

## The Weekly Colonist.

Tuesday, July 4, 1865.

## LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

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**LIVONIA.**—Captain Irving's new stern-wheel steamer was launched from Mr. Tracy's shipyard yesterday afternoon. A large number of ladies and gentlemen were congregated in the yard and in boats, and at the invitation of the builder, a number of both sexes took their stand on the bows of the vessel. The name was confirmed, the salary being fixed at twelve hundred dollars a year. A female teacher will also be appointed, and Mr. Jessup will have an assistant. We regret to learn that some of the members of the Board of Education are antagonistic to the free public school system; members, who but a few months ago were the leaders in their advocacy, of a "free non-sectarian public school." There can be but one opinion as to the conduct of these gentlemen, and that is that they are willing to sacrifice the enlightened educational policy proposed by the House of Assembly in favor of a private establishment, which is however estimable and useful in itself, is essentially not a people's school. We will endeavor to keep the public posted on the doings of the Board of Education, notwithstanding the fact that they have decided not to admit the press to their meetings, and expressed a wish to keep their proceedings secret. The people are too deeply concerned in educational matters to allow the best interests of their children to be trifled with.

**FOUND.**—The body of Joseph Robinson, one of the young painters who were drowned by the upsetting of a plough several weeks ago, was yesterday found floating in Esquimalt harbor by an Indian, who at once caused information to be conveyed to Sergeant Biggs. The body, which was as much disfigured as would be supposed after the lapse of so many days, was placed in a casket and covered over with earth. Some friends of the deceased went down to Esquimalt during the afternoon and recognised the body without any difficulty, though the features were of course much swelled and distorted. An inquest was held on the body yesterday evening at seven o'clock, in the Steamboat Exchange, Esquimalt, by Coroner Dickson, and a verdict of "accidental drowning" was rendered. The body is at present on Government Island, but will be brought up to the city this morning, and the funeral will take place to-day from the Deluge Enginehouse, *Esquimalt*.

**ANIMALS.**—St. James Douglas and Son, W. A. Young, Esq., Colonial Secretary, and several other old citizens arrived by the steamer yesterday morning.

Both of the above named gentlemen are looking very well after their travel, and express the pleasure with which they again

stand on Vancouver Island. The sympathy of the community is with Mr. Young in the sad bereavement by which his second son, a bright little fellow of four and half years, was suddenly carried off in England. The poor child was seized with dysentery in Cambria River and died in Portland after a few hours illness. His body was brought up to Victoria, and conveyed by a boat from one of the men-of-war to the residence of Chief Justice Cameron. Donald McTavish, Esq., Chief Factor H. B. C., and Mrs. Rhodes and children, also arrived by the Brother Jonathan.

**FROM NAMIBO.**—The steamer St. James Douglas arrived last night at half-past 11 o'clock, with 16 passengers, and a quantity of produce; she had also the barge Black Diamond, now schooner rigged, low, with 110 tons coal to R. Brodrick. The Douglas brought down a Cowichan settler named Rowe, who met with a serious accident last week. While fellling a tree in the woods, it struck another, which in its fall caught his legs and crushed them, breaking it in two places. The wounded man managed to crawl on his back 600 yards to the trail, where he lay from Friday till Monday, when he was found by an Indian. He came down under the care of Dr. Davis, seen, and is now doing well.

**NAVAL.**—Orders were received yesterday

for the return of H. M. S. Camelon to England. She will sail in the early part of July.

H. M. S. Mutine has been commissioned for the Pacific station, and will sail on or about May 3d. The Camelon will leave down the coast, taking her final departure either from Panama or Valparaiso in November.

**THE NEXT STEAMER** was to sail to-day from San Francisco via Portland, and may therefore be expected about July 5th. A rumor was in circulation that the steamer Active was to be placed on the line to this city.

**BAND PRACTICE.**—The Rifle band will parade with the corps every Monday evening on what remains to the public of the Church Reserve, until the 1st of August.

**BISHOP DEMERS.**—We regret to learn that

Bishop Demers was so unwell in San Fran-

cisco as to be unable to come up on the mail steamer, as was expected.

**Wednesday, June 28.**

**THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION** yesterday re-

sulted in the return of Messrs. Jas. Thorne and Joseph W. Carey for James Bay Ward.

The two successful candidates took the lead from the outset, and shortly before two p.m.

Mr. Copland resigned, leaving the field un-

contested. The votes recorded up to that

time stood—Thorne 23, Carey 19. Cop-

land 18.

**CHILD ON THE KOKASILAH RIVER.**—We are

informed that the prospecting party mining

on the banks of the above river have sunk a

hole or shaft in the hill side to the bed rock

and struck coarse gold. They repaired to

Cowichan, and having obtained supplies at

Harris', returned to the spot to prosecute

their search and test the ground.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—This body met yesterday, and held a rather animated session owing to an attempt made by some of the members to upset the proceedings of the preceding meeting—at which they had not been present—on the alleged ground of its having been held on a holiday. After failing to re-

ject the minutes of the meeting, they next endeavored to revoke the recommendation of Mr. Jessup as head master of the central school, and even advocated placing the city school in the present old school-houses of the Reserve. In this, however, they were also defeated, and the appointment of Mr. Jessup was confirmed, the salary being fixed at twelve hundred dollars a year. A female teacher will also be appointed, and Mr. Jessup will have an assistant. We regret to learn that some of the members of the Board of Education are antagonistic to the free public school system; members, who but a few months ago were the leaders in their advocacy, of a "free non-sectarian public school." There can be but one opinion as to the conduct of these gentlemen, and that is that they are willing to sacrifice the enlightened educational policy proposed by the House of Assembly in favor of a private establishment, which is however estimable and useful in itself, is essentially not a people's school.

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