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The Necessity of Opening our Quartz Leads.

The recent discoveries of veins of gold-bearing quartz on Williams and Canyon Creeks at Cariboo, and on McCullough's creek at Big Bend, afford room for the hope that we are on the eve of developments that will change the whole system of mining in these Colonies and inaugurate an era of prosperity that will more than realize the most sanguine expectations of the most ardent believer in the ultimate prosperity of the Colonies. It is true we are experiencing a season of depression and misfortune only equalled by the disastrous years of 1859 and 1860, and of a nature that few countries have gone through; but we are not of the number who believe that these Colonies are irremediably lost—hopelessly swamped by the inexperience of its legislators and the rapacity and inefficiency of its officials. We believe that the country will ultimately recover itself, and that the hidden wealth that has only just began to be laid bare, will be the means of reviving hope in the minds of the most desponding, and of bringing us back to a state of prosperity. A long residence in mining countries has satisfied us that the country that depends for permanent prosperity on the yield of its alluvial diggings, depends on a source that will not realize its expectations. If mining is to build up a country, it must be as permanent in its character as the benefits that are expected to flow from it. Hill and bar diggings are all very well in their way. They serve to create a "rush" to a country by the ease with which fortunes are sometimes made in a few days; but when the "lead is lost" or "the claims worked out," there is an end to the mining-camp that may have sprung up in the vicinity of the diggings. The miner deserts it fist for some more favored locality—taking with him his savings; and the irrepressible trader, leaving behind his "permanent improvements" in the shape of store or dwelling, follows in the wake of the hardy prospector. In California to-day, may be seen the vacant dwellings, of once large towns—the streets and stores silent and deserted—and a look of ruin, desolation and waste pervading all things. Australia has a hundred such pictures to offer the traveler, and British Columbia, though comparatively young, has its Hill's and Emery's Bars and its town of Hope to offer as examples, of the uncertain tenure of a mining camp when dependent for existence entirely upon the yield of alluvial diggings. But if we run over in our minds a list of the places that have sprung up in the two first-named countries through the exertions of the quartz-miner, what a different picture is presented: Grass Valley, in California, only known to a few ten years ago, has grown and increased to an astonishing degree within that period, and to-day thousands of dollars are crushed from its numerous quartz veins, from which, a few years ago, not one dollar was extracted. Nevada, six years ago the abode of a few hunters and with a white population only numbering one hundred and twelve souls, to-day counts its 75,000 inhabitants. Reese River and vicinity, four years ago the abode only of the Pi-Ute Indians, is now a large and prosperous community, the stampers are going night and day, and the general prosperity of the vicinity is great. The growth has been steady and permanent, while communities that have depended on alluvial diggings alone have grown suddenly and collapsed quite as rapidly. If British Columbia and Vancouver Island are ever to become great by their gold and silver productions, the greatness will be crushed out of their quartz veins—not dug out of their streams. We have in our possession specimens of quartz from Big Bend that rival in richness any we have seen from Australia or California. The gold consists—not of one thread, or a single speck, but it shows in the rock in every direction, and evidences by its weight its richness and quality. Administrator Birch writes from Canyon Creek that the quartz is very rich and the leads well defined; and Mr McWorthy was so favorably impressed with the richness of the Williams Creek lead, that he has gone below to form a company to work it. Detatched specimens of very rich quartz are frequently picked up at Leech River, and their existence shows that somewhere in the vicinity—perhaps buried deep in the bosom of one of the mountains of the Sooke Range, or perhaps so near the surface that the lucky pick of a "broken" miner may at no distant day unearth it—there is a lead of vast richness only awaiting discovery to astonish the world by its wealth. All the mining done in either Colony thus far has been mere scratching in the soil for "old channels" and "blue clay leads." Quartz has been almost neglected. But we feel assured that the time is not distant when it will exert its claims to attention so forcibly as to become our main source of wealth. Thousands of dollars lie idle in the banks of this city, ready to be invested in any enterprise that will yield its owners a fair interest for the risks they are willing to undertake. To what better use can the money be applied than in opening up our gold and silver quartz leads? Will miners at Big Bend, Cariboo, and elsewhere make an effort to show what they have in the quartz line to offer capitalists? or will they continue to depend on "rich strikes" in old channels to make their fortunes, while the country at large languishes for want of something permanent to offer its visitors?

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, Sept 10.

BAD GRAMMAR.—The *Examiner* amusingly remarks that last week Mary Jane Grammar commenced suit in the Sixth District Court in Sacramento, for a divorce from her husband, Joseph Grammar. There must be bad Grammar here. It seems wrong that the feminine Grammar, having formed a conjunction with the male Grammar, should thus decline to continue it. Perhaps Mary Jane Grammar's moods may have caused unhappiness; or Grammar's attachment to an improper noun; or again, the parts of speech may have been excessively developed in the feminine Grammar. We have a great respect for grammar, and hope that Grammar and his wife will agree grammatically; and that Mary Jane, on demanding a decree of divorce, will find the judge won't "parse it."—*San Francisco News Letter.*

WHALE FISHERY.—We learn that whales are disporting themselves in Saanich Inlet, and that Mr Warren, in expectation of the visit of a school of fish, is prepared with all the necessary whale boats and apparatus for waging war against the monsters of the deep. We hope he will succeed in striking "ile."

The Presbyterian Church difficulty. The recent difference between the Managing Committee of the First Presbyterian Church on Pandora street, and their minister, culminated yesterday in a scene which is to be regretted, as it cannot fail to inflict a serious blow to the cause of Presbyterianism in this Island. Without desiring in any way to implicate ourselves, or to take sides in the difference, we shall simply give an outline of what occurred, so far as we can acquaint ourselves with the facts.

[illegible] dampered, that the Rev. Mr Somerville called the members of his congregation together at the Mechanics' Institute to receive from him an explanation of the reasons that led to his resignation of the charge of the church, and to consider and advise what was to be done. The meeting approved of the reverend gentleman's views, and pledged itself unanimously to support his ministrations under the auspices of the Church of Scotland. A Committee was formed to carry out the spirit of the resolutions passed, and it was casually stated at the termination of the proceedings that the result of their deliberations would be made known from the pulpit on the following Sunday morning, when the Rev. Mr Somerville would preach his farewell sermon in the Presbyterian Church.

A part of the Committee of Management of the Church, in the meantime, objected to the pulpit being occupied by Mr Somerville after resigning his charge. Correspondence ensued between the Managing Committee and the reverend gentleman, who stated his intention not to refer to the past or future of his ministry, but a notice was inserted by the Committee in one of the local papers announcing that there would be no service in the morning, and that the Rev. E. White, of New Westminster, would officiate in the evening for the Rev. D. Duff. At 11 a. m., yesterday, however, the Rev. Mr Somerville and his congregation assembled at the church door, but were refused admittance by Messrs Fell, A Wilson and Mitchell, on behalf of the Managing Committee. The keys of the church were demanded by members of the congregation, who said they had a right to occupy the pews for which they had paid, as the session had to do with the service and not the committee, but the demand was refused. It seemed at one time as if some parties were disposed to use violence, but Mr Somerville's counsels prevailed, and he read to the persons present, who numbered about 100, and included a number of ladies, the correspondence that had taken place between himself and a portion of the committee, who, he maintained, had exceeded their legitimate functions and assumed an authority that did not attach to them, since the church session had consented to his ministration. Arrangements, it was said, had been made with the proprietor for a temporary lease of the old Gymnasium Hall on Broughton street, where service would for the present be conducted. After Mr Somerville had finished, the people quietly dispersed, following their Pastor, some wending their way to St. John's Church near by. The pulpit of the Pandora street Church, we understand, will be filled by another minister, so that Presbyterianism in this city, which was only strong enough to maintain one chuach, we regret to say, is now split up into two parties.

Fire Department.

An adjourned meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department was held on Saturday evening, to confer with Committees from the different Companies as to the course to be pursued in the present "deadlock." Mr W. Wilson, of Deluge Engine Company, moved the following reply to the Colonial Secretary, which was carried:

TO THE HON COLONIAL SECRETARY—*Sir:*—We hereby acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 31st instant, in reply to our application for aid to the Fire Department of the City of Victoria, informing us that the Governor sees no probability whatever of any sums being available this year for the support of the Fire Department out of the public Treasury:

The Fire Department, whilst it appreciates the "extreme regrets" expressed by His Excellency, cannot but deplore the action of the Legislative Council, by which the laudable efforts of the House of Assembly to reduce the expenses of Government in accordance with the condition of the Colony have been frustrated, and the existence of the Fire Department seriously imperilled.

A series of resolutions was then adopted. The resolutions provide that a Committee be appointed to wait on His Excellency and request that the amount now due and the amount required to meet the expenses of the Companies from the present time until the voting of the Estimates by the next Legislative Assembly, be placed in the Estimates for 1867; that such guarantee having been obtained, the Insurance Companies be requested to advance the money necessary to defray the Department expenses—said advances to be repaid out of the first monies voted in aid of the Department by the Assembly. In case of the refusal of a guarantee, the Insurance offices and the public are to be solicited to subscribe for the support of the Department. The concluding resolution is as follows:

That we, as representatives assembled by order of our respective Companies, pledge ourselves, in compliance with their wishes, to continue in service and to use all honorable means to maintain our organization intact, to render our services on all occasions, and Chief Engineer and the President and Secretary of the Board of Delegates, a Committee to act in accordance with the resolutions, and the meeting adjourned till Wednesday evening.

NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS.—Mr William Fisher has declined to be nominated as a candidate at the forthcoming election for the representation of New Westminster and district. Dr Black has announced his intention of contesting the seat with Mr Robson. The doctor favors retrenchment; a national school system; suppression of smuggling or sale of liquor to Indians; free grants to *bona fide* settlers; tax on unimproved lands; settlement of the Indian land question, and opening of Government reserves; the acceptance of the proposed Annexation Bill, though Union with this Colony is not desirable; a homestead law; abolition of tonnage dues; and construction of roads. Mr Robson, in an editorial in the *Columbian*, denounces the claims of his opponent, and with the most becoming modesty, points out his own unobtrusive virtues and fitness for the position.... Two fires occurred on Thursday night, at which the Hyack's distinguished themselves. The first occurred in the shed on Liverpool wharf, which was speedily subdued, the fire being confined to one end of the building. Some hay and some telegraph insulators were partially destroyed. The second originated in Mr Moody's stables, up the hill, which were consumed before assistance arrived..... Captain Fleming was the purchaser of the steamer Hope sold at auction in Dodge & Co.'s estate for $1000. The stock, &c., at Langley, realized fair prices.... The *Columbian* publishes a letter from Pilot Titcomb, who holds first class certificates, complaining that although he had announced himself as a candidate, he had received no intimation of the time and place of examination of Fraser River pilots, and was surprised to find that the other candidates had been notified and passed. (Have the claims of Mr Titcomb been ignored because he is a resident at Victoria?).... Captains Fleming and Irving have been elected honorary members of the Hyack Engine Company.... Mr Holbrook has gone to Lillooet to meet his constituents .... The *Columbian* has made arrangements for learning by telegraph the state of the weather at the several stations. The enterprise is worth *blowing* about.... Major Pope has presented to the Public Library *fac simile* drawings of the Atlantic cable of 1858 and that now in successful operation.

NARROW ESCAPE.—A few days ago an enterprising shoemaker leased a store on Government street and moved into it, after incurring considerable expense in refitting. On Saturday morning he learned that the rent of the ground on which the building stood had not been paid for upwards of a year, and that his large and valuable stock was in danger of being seized by the owner in satisfaction of the same—notwithstanding the new tenant had had no share in incurring the liability. Acting like a wise man, the son of St. Crispin summoned a number of friends, and in an incredibly short space of time the stock—valued at several thousand dollars—was removed to other premises on the opposite side of the street.

AMATEUR RACE.—From an advertisement in another column, it will be seen that some gentlemen turfites intend affording a little recreation to our citizens on Saturday next by engaging in a horse race on the Beacon Hill course. The names of several gentlemen who purpose entering horses have been recorded at the Bee Hive Hotel, and the Committee desire the co-operation of officers of the navy and others, so as to make up a good race. Any horse may be entered for the sweepstakes, but the name, with that of the rider, must be left in writing at the Bee Hive by Friday evening. The entrance fee is only one dollar, but a purse will be added. The riders will be required to appear in jockey costume.

ROW AMONG THE CELESTIALS.—A serious disturbance took place last night at the corner of Cormorant and Douglas streets between a number of Chinamen armed with sticks. Several of the combatants were prostrated and left for dead.

DISHONEST.—The *Telegraph* of yesterday morning and the previous days was almost a reprint of the COLONIST & CHRONICLE. Even our telegraphic news and tabular statements are coolly purloined without a word of credit to the source from which they were taken. Although the same means of obtaining news and information are open to our cotemporary as to ourselves, we have no serious objection to his availing himself of our enterprise and labour to present a readable paper to his few patrons; but we do [illegible] simply larceny.

THE NAVY AND VOLUNTEER RIFLE MATCH. The following are the names of the volunteers, who, by their superior shooting, have been selected to contest honors with the riflemen of the navy: Corpl. Peel, privates Allsop and Soar, Corpl. Englehardt, Sergt. Woollacott, privates J. Wilson and Newbury, Sergt. Newstadt, Adjt. Vinter, and Lieut. Pearse.

No. 2 COMPANY.—A meeting of the members of this volunteer company will be held in the Mechanics' Institute this evening at 8 o'clock, f el [illegible] ection of officers and other business.

GOVERNMENT BILLS.—Tradesmen having claims against the Government can, we are informed, obtain payment of accounts for May and June on application to-day at the Treasury.

THE STEAMER ACTIVE, which left San Francisco on Saturday, at 10 a. m., will be due here on Tuesday night or Wednesday morning.

POSTPONED.—Mr P. M. Backus' sale of liquors, ex-Mohawk, has been postponed until Thursday next, at 11 a. m.

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR commenced last evening at half-past six o'clock and will end to-morrow evening at the same hour.

The Country Lands.

EDITOR COLONIST AND CHRONICLE:—In your excellent remarks on the crops which are now harvesting, you observe that the agriculturists "will not only raise sufficient to find the islanders, but part of Uncle Sam's children in addition." This is however a mistake—should every crop be well secured, there will not be sufficient to supply our market for more than twelve weeks. And as to beef cattle, there are not more than enough on the Island to supply us for more than twelve weeks, if so long as that. Such must continue to be the case until our lands are thrown open, and other restrictions removed. The enquiry is often made, why do not men avail themselves of the land which is already to be had? I reply that no land is to be had, that *any wise man* would enter on. All the really good land is tied up. Three men have this week gone to Cowichan with a view to settle if possible, but if obtaining good land he the "sine qua non" they must return disappointed. They will see rich plains lying before their eyes, but not an acre will they be able to obtain. This *fact ought to be kept before the public.*

Yours faithfully,
JNO. C. DAVIE, M. R. C. S., &c.

SPEECH AT A MARRIAGE FESTIVAL.—The following little speech, which smacks of the poetical genius of Carlyle, was made in Memphis recently by a bridegroom at the wedding supper-table:—"To-night I shake hands with the past. I live henceforth in future joys. An unknown door is open wide, and I enter an abode of perfect beatitude. These two persons, whose lives have been well spent, have reared and trained in love and kindness, the sharer of my future joys and woes. If my life be blissful, I will owe them much, in that they have imbued the mind and heart of their adopted child with lessons of purity, kindness, truthfulness, and love. I am confident of the future. The shadow of the present shall fall upon it even when my bride and I have grown old, and invest it with sunset glories. The man who in youth knew some soft soul-subduing air, melts when again he hears it sung. Although it is not half so touching, yet it awakens sweetest echoes in dreamland, and to age it repeats the story of youthful hopes, passions, and love. I may not deserve the good I have won. Love is not won. It gives itself and if not given, no wealth, genius, beauty, state, or wit, no gold of earth or gem of heaven is rich enough to purchase it. Loving thee, my bride, my heart shall keep its old memories like the sea-shell its wonted melody. But away with forebodings on a wedding-night! Love's music steals on us like dawning light, which over all the heavens spreads and invests the world with beauty and glory. The road that leads on through this unknown future was dark and dreary, but a celestial splendour now lights up the gloom, and the fair bride, her spirit-self a Peri at the gates of Paradise, invites me onward and upward to a life of purest pleasure and duties of beneficence." How soon will Pecksniff be dead?

The Editor of a Down East paper, in alluding to the cause of its discontinuance, says: "Our journal has but one solitary subscriber, a dealer in groceries, who paid in articles out of the store. For two weeks the two editors of the paper have lived exclusively on salt fish and champagne.