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ek ending Saturs s. import. £1.327 harbor dues, £25 tonnage dues, otal, £1,527 3 2; ing at this port The Weekly British Committed | getic people. The new-fangled notion of the country being made to depend on the town for support is in keeping with the cart before Tuesday, October 17, 1865. the horse ideas of some of our Victoria politi-THE COMMERCE OF VANCOUVER cal economists, but it will have to be abandoned. The town has proved a broken reed ISLAND. to itself as well as to the country, and the In our yesterday's issue we gave a sooner a firmer foundation is obtained for

synopsis of the imports and exports of Van- both the better.

conver Island. We showed that both were

falling off, despite the frantic flourishes of

those sanguine gentlemen who talked, among

other grand projects in the prospective, of

"fluming the Amoor river." We regret as

much as any one can that our commerce has

been falling off, and is falling off; that seven

years of the best period in both colonies'

history have been fruitlessly thrown away;

and that the interest for which every other in-

terest on the Island was sacrificed has proved

an ignoble failure; we deplore all these

things, but we do not intend that our regrets

shall be empty sounds, ending in nothing.

The first thing the reasoning mind essays on

discovering a blunder is to correct it, and all

our desire is to so shape our future policy

, leave the colony-to create and foster.

like every other new country, home indus-

domestic trade. It requires but small pene-

tration to perceive that these are just the very

things needful which the inexperienced

rulers of Vancouver Island have not done.

They have sacrificed everything that was

worth retaining, and garrotted every interest

that promised to become a source of wealth-

and all for what? Why, that a few auc-

tioneers should enrich themselves at the ex-

pense of our legitimate retail dealers, and that

a few commission merchants should make

unless at roinous sacrifices. The colony has

been cramped and retarded for the sake of

should bear them tribute. After seven years'

the rest of the Pacific is exactly reversed.

imported merchandize to San Francisco,

something short the present year of \$100,000,

while we take from her imports of the enor-

mous value of \$1,372,000. To Oregon we

and pay for \$240,000. This is the way we

lay the Pacific under contributions. Our

morning contemporary is, however no way

astounded or taken aback at our rather un-

remarkable doings of "Will Watch, the bold

think Will would be considerably under the

mark in Vancouver Island. To make our

\$172,000 of merchandise exports to the Ame-

rican territory carry an illegitimate trade of

a million dollars would beat that other re-

markable feat announced some time since by

our contemporary-of Wharf street carrying

Cariboo on its back. The misfortune is,

however, that our contemporary's bold calcu-

lation would leave Vancouver Island in

a state of nudity: for if we took from our

importations a million of dollars for the Ame-

rican territory besides the million and a half

or two millions for British Columbia, we

should not have in Vancouver Island

enough dry goods to clothe our policemen or

enough flour and meat to keep the population

The only export trade that seems to keep

up to the mark is that with the Sandwich

Islands. For the past nine months we have

sent to Honolulu nearly \$58,000 of merchan-

dise. Of home productions we have export-

ed the very small amount of \$2,900. To the

American territory our exportations of furs

skins and coal have amounted during the

last nine months to \$99,663; which would

give for the year \$132.884-a decrease on

1864 of \$25,855. Of these exports coal

amounted to \$59,471 and furs and skins

te \$40,192 During the last few months

the export of fish and oil has very

much increased. In July we sent to the

American territory \$1389 and in September

\$1973. As a whole, however, our exports

are truly pitiable, and disgraceful to any col-

ony of Anglo-Saxon people. Under proper

government we should have been to-day the

largest exporting country (leaving out gold)

according to our population, on the Pacific

coast. It is this melancholy fact-this want

of home industry and employment for the

population, that speaks in such thunder tones

against the free port and its supporters. Come

upion when it may, that moment we must

adopt the policy of every other new country

and the Cape of Good Hope. This is really

what is at stake in every election contest on

the Island. A few months may send us

to inaugurate a colonial policy that will

make the country productive. To retain

the paltry position of being a retail shop, and

a very poor one at that, for a few San Fran-

think scarcely worthy the exertion of an ener-

a fortnight.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Oct. 10. FROM NANAIMO-The steamer Emily Harris, Capt. Chambers, arrived from Nanaimo last evening with fifteen passengers, two head of fine cattle from Maple Bay, and one ton of quartz from Cowichan. The bark Joachim with 630 tons of coal sailed for San Francisco on Thursday. The brig Advance sailed yesterday and the Clara Bell will sail on Wednesday. An Indian at Cowichan broke his back and collar bone by a fall from a building and is not expected to live. A regatta will take place at Nanaimo during

METCHOSIN ELECTION—A petition has been that men will be induced to settle in, not sent in to Governor Kennedy, signed by a large number of voters, praying that the election of a member for the district of Metchosin tries, so that we may ensure to ourselves a and Esquimalt may be held at Parson's Bridge, instead of as heretofore at Craigflower, the former being considered more central and convenient of access for the majority of the electors. The great length of the two districts renders the request a most reasonable one, and it will no doubt command favorable attention at the hands of His Excellency.

NEW STEAMER. - Mr. Trahey yesterday laid down the keel of the new steamer to be constructed for Captain Stamp's Lumber and Mill Company at Burrard Inlet. The keel, which is 143 feet long, consists of a solid, money by storing goods that can't be sold elean balk of Douglas pine, 12x14 feet, made from a spar taken out of the forest at Burrard Inlet. The steamer has to be completed acthese men, who were vainglorious enough to boast that every country on the Pacific cording to contract by the 1st May next. She will have 24 feet beam, 81/2 feet depth of trial, however, we find that our position with hold, and cylinders of 42 inches.

QUICK PASSAGE-The schooner Alberni, We are the miserable tribute bearers even to Captain Dalrymple, arrived yesterday mornthe smallest of our neighbors. We export of ing from Honolulu, S. I., after a splendid run of 21 days. She brings two passengers, the first and second officers of the Domitila, which vessel had proceeded to Valparaiso en route to England. The Alberni sailed on shall export about \$40,000 and pay for almost the 17th September, and experienced favor-\$200,000, and to Puget Sound about \$35,000 able weather. Her cargo consists of sugar, coffee, molasses, rice and spirits.

DELUGE ENGINE Co .- At the regular monthly meeting of Deluge Engine Co. No. profitable position, but philosophically contents 1, held last evening, Mr. George Dasch was himself with an imaginary trade which does elected Foreman, to serve for the current not make its appearance in the American term, vice Mr. J. S. Drummoed, now Chief Consul's books. This he puts down mildly Engineer elect of the Victoria Fire Depart at a million dollars. We have all read of the fill the vacancy in the office of the 1st Assistant, caused by the promotion of Mr. smuggler;" but we are rather inclined to Dasch.

On a CRUISE-The flagship Satlej, with the Clio and Devastation, will leave, we understand, after the arrival of the Active, on a cruise to Burrard Inlet and elsewhere. They will probably be absent about ten days.

VAGRANCY .- The miserable wretch Duoois was yesterday brought before Mr. Pemperton, charged with loitering at night about private property. He was sent to gaol for

THE CYCLONE was towed yesterday into the harbor by the steamer Thames and lies at the wharf of her agents.

Wednesday, Oct. 11. REAL NATIVES-Not Siwashes .- We understand that Mr. Robert Hughes intends going into the business of raising oysters on a somewhat extensive scale, and has with that view obtained special right from the Government over a piece of land and foreshore at Oyster Harbor. Mr. Hughes has by experiment proved that oysters raised on the shores of this island can be brought to greater perfection than any now offered in our market, re-quiring only moderate care in choosing the spot for laying down the beds and protection from the ravages of star fish. We are glad to see that some one has at last conceived the idea of commencing one has at last conceived the idea of commencing a business which will yield so sure a return. Our total dependance on Olympia for bivalves, has long marked our want of enterprise, especially when we consider that we pay during the winter months for these luxuries from \$500 to \$700 per month. We wish Mr. Hughes every success, and trust that this new branch of home industry. trust that this new branch of home industry may eventually form a substantial spoke in the wheel

THE ACTIVE-This steamer returned from San Juan yesterday forenoon, and hauled alongside of Brodrick's wharf. She will leave for the Columbia river this morning at seven o'clock, with mails, express, and passengers, We understand that she will probably not leave the river again before the 19th.

Thursday, Oct. 12. Sworn In .- Jos. Needham, Esq., was yesterday forenoon sworn in before the Executive Council as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this colony, and at once assumed the duties of the office. His Honor trans--of Canada and the United States, Australia acted some Chamber business, and informed the professional gentlemen that he should thereafter sit from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. On Monday a number of Summary Suits will be union; but to enjoy the benefits of the part. heard before the new Chief Justice.

nership we must labor with might and main ESCAPED AGAIN-The Indian who was shot by the officer in charge of the chain gang, has escaped from the hospital He shammed being badly hurt, but as soon as left alone bolted, and has not been heard of since cisco or English merchants, is a destiny we although close search has been made by the r Spray, Crosby, Port Angelos police.

RETIRED .- The Hon. David Cameron, Chief LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS RE- Upsher, Mrs. Justice of the Supreme Court of this colony, sent in his resignation yesterday to the Executive, which was accepted, and his Honor Joseph Needham, Esquire, having Adams, Mr been sworn in, assumed the duties of the Allen, Mrs office. Mr. Cameron was appointed to the Adams, R H bench under the Hudson Bay administration, in November, 1853, and received his commiss Bates, B sion as Chief Justice from the Home govern- Begg, J ment in April, 1856, since which time he has Blaguire, M continuously and assiduously discharged the functions of that office in this colony. Laboring as Mr. Cameron did under the disadvantage of a want of the requisite legal Brown, W R education, few men under similar circum- Blaksley, F A, 2 stances would have been enabled to retire Baker, Mrs A E into private life as he does, commanding the Bell, J R. respect of the gentlemen of the profession Balmain, C and the public at large. It is not to be Bendixon, Mr expected, as a matter of course, that some may not, in the course of his period of office, Chase, E have felt aggrieved by adverse decisions, but Crawford, M. 2 we feel satisfied that even those will readily accord to the late Chief Justice a desire on all occasions to acquit himself to the best of his ability with an impartiality and integrity fitting the high position to which he had been called. Mr. Cameron is now the recipient of the retiring pension of £500 a year, voted by the Legislature during the last ses-

From Comox-The steamer Sir James Douglas returned yesterday at 6 p. m. from Comox, having left on Monday at one p.m., and Nanaimo yesterday at 10:15 a.m. Mr. Franklyn on his arrival at Comox despatched Sergt. Blake to McKelvy, the party who was assaulted by a neighbor, and instructed him to bring his witnesses. McKelvy Dechew, D wished subpænas to be issued before making his complaint, and in consequence of the delay the case was remanded until the next visit of the magistrate. On Monday morning a jury was empanelled with Mr. Hargraves as foreman, and the body of the murdered blind Indian having been exhumed the jury returned a verdict of wilful murder against the Indian Dick. Mr. Franklyn swore in five Indians as special constables who promised to find the culprit and bring him to justice. The Indians alleged that the Ferro, D deed had been done under the influence of whisky given by the men Hogan and Smith, who they say were in the habit of George, Mrs supplying them with spirits.

Police Court-James Carley, a seaman from U. S. S. Suwanee, was charged yesterday with being drunk and disorderly. Carley said he came ashore to get drunk, as he had not been ashore for nine menths. The bench imposed the usual fine of 5s. John King, who said he was the Qaartermaster of the Suwanee, was also fined 5s. for the same offence. Mr. Thomas Ward paid the fine for Hutchinson, G him. James Walters, belonging to the same Hale, HB ship, was also fined by the Bench \$10 for Halpenny, J being drunk and creating a disturbance at the door of the Theatre, and destroying property in the jail of the value of \$2 and up-

FLOUR AND GRAIN-The bark Dominga Hathaway, O brings 2700 quarter sacks and 957 half sacks Hoffman, W flour. The Emily Banning, now on her way, Hicks, W has 8,490 quarter sacks flour, 105 sacks wheat and provisions, &c., valued at \$23,892 42. The bark Josephine, Captain Bogart, sailed October 5th, has 3206 half sacks flour, 371 sacks barley, 298 sacks middlings, provisions and other goods, valued at \$18,806 67.

THE MAIL STEAMER ACTIVE left yesterday morning at 7 o'clock for Columbia River to connect with the San Francisco steamer. She took \$21,000 in treasure for Wells, Fargo & Co. and a few passengers, amongst whom were the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe, and Messrs. J. D. Walker and Hepburn.

From San Francisco-The bark Dominga, Captain Gloux, arrived yesterday from San Francisco with a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$23,200, consigned to Messrs. Pickett & Co. She left on the 26th ult.

H. M. S. DEVASTATION sailed yesterday for Nanaimo. She was seen by the Sir James Douglas making for the harbor.

Michael Fitzpatrick.

INFORMATION WANTED OF MICHAEL FITZPAIRICK, a native of New York City, who left Clayton, Contra Costa County, California, two years ago last August. A little more than a year ago he was in Victoria, V. I., intending to go to Sooke river. Information, addressed Patrick Fitzpatrick, post office Saa Francisco, California will be thankfully received by his father and sisters.

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