

when it is the bulwark which enables good government and in accordance with the voice of the people in England, as well as Canada and its various provinces. It is idle to say that because

provincial matters will be controlled by federal influences. I deny this—to condemn that it is so is to condemn the whole administration of Canada to-day as the Dominion and most of the Provinces are to-day controlled by the Liber-

party division we have safety from any dominating or star chamber influence.

the people feel that the power is theirs and right well do they use that power when it is abused. The fact of the matter is that the Government of Columbia now feel that it is necessary to take a serious way the government of the province and no longer allow themselves to be bullied by the big business interests. They would lead through their representatives. What have we witnessed lately government driven to its foundation by the big business interests, the personal pique and animosity of each other, the fact that did more harm in a few months of office than the same number of years would have been able to do. In my mind it would have been better if no such legislation to be an accomplishment of fact, if the government of the day had been able to do this. It is not folly to assume that the province

have not large powers, they have. The functions of the provincial parliament are of a most comprehensive nature and put in a slight way are they trench upon by the House of Commons, so that

in its own sphere has a high part to play in government, and in each case the Liberal and Conservative principles followed in moulding the legislation testing the requirements of the people, and the requirements of the country. I fail to see in what way we have at all taken a position at variance with the views of my constituents. I am not at all sure that I am at all free to do as I see fit; and if I can return as well as at the close of the present session, my course I am sure my constituents feel satisfied that I will be able to meet them with a clear record and with confidence to ask for their renewed confidence.

Yours truly,  
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THE LOCAL NEWS.

(From Tuesday's Daily Edition.)

Proposed Exhibition.—The directors of the British and Colonial Exhibition Association will meet on Friday evening to consider a proposal to hold a

A double-masted steamer having a white funnel with a black band, and loaded, was reported in-bound from Otter Point yesterday afternoon, but up till midnight had not arrived at William Head.

Philharmonic Society.—There will be rehearsal on Wednesday next, but the chorus, orchestra and soloists will rehearse in Waitt's hall on Thursday evening—the orchestra at 8 o'clock and the chorus at 8:30.

Body Found.—The provincial police are notified yesterday that the body of a man had been found in Sooke district, a face buried in a pool of water and a file in the hand. The police went out to investigate.

**Wires All Down.**—Victoria was entirely cut off from the outside world last evening, as far as telegraphic communication went, all the wires being down in the vicinity of Vancouver, and between Port Townsend and Seattle.

Duncan in Line.—At a public meeting held in the Agricultural hall, Duncan, on Tuesday last, it was unanimously decided to hold a patriotic concert in aid of

Mansion House fund. An energetic committee was appointed to carry out this object. The concert will be given on Wednesday, December 13, and loyal Poughkeepsite promises that there will not be a left in the hall standing room for so much as a hop-pole. On the Sunday previous to the concert a special patriotic service will be held in every church in the district.

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**DEATH OF T. M. HAMMOND.**

One of the Pioneers of Puget Sound  
Passed Away Last Week.

On Thursday last the death occurred of Thomas M. Hampd, who had reached the advanced age of 83 years. His death removes the last of the quartette of hardy pioneers who with their young families, in the early days, settled in Port Townsend.

ving from the wilderness what is now the flourishing city from which he passed everlasting life beyond the grave. In company with L. B. Hastings, F. W. Cattygrove and A. A. Plummer, all now deceased, he settled in Port Townsend, and has resided here ever since, raising a family, the members of which are prominent in business and social circles.

He was born in Ireland 83 years ago, and came with his parents at a tender age to Boston where he grew up to

to Boston, where he grew up to sturdy young manhood. The spirit of "Go west, young man," prevailed in those days, and young Hammond caught the fever of the West, and came to this country in 1850. He established a home and fought, shoulder to shoulder, with the little handful of men who were compelled to protect their homes and property from the onslaughts of the hostile

For several years deceased had rapidly aged, and since a year ago the 4th of July he has not been out of the house. Recently he had been confined to his bed, and eminent medical skill summoned to

relief pronounced his case simply one of a long and active life gradually fading away. For several days the pioneer has been unconscious, but up to that time had partaken regularly of meals and was cheerful. At an early hour one morning last week it was noticed that his breath-

Besides the aged and venerable helper of his early manhood, Pioneer Hammond leaves a family of grown

children, consisting of the following: Benjamin Hammond, the first white child born in Port Townsend, now a resident of Dawson City; William C. Hammond, sheriff of the county; Mrs. Emma Mackey, of Victoria; Thomas M. Jr. and John Hammond both located at Brou-

Hammond, both located at Rupert; Mary Hammond, Mrs. Addie Baker, David and Henry M. Hammond, the former of Northport, Wash.; and Charlotte Hammond, at present visiting friends in California.