

The Weekly British Colonialist and Chronicle.

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Queen Charlotte Island coal.

It is a source of congratulation to every true friend of the Colony, that this coal gains reputation every day. It appears the First Assistant Engineer of the Pensacola, who has had a long experience in the use of anthracite coal on the American war steamers...

Confederation.

The recent action of the people of Cariboo in favor of Confederation settles forever that question on the mainland. New Westminster, Yale, Lytton, Bonaparte, Clinton and Barkerville, are all in earnest...

Fire Inquiry.

The inquiry into the circumstances of the late fire at Gowen & Loewen's distillery commenced on Friday at one o'clock before Mr Pemberton, and a jury of three, Messrs Fell, Mallandaine and A. Wilson, the former acting as foreman.

Serge Bowden, of the Police, testified to being at the fire on Tuesday night; crossed the ferry immediately after the alarm was given; went amongst other things to inquire into the cause of the fire...

Mr Wootton, assistant jailer, substantiated the facts occurring after Jenner's arrival at the jail, and also the circumstances of his cap and coat being dusty and dirty.

Thomas Oliver, ferryman—Remembered the night of the fire; I was in bed when the alarm was given; got up immediately to attend to the ferry...

Mr Trahey had just retired a few minutes before the alarm was given; lives in the neighborhood of the fire, and went to it; on turning from his gate into the accused road he came suddenly on the accused; did not see each other owing to the high bushes at the junction of the roads...

John Morrow—Was the refiner at the distillery; left the building about 8 o'clock on the evening of the fire when all was safe and secure; had put the fire out of the boiler at 4 o'clock in the afternoon...

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Further News of the Late Wreck.

Shadwell Passage, the scene of the late wreck of the U.S.S. Swasee, is situated between Galiano and Hope Islands, and which are separated from Vancouver Island by Galiano channel. The passage is 3 1/2 miles long, in a northerly direction; breadth varies from a half to 1 1/2 miles, and is about 20 miles northerly from Fort Rupert.

Mr. Gowan is one of the proprietors, was insured in the Phoenix for \$10,000, including the building and machinery; there was a mortgage of \$3000 on the same; the stock was not insured; considers there were nearly three tons of grain; it was the principal stock, except the liquor on hand...

T. J. Burnes—Recollects some casks of spirit being sent to his place on Tuesday; they are in his store room; had stored liquor once previously for the convenience of Mr Gowan; was at the fire; could not get boats to take the firemen over; Capt. Loudon of the Ellen refused boats; nothing could be saved; the heat was frightful; he saw no suspicious circumstances.

Mr. Lowen—Is one of the proprietors of the distillery; knows nothing of the fire; was not at the building in the day time, but was at the fire; can tell precisely what the whole building cost, it was \$18,300; knew the prisoner in 1856 in California, and up to the present time; has no interest in the concern; never quarrelled with him; knows nothing about the spirits; as this was Mr Gowan's business.

Messrs Kremer and Trahey were called upon by Mr. Bishop to testify to the value of the property in order to save the proprietors from all possible animations. These gentlemen both estimated it as it stood at \$18,000. Mr Pemberton thought the case, in order to further the ends of justice, ought to be postponed until next Tuesday. The court was then adjourned, and the prisoner remanded until that day.

THE HOLLADAY. On the next trip of the Oriflamme, which arrived in San Francisco from Portland on the 14th inst, it is expected that Mr Holladay will pay a visit to Victoria. It is his intention to travel overland from Portland. We hope some good will result from his visit.

BURBANK INLET—It is gratifying to learn that another mill will be at work at the Inlet in about five weeks. Messrs Moody & Co have removed their excellent mill from New Westminster, which with the improvements added will be capable of cutting over 40,000 feet in the twenty-four hours.

Items from English Papers.

A distinguished company honored Sir Roderick Impey Gordon with their presence at the annual soiree of the Royal Geographical Society early in May. The walls of Willis's Rooms were hung with the most recent maps and sketches, illustrating the journeys of Livingstone, Sir Samuel Baker and other travellers.

The portion of the Thames embankment between Lambeth Bridge and Westminster was, last Saturday, opened to the public in a quiet and unpretentious manner. The pathway now open for foot passengers is 20 feet wide, the eventual continuation as far as High street, Lambeth, will vary somewhat in width.

The annual assembly of the Union of Congregational Ministers and Churches has just been held at the Weigh House Chapel, under the presidency of the chairman for the year, Dr. Raleigh. Dr. Raleigh delivered the annual address, his topic was "Christianity and Modern Progress."

THE NAVY OFFICE, UNITED STATES.—The Secretary of the Navy has made a report to Congress, giving the strength of the navy of the United States on the 1st of April, 1861, the number of vessels built or bought for the navy since that time, and the disposal made of them.

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Real Estate.

It is, perhaps, a day never to be forgotten to touch upon—real estate. Nevertheless it seems many of the complaints of real estate agents are not altogether general. We are into the old times, which kind, as in many a world being enough for life, or start him or to review the cause that time have gradually present state of things thoroughly understood suggest much that is fiction. The, which of getting at now, is we may judge of the real estate at present whether it is possible anything like a fair endevoured to understand as illustrated by the sales, but we could give the test required real and positive property now, we prices brought by an unexceptionable in Such sales as we have tunity of watching, character, and there maintain, give the test, for instance, a is advertised for sale mortgaged for \$750 that cases, that come free scope, for the himself safe is pretty things so that he will sale for the amount of though it were worth where there is not a tween the real value the amount of mortg will never have fre public. Then again positively defective that may be called a score other can militate and which against our late insight to the value of proving whether its price at public sale that good real estate incumbrances; and yet bring a good prices approximate On Friday next we portunity of testing McCrea, instructed bell & Co, offers p which, as far as we unexceptionable, and be fairly taken as a difference existing b value of property in price it is capable of the result with muc

As will be seen in the Northwest Territory got the floor in the month. The first app is somewhat slight the Spectator; but does not love the Other papers give version. All unite Lord Milton the me getic and determine for which the col merits and resources blis are now boldly liament by a noble will go long way Colony will herself properly be As we have already possessions are by the people wa formerly, and in great hope of just If the British peo up to the merits of a competent kno and importance, t up" things in the spite of Mr. Ad

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