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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ment of persons to record claims as proposed impression that the protection would be taken firing of guns from ships in harbor, except proposed an amendment by which 250 acres PROCEEDINGS.

Specially Reported for the British Colonist.]

Saturday's Sitting.

New Westminster, March 23d. The Council met at 11 a. m. Present-Hons Southgate, DeCosmos, Ball, Franklyn, Sanders, Wood, Crease, Macdonald, Helmeken, Birch, (presiding) Young, O'Reilly, Robson.

His Excellency's message No. 35, was read, giving assent to the following Bills : An ordinance to assimilate and amend the laws relating to licences and direct taxes on persons.

An ordinance to exempt the Homestead and other property from forced seizure, and sale in certain cases.

The Legal Practitioners ordinance 1867. was read a third time and passed. The Exchequer Debenture bill, passed a

scond reading. Hon Southgate gave notice that on Mon-

ty he would move that the provisions of e offinatice relating to Courty, Courts, be-stended to Vancouver Island, in order that Court with such jurisdiction be established at Nanaimo.

The adjourned Committee on the Victoria Incorporation Bill then resumed its sitting, Hon Ball in the chair. A long discussion followed on the several

clauses of the bill in which some alterations were made, several useful clauses added at the suggestion of hon DeCosmos. As the bill is still in an incomplete state, any allu-sion to the proposed modifications, would be more likely to mislead than enlighten the public. The nex. sitting of the Committee will probably give a more definite form to the ordinance, and the reports will become more generally interesting. The members who took part in the discussion were the hons Young, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Southgate, Macdonald, Crease and Wood.

Monday's Sitting.

The Council met at 2 p. m. Present-Hons Macdonald, Barnard, Brew, Smith, Cox, Ball, Wood, Crease, Franklyn, Robson, O'keilly, Sanders, DeCosmos, Helmcken, Young, Birch, (presiding) Southgate, Trutch.

Hon Smith asked the Council to recommend to His Excellency the Governor the necessity of appointing Justices of the Peace in the different districts throughout the interior ; also that some person be empowered to issue Miners certificates, and record mining claims at Savana's Ferry or Kamloops and Seymnur with a view to the better convenionce of miners engaged in these districts. This was one of the subjects that engaged the public attent on in the interior. A strong necessity was felt for the creation of new Justices of the Peace, for the protection of property and the maintainance of order. With the exception of the magistrate at Ashcroft, there was none nearer than the to be some one to fulfil the duty. He was suid there was great inconvenience. The Columbia Act, County Court Judges had sure that amongst the respectable settlers, want of magistrates was very unsatisfactory power to issue capiases; such a power he

would create great confusion. Hon Barnard did not see any difficulty to pectable storekeepers were just as capable this spring. of recording claims and issuing licences as any regularly appointed officer. In the event of the ground at Tranquil and the vicinity turning ont rich, there would be a resort to ordinance to extend the county courts ordibowie knizes and pistols owing to the absence of records.

Hon Cox-lo case of disputes as to the recovered at Nanaimo. Under the present fecords the clerk is called to give evidence system the inhabitants of Nanaimo found it a as to writing every copy bearing his serious inconvenience in being compelled to name, this of course would not be done if go down to Victoria with their witnesses when perrons were appointed as proposed.

ments when there was only a trail to Tran. than submit to the trouble and expense of a the House that it would cause great irregularity in the records, particularly as such persons would not understand the working to on the subject but was compelled to tell the

that the Government had shown every dis-position to appoint Justices of the Peace; creditors, who becoming enraged proceeded to of the session would permit. mining claims was the same as in the record- them for the assault. ing of preemptions, and he knew that such appointments could not be made to work in trouble to pass a Bill extending to the whole

that respect. If such a system was attempt- Colony. The English law would do with ed the different districts would have to be slight variation. subdivided into separate departments involving too much complication. Hon Crease-It was essentially necessary

that none but competent persons were entrusted with the administration of the mining laws, the hon member must be aware of that fact. There would be no harm in calling the attention of Government to the existence of such a want; but such appointments as those suggested by the last part of the resolution was quite impracticable; Gov

ernment had always been anxious to appoint Justices of the Peace wherever possible. Hon Sanders-A part of the country alluded to by the hon member for Columbia

came within his (hon Sanders') own district, and he had never observed any discontent. Giving power to such persons as those suggested to record claims would be most obectionable. Hon O Reilly-In the winter of '62 and

63 a constable at the Mouth of Quesnel, and cne at William's Lake, had been each empowered to record claims, and on the books being brought up to Williams Creek in the spring were found to be in complete confusion giving rise to endless disputes.

ficulty existed. Hon Franklyn-In relation to Justices of the Peace many on the Island refused to act followed in British Columbia be extended to because of the expense. He wished to ap- the Island during the present year, and such point a constable at Comox, but he could amendments could be made by next session as

not find any one who would fill the office. would secure to them the best features of both Hon Smith-It depended entirely upon ordinances. whether the Government was prepared to lose Hon Young-The Hon Attorney General all the fees for recording and licences, or ap, was in error in supposing that the Governor point some respectable person to receive them; had not the power to create judges of the the miners, rather than go a great distance to County Courts. The law existed before the Columbia river in one direction, and none record, would take their chances. He did Union and the Union had not taken away the nearer than Cariboo, in the ot or there ought not say there was any discontent, he merely power from the Governor. Under the British

persons could be found who would undertake to settlers and they had a right to demand thought was a great injury to the community. the duties without any cost to Government. that they (the magistrates) should be pro-In relation to the want of some person to vided. A difficulty had occurred at Shuswap Attorney General, Hon Southgate and the Hon

from them. Hon Helmcken-There would be plenty of mails or H. M. ships. be apprehended from such appointments. Res barley grown on the Island, but not enough

Hon Crease asked leave to introduce Ports

nance of British Columbia, 1866, over Vancouver Island, to enable small debts to be

The Council met at two p.m. Present-Hons Heimcken, Robson, Smith, DeCosmos, Cox, Southgate, Franklyn, Birch (presiding), Young, Hamley, Brew, O'Reilly, Macdonald, they wanted to recover small debts; in many Hon Ball was opposed to such appoint- cases they preferred foregoing the debt rather Crease, Wood, Sanders. Ball, Trutch. Hon Robson gave notice that on Thurs-

day he would move the second reading of the quil, miners came down to make their records journey to Victoria. There might be some bill on Limitations. and he never heard any complaints from advantage in adopting either the British The following bills were read a third time them about hardship. He agreed with the Columbian or Vancouver Island Acts but he and passed : Gold Commissioners on the other side of trusted that the Attorney General and the Solicitor General would arrange for the adoption of the best of the two.

of the mining laws. He was in favor of the first part of the resolution, and he believed that the Counter that he believed discussion of the debts could be recovered. Dishonest debtors

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The Hon President read message from

Governor giving his essent to the several

Customs laws, and also to the immediate ces-

sation of all duties on goods from Vancouver

The debate on County Courts was then re-

and would act equally well on the Island.

to twise such an appointment was offered, inflict summary chastisement, for which the The bill then passed through committee, it was frequently refused. Hon Trutch—The position in relation to (Hon Franklyn) and he was obliged to fine ported complete.

THE PILOTAGE BILL Hon DeCosmos thought it would save was read a second time, and the House went into committee of the whole. Hon Young thought there should be more

Hon Young-The law at present existing than one Pilot Board. It would be inconin Vancouver Island is all that can be revenient at New Westminster for Victorian quired for the purpose. By it the Governor is pilots, and the same if at Victoria for New empowered to appoint any Justice of the Peace to act in the court, all sums over \$100 Westminster pilots.

The House then adj urned.

Tuesday's Sitting.

TUESDAY, March 26.

Hon Crease opposed the amendment: can be carried to the Supreme Court. Is only there ought to be a central Board to which all required the first appointment to put the questions should be referred.

Hon Birch objected to any change in the Hon Southgate did not care which system clause was adopted so long as the relief was granted Hon DeCosmos thought one board suffi-

without delay. Hon Young-The law he referred to was cient. Hon Wood proposed that the words "or

words" be inserted after the word Board in Hon Ball-The British Columbian laws extended the jurisdiction to \$500, it had worked the second clause.

The bill was then reported complete and sion rose and reported progress. the committee rose.

THE LAND BILL.

Hon Trutch-The bill as now brought before the Hcuse was in accordance with the recommendations of the select committee, although not altogether in consonance with his own ideas. The committee recommended (ed-

Hon Crease favored the British Columbian that the Crown lands should be at once system, the extended jurisdiction being of advested in the Executive in fee simple, which was decidedly advisable, as by that means Hon DeCosmos could not see where the difencouragement might be given to immigration by the concession of grants of land. Hon Crease proposed that the system as The only material change in the bill was the altered interpretation of the word occupation which now meant actual residence. Formerly the pre-emptor could employ an agent, but by this bill the land must form the only known residence of the preemptor, which he believed to be the true meaning of the word. The bill was then read a second time, and the Council went into committee of the

whole to consider the provisions of the bill. Hon Crease in the chair. After a long discussion the committee rose. and the Council adjourned.

Wednesday's Sitting.

would be given to the husband, and twenty The Excise Bill was passed through comacres each to the children. mittee, Hon O'Reilly in the chair, and with Hon DeCosmos thought single men were the amendment raising the excise duty to

the best pioneers. one dollar per gallon, was reported complete. Hon Robson-The bon junior member for Victoria was sensitive on that point; he

maintained that married men made the best pioneers, they always improved the land more rapidly than sing e men, Hon Franklyn-Where a girl has 320

acres she is sure to have plenty of men after The Committee rose to admit of the Goyernor's message on the Capital being read, after which the Committee on the land bill

resumed its sitting. Hon Ball-A man who takes 320 acres must begin by clearing his land which takes a long time, and can only get his land fit for

the plongh by degrees. The Harbor Regulations bill; the Excise On division, hon Young's amendment was lost.

bill; the Exchequer Debenture bill. The Victoria Incorporation bill was then Hon Barnard moved that all preemptions taken up in committee of the whole, Hon previous to the passing of this act may be Franklyn in the chair. increased to the extent of 320 acres, if desira

Hon Crease-As the bill now stood, they ed by the preemptors in the case of land had arrived as near perfection as the lateness still unoccupied.

Amendment added as a new clause, and carried. The Committee then rose and reported

progress. Hon Southgate moved the insertion of a new clause empowering the Pilot Board to

examine Masters and Mates, in order to grant provisional certificates of competency. The bill was reported complete with amendments, and on suspension of stand-

ing orders was read a third time and passed. Hon Helmcken would move that the next ession of the Legislature be held in Victo-

ria. Vancouver Island. Limitation of action's ordinance read a first time.

Committee of the whole reported Ports of Eatry Bill complete.

The Committee on Harewood Railway extension bill, (Hon Ball in the chair)

reported bill complete. The Committee sat on Mortgage Bill, hon O'Reilly in the chair; 'but after some discus-

Hon Robson rose to propose second reading of limitation of actions bill, and made a long

rambling speech, which was frequently interrupted by great uproar and cries of question, evidenly with the object of bringing about an adjournment, in which he succeed-

Thursday's Sitting.

Thursday, March 28th. Council met at 2 p. m. Present-Hons Brew, Robson, Walkem, Ball, Pemberton, DeCosmos, Hamley, Stamp, Cox, Sanders, Wood, Birch, (presiding) Southgate, Smith, Trutch. Franklyn, Crease, Macdonald, Helmcken, Young, O Reilly, Barnard.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Hon Franklyn on goat and swine ordinance, as applying them to Nanaimo. Hon Pemberton-To ask the hon Collector of Customs whether he was aware that the

Active brought up freight and pessengers from Victoria to New Westminster on her last trip, and if he knew whether he gave permission to do so. The adjourned Committee on the land

bill then resumed its sitting, Hon Cox in the Wednesday, March 27th

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sessions. By the terms of a trea 1825, between Great Brita sia, it was stipulated and an imaginary line should from the 60th degree of No on the Pacific to the 70th latitude on the Arctic, whi line should mark the bo tween the North American of the two Powers. It was lated, in order to secure certain advantages which w right of discovery, that should hold and possess a n of territory on the seaboar ing from 51:40 to the 6 of North latitude, and ru ten leagues, following the in of the coast, and including jacent islands. By this tr sia secured the great penin ing the extreme northwe tion of the Continent; w Britain reserved for the r subjects the territory lyi west of the boundary line of the narrow coast strip, free navigation of the rivers into the Pacific between 54: The mouths of Stekin Rivers, with ten leagues o lying behind them, are i Territory ; but the subjects Britain have secured for th the privilege, in perpetuity, ing those streams to comm trade with the British territ out being subject to any por charges. No goods, other sian, however, can be la where within ten leagues of line without paying duties. son Bay Company, about that this troaty was ratific from the Russian Government to trade with the Indians i this parrow strip. This leas some years ago, and has si renewed yearly. The pres will expire in June next; b the treaty not be renewe Russian Possessions pres

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mining claims at Savana's Ferry, the claims were not sufficiently rich at Tranquilor the other mining camps in the vicinity, to admit of men travelling a long way to record them; the consequence was that men preferred taking their chance of holding the claims rather than spend the time required to find the recorder.

Hon Helmcken would second the motion although he did not know much about the section of the country referred to .. He, however, could understand the necessity from what had fallen from the hon mover.

Hon Birch-A resolution of the same character had been before the House last summer, and he could assure the hon member for Columbia that every effort had been made on the part of Government to secure the services of suitable persons as Justices of the Peace, the Government was always glad to create magistrates wherever Englishmen were to be found. The hoa member for Columbia knew that a magistrate and constable visited every district at stated times; and the miners or settlers had only to meet them due notice of their visit, being always given beforehand. He thought the resolution could do no good.

Hon Robson-Was he to understand from what the hon President had said, that Englishmen only were chosen for the office. Hon Birch-He meant to say British subjects.

llon Robson-He thought a respectable storekeeper could be found at Seymour, for instance, who would gladly undertake the issuing of miners certificates, and the recording of claims for the sake of the facility given to miners in the neighborhood, besides it would attract miners to the vicinity. He considered it was the bounden duty of Government to find such a person. The difficulties attending such appointments were merely imaginary.

Hon DeCosmos supported the resolutions particularly in relation to additional Justice of the Peace. There was no magistrate within 80 miles of Comox, and there were several persons in that visinity quite competent to undertake the duties. There was Salt Spring Island, also one of the most important of the outlying districts, also without a magistrate, and at Cowichan the only magistrate resided 21 miles from a portion of the district under his jurisdiction.

Hon O'Reilly had no objection to the first part of the resolution, but in respect to the last he was convinced that it was impracticable. If Government attempted to make one appointment of the kind the same system would have to be followed throughout the country. The constable always visited Sevmour, and was empowered to record claims and issue mining licences. It would cause serious confusion if persons were empowered to record claims who were not well acquainted with the working of the mining laws. It would lead to endless disputes, and great inconvenience. He was decidedly in favor of an increase in the number Jus ices of the Peace, as it would greatly assist the Stipeodiary magistrates.

Hon Cox endorsed all that the hon magistrate for Kootenay had stated. The appoint-

that might have led to a serious breach of the resident was determined to establish peace had some one not stepped up and settled County Court at Nanaimo. it. The rarity of such occurrences speaks The Victoria Incorporation Bill was the

people had their differences. Hon Birch-The only person in that vicinity postponed. that he knew of was Capt. Moffat, and he had

been appealed to and had declined the office of Justice of the Peace. Hon Wood - The appointment of persons to record claims would cause serious difficulty both to miners and Government. The miners would not like it themselves.

The resolution was then put to the vote and ost. Hon Robson wished the names taken in order to let the public know who were opposed to such necessary measures.

Hon Wood-There was no necessity for such offensive allusions to the vote. Hon Robson did not see why special except tions should be made in relation to taking the names. Hon Crease-The hon member for New

Westminster had coupled his request that the names might be taken with words that savored of intimidation. No doubt the hon member was moved by the best intentions, but such language was out of place.

Hon Robson-It was mere childishness to talk of intimidation. The clerk then proceeded to take the names. Hons Smith, Barnard, Robson, Helmcken, DeCosmos and Southgate were in favor of the

resolution, the remainder being opposed to it. The names stood 11 to 6.

presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a drawback of \$2 50 per hogs. head be granted upon all malt liquors exported that were manufactured in the Colony.

t was unnecessary to occupy the time of the House with the subject of the motion, hon members were aware that cases existed where pressure of other business had prevented the the protective system did not work so well as in others, and these cases had to be met with the best means of removing the difficulty. He what had fallen from the Hon Attorney found that it required 500 lbs. of barley to General and would withdraw the word make a hogshead of beer with 10 lbs. of hops, smuggling.

which would give the amount very near. Hon Frankiyn-The reason it took 500 lbs. of barley for a hlid. of beer was because it was California barley. It would only require 200 lbs, of Island barley, as it was so much richer in saccharine matter.

Hon Helmcken-The Vancouver Island barley was larger and better than anything ever seen of the kind, but whether beer could be brewed out of 200 lbs. that anybody could spread of cultivation. Hon Macdonald supported the motion, but any leaning to any company to the exclusion

thought the drawback should not extend to of another.

that the drawback was allowed in England, lars on roads and bridges. but would not be sure.

lowed it might be relanded. Hon Young proposed that the privilege be

granted till 31st December next, so that the complete, with introduction of section 8 farmers would not be discouraged from the from the Victoria Ordiance, to prevent the

well for the people, but the most peaceable next on the orders of the day, but on the ap-Helmcken, Brew, Crease, Robson, Birch (presiding) Hamley, Sanders, Macdonald, Franklyn' DeCosmos, Wood, Trutch, Ball, plication of the Hon Attorney General it was The Exchequer Debenture Bill was then Young, O'Reilly.

passed through committee of the whole and re ported complete. HAREWOOD RAILWAY EXTENSION BILL. The hon Attorney General recommended Hon Crease-From the existence of the that the original clauses in the bill be re-

great financial crisis last year the company committed, which was agreed to. had not been able to raise the necessary funds The Land Bill was then taken in committo prosecute the work with the extension pro-

tee of the whole. Hon Cox in the chair. posed; however, the work would be at once Hon Helmcken-Why coufine the preempcarried forward. tion to males ? Why should women with Hon Southgate could assure the House that children, for instance, not be allowed to pro-

had it not been for the great monetary depresvide for them ! sion of last year the scheme would have been H n Robson thought they had better carried forward with spirit. With the extent

preempt husbands first. sion asked and the present easy condition of Hon Heimcken was always under the the money market, there was no doubt of the impression that the preemption in such enterprise being pushed forward as rapidly as cases was quite other way. (laughter) possible.

Hon Young-He thought that this was a private measure and should not be carried preempt they should be allowed to do so. through with undue haste; there were other ompanies on the Island who might think their interests interfered with in the passage

of this Bill. It would be better to postpone the second reading as long as possible. Hon DeCosmos saw no advantage in post-

onement. No delay would have any bearing on the Bill or shape it differently. Hon Wood-The measure being ε private Hon Smith-The whole bill was radically

one it was not so much to satisfy themselves only surrounding preemption with an in-Hon Helmcken moved that an address be as the people outside. It would be better to finity of red tape delay its final passage till the end of the ses-On the House dividing the amendment was sion, to prevent the appearance of smuggling ost. t through.

Hon Crease did not think it could be called should be open to British subjects and aliens smuggling the Bill through, be had had the who had declared their intention. matter in hi- hands for some time but the Hon Southgate contended that the lands hould be thrown open to whoever would Bill being introduced till the present time. take them up without reference to nationality Hon Wood admitted the correcties of or color. Hon Helmcken hoped that the lands

> Hou Birch could not see any advantage tear from lawlessness, they were all tamed when they came to this Colony; even the rom delay, it would be best either to pass the Bill or throw it out.

How Young-There was some missapprethat Assembly. bension on the part of hon members ; he intended no opposition to the Bill. He sup ported the last extension most warmly and would do the same by this, but he thought that some delay would be proper, the Bill drink he did not know. He did know the being essentially a private out, and vanbeing essentially a private one, and had strength liked by hon magistrate for Nanaimo, for his part he liked good strong ale. The placing such a clause in the statute book had been given of its introduction h re. He would do a great deal of good and create a opposed the second reading, not because he the country. stimulus to the manufacture, as well as to the had any objection to the Bill but to prevent the impression outside that Government had

they (the toreigners) had been compelled to get British subjects to preempt for them. Hon Franklyn-He knew that the com-

what was consumed by the navy. Hon Southgate was under the impression pany has already laid out 28 or 30,000 dol-

The Bil was then re d a second time and Hon Franklyn-If the drawback was al- the committee postponed till Thursday next. Europe. The Harbor Bill was read a second time, passed through committee and reported

of hon Trutch was lost. andw , distilly ma made for married people with families. He

The Council met at 1 p. m. Present-Hon Walkem moved the addition of two Hons Smith, Barnard, Cox, Southgate, clauses which were carried.

1. Every Commissioner shall keep a record of preemption, and shall be prepared to grant certificates when applied for.

2. All fines and fees levied under this act The report of the select committee on shall be paid into the Public Treasuary, for the Medical Practitioners Bill was read. the use of Her Majesty.

Municipal Council.

The Council met last evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Mayor and Councillor Lewis were absent. Mr Gowen was moved to the chair.

COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

A petition from members of the Mechanics' Institute complaining of obstructions, in the shape of boxes, &c., at the entrance of the Institute, caused by L. Lewis, was filed and

referred to the street committee. From ratepayers, complaining that the Hon DeCosmos-Preemption should not awning fronting the " Rainbow," on Yates be confined to males; if women chose to street, is not in accordance with the City bylaw. Petition was not signed, and was ignored by the Council.

Hon Trutch objected to the amendment ; the caution observed by this means to define From Jeffery, Bray and Reynolds, requestthe rights acquired, was the greatest boon ing payment of a balance of some \$200 on to the settler as it protected him from jumpaccount of work done on Johnson street a ers, and the mistakes of succeeding preempcouple of years since.

Accounts for firewood, for printing, and from J Joseph, messenger, received, and on wrong-in fact a perfect absurdity ; it was motion of Mr Trabey handed to the Finance Committee to report on at next meeting, with other accounts, and to te paid if correct. The Water Company gave notice of two street excavations. Filed.

Hon Trutch proposed that preemption A motion of Mr Gibb , that all checks for disbursement of city funds be signed by two

members of the Finance Committee and the presiding member of the previous meeting, was carried.

Mr Layzell was granted further time toeport in regard to Mr Titas' claim. The clerk asked for instructions as to a

would be thrown open to aliens-German, set off of taxes due by Donald Fraser, French, Americans-any one. As to any amounting to \$195.

Councillor Gibbs in accordance with previous notice, and on behalf of the chairman, Fenians; nay, even the very members of moved that the sum of \$750 be voted for the use of the Victoria Fire Department.

Hon DeCosmos hoped the good sense of Mr Trahey asked for information, which he hon members would not allow the amendwas furnished by the chairman, who reprement of the hon Chief Commissioner of lands sented the urgency of the case. Mr Layzell, and works to be carried. It would be makat first objected to the payment of so large a ing a d stinction between two classes of sum at once ; but upon being told that the emigrants which was unadvisable so long as taxes were being paid promptly, changed the occupiers of lard produced grain and his mind and withdrew his o jections, and stock, it was immaterial whence they the resolution was unanimously passed. came: they were always adding wealth to

Sixty dollars, on account, was voted the messeuger. Hon Barnard thought foreigners should

Adjourned till Monday next, at 7 p.m. ot be left at the mercy of British subjects ;

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS -Eufeebled Existence -This medi-HOLLOWAY'S PILLS —Eufcebled Existence.—This medi-cine embraces every att, bute required in a general and dom site remedy; it overturns the foundations of dis-ease laid by detective food and impure air. In obstrac-tions or congestions of the liver, hars, howels, or any other organ, these Pills are especially serviceable and eminently successfue. They should of kept in readines in every family, as they are a medicine without a fault for young persons, and those of feeble coustitutions. They never cause pain, or irritate the most sensitive nerves or most tender howels. Holloway's Pille are th best known purfles of the blod, and the best promoter of absorption and secretion, which remove all poisouo and obnoxious particles from both solids and fluids, Hon Wood-Foreigners had all' the advantages they desired here ; they had more iberty under the Colonial Government than they had in the United States or even in On the vote being called, the amendment Hon Young-There was no provision

cean between 54.40 and the 60th o nd trading with the Indians of th Russian navigators first discovere ry lying to the north of us, and vas accorded that power to er for the vast territory (p British Columbia), to which onsented to abandon all cla acific end of the line that st e Arctic is marked by Mount El ead is white with the frosts inter, and who stands like a grin vatching, as it were, to protect the of both nations, and to see that no f the Treaty is committed ith impunity. The Russian ossessions are about one iles in length by 750 in he Fur Company exercise u thority over that vast extent of hich has proved a mine of wealth e country is also represented ecious and base metals, There ons afloat among traders who hav sea coast that the Fur Company rge quantities of gold dust annua natives. Such stories seldom rticle of truth, and generally the vivid imaginations of th ate them. But it is a well kn copper in a pure state is fou a river, and that the sheets ive copper on which are trace roglyphics, said to possess great found among the aborig portion of the coast, were of banks and converted into the by some process known o ves. Several large streams, her lish territory, flow through the essions and empty into Behrin se streams were partly exp by the Russian Telegraph one of them-the Kivckpal to be navigable for st ance of fourteen hundred mile in the vicinity of the coast well as the Alluctian Islands (a group lying to the southeast asula of Aliska) furnish valuable ands, and the vessels of seve , with their headquarters isco, are extensively engage mer in catching and curin California market. A conside le is transacted in ice for