellency and present the address; and the following gentlemen were named: Messrs. J. F. Shepherd, J. R. Stewart, Dr. Trimble, J. F. McCraith, J. C. Nicholson with the Chairman and Secretary.

After a vote of thanks to the chairman, the meeting adjourned. We have files of the Cariboo Sentinel to the 30th ult. The mining intelligence has been mainly anticipated by telegraph; but the following condensed items from the Columbian may, however, be found readable: Bitter complaint is made respecting the mail and express service.

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items of news. The weather continued pleasant. Snow from 10 to 12 inches, but very little frost, not enough to impede mining operations in any way. Public health was excellent. Markets unchanged, with the exception of flour and butter, the former having risen to \$23, per 100 lbs., and the latter to \$1 50 per lb.

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Prospecting is being carried on upon an extensive scale. There are 300 men on the creek. The Heron is now ranked as the richest claim in Cariboo.

From Cedar Creek the news is excellent. Messrs Paine and Moore had been over to Soda Creek and bought \$1400 worth of goods, for which they paid in Cedar Creek dust. There were only two companies washing, and their average was \$40 a day to the hand. Six other claims were being prospected, and would continue to be worked all winter.

Works are being carried on in the Stewart Washburn and Homestake and the east improves as they go down. In the Stewart they had got down 40 feet, where the ledge is from 3 feet to 4 feet in thickness, and the rock is quite as rich as any got near the surface. In the Washburn and Homestake the ledge is 2 feet 6 inches thick, and maintains its character for richness. The Poor Man's last ledge struck, promises to be the best defined and the richest ledge of any on the Creek.

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ENTERED. Dec 17—Strm Isabel, Stamp, Nanaimo. Sun Enterprise, Sawanoo, New Westminster. Slop Alarm, Smith, San Juan.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer FIDELITY, from Portland.—Fred Barrett, Mrs. Monro and child, D. Bigley, George Mansell, Wm. Webster.

CONSIGNEES. Per steamer FIDELITY, from Portland.—P and D; D. Horton; P. O. D.; A. & C.; E. L.; W. L.; Me; V. P. S. B.; J. G. H.; H. G. M.; G. P. G. P. A. M. O. G. H.; I. & G. W. H. R.; W. F. & C. O. & S. 300.

IMPORTS. Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—133 boxes apples, 84 doz chickens, 2 turkeys, 44 doz eggs, 21 doz butter, 10 doz oysters, 1 lot machinery, 118 doz fruit, 26 doz boxes, 26 sacks potatoes, 88 lbs butter, 1 cask apples. Value \$178.

ARRIVED. In this City, on the 20th inst., by the Very Rev. Dean Crigge, Edward Dickinson, of this City, 30 Miss Amanda Malvina Durand, of San Francisco. No cards. In this City, Dec. 19th, by Rev. Mr. Browning, C. John Pettit and Miss Miss A. Jones, youngest daughter of Samuel Jones, Esq. of St. John, New Brunswick.

Red River Settlement.

The Buffalo are said to be abundant in the neighborhood of Carlton and the South Branch of the Saskatchewan. The potato crop has been, we hear, everywhere plentiful, but we have heard lately of a yield which is truly astonishing. Mr. James McKay planted one potato in a separate part of his acre, for the purpose of testing the yield—the result was a bushel containing 316 potatoes. Mr. James McKay sowed twenty-eight bushels of wheat and the threshing machine a few days since gave him 550 bushels of clean unfrosted wheat.

Extraordinary Murder in Algeria.

A late Algerian paper relates the following: At El-Afron, after the conclusion of a fête, the overseer of a gang of convicts, a Zouave, and the clerk of the prison contractor, were drinking in a wine shop. After some conversations to wagers, the overseer suddenly said to the Zouave: "I will bet you five francs that I kill you at the first shot." The Zouave, considering the assertion a joke, accepted, and the other drawing a revolver, fired, and the soldier fell dead, shot through the forehead. The overseer then turned on the clerk and lodged a ball in his throat. At the noise of the reports the landlord and some assistants ran in and succeeded in securing the murderer. The clerk, although not dead, is considered to be in a very precarious state.

HOLIDAY SALE—Davies & Co. are opening an elegant assortment of seasonable goods, which will be offered on Monday by auction.

Governor Seymour will pass his Christmas in this city, and will not depart for the Capital until Wednesday next.

The Enterprise will leave for New Westminster this evening, returning, we presume, on Sunday.

The Enterprise proceeded to New Westminster at midnight on Saturday. She will return to-day.

From a letter from Cariboo. Mr. Adams has been to the Heron, and has obtained the following items of news.