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Work for the People.

There would appear to be every reason for thinking that the year of grace eighteen hundred and seventy will constitute a sort of epoch, so to speak, in the political history of British Columbia. Everyone must feel that great constitutional changes are impending, changes which the people could not hope long to ward off even if they would, but which most persons will heartily welcome as a happy relief from Downing-street misrule and Imperial neglect. There is every probability that during the next session of the Legislative Council, which cannot, in the common course of events, be far off, some action will have to be taken with regard to these changes. It is known that the Imperial Government is anxious to complete the scheme of Confederation on this continent, before turning its attention to the West India possessions and the colonies of Australasia. It is also known that the Canadian Government, having taken over the great intervening territory and organized a government therein, is now waiting anxiously for British Columbia to take the initiatory steps provided for in the British North America Act, 1867, section 146. It is undoubtedly true that the people of British Columbia may still hesitate; but it is idle to suppose that such hesitation on their part would delay for any considerable period the admission of this colony. Indeed, if it be true that despatches from Lord Granville are now lying at Government House, urging the matter upon His Excellency, it is difficult to escape the disagreeable suspicion that this being a Crown Colony, and that, too, with a very small population, it may be handed over with very little ceremony. We are disposed to believe, however, that it is a reluctant Government, not a reluctant Colony, that presents itself. Whatever may be asserted to the contrary, there would appear to be no good reason for doubting that there is a very general desire throughout the Colony for a constitutional change, and that as most persons are convinced that Confederation is the destiny of the colony, so most persons are prepared to enter the Dominion upon terms fair and equitable. Such being the general conviction and desire, what is to be gained by continuing longer to put off the work of considering the terms? Every month that passes brings us just so much nearer the possibility of being banded over upon terms arranged *for* us, not *by* us. There appears to exist in the minds of some a sort of hypochondriac dread that once we consent to talk about terms we are "gone in, sure!" It is said, and, doubtless, with much force of truth, that he who stops to parley with the tempter is lost; and if the Canadian Government is to be regarded in that light it will doubtless be our true wisdom to say, once for all, "Get thee behind me, Satan!" But we imagine there are few in this Colony so disposed to regard the matter; and we must be excused for attributing the strange mental phenomenon to which we have alluded to a disordered mind, or to gross misconception. Our own impression is that the people of British Columbia have everything to gain and nothing to lose by an early application of themselves to the great duty of considering the terms upon which it would be most advantageous to enter the Dominion. We have never been able to feel a common sympathy with those who may, perhaps, be denominated over zealous Confederationists; and a sense of duty has more than once placed us in opposition to a movement for immediate change. But it is impossible to conceal the fact that everything now seems to indicate the imminence of such a change—the ripeness, in fact, of the times; and the most phlegmatic cannot now, with any show of reason, argue that the consideration of the terms of union would be premature or unwise or dangerous.

Saturday Oct 9th

REBUILDING OF CHRIST CATHEDRAL.—The organization for this object is, we learn, actively following up the collections so well commenced at their first meeting at the Theatre. A body which in times like these is self-possessed enough to sit in conclave over the burning embers of an honored Church, and lighted by the flames of the Cathedral, solemnly resolve to erect a far nobler structure for divine worship in its stead, deserves the sympathy and support of all earnest and reflecting men. We heartily trust they will succeed in constructing an edifice worthy of such a magnificent site. Everyone may well contribute towards a building which will help so prominently to beautify the city and attract strangers to sojourn among us; and this, irrespective of the material benefit which will be derived by our mechanics and artizans from the expenditure of the heavy sum of money which a stone Cathedral of the contemplated dimensions must require. We are confident that no one will begrudge material aid to a congregation the members of which have always been ready to assist in every good work, from whatever quarter arising, ever since Victoria became a town.

Presentation.

On the occasion of the presentation of a goldheaded cane to Mr John Dickson, the following address was read. The cane was made by Mr. H. Rudolph, of this city:

DELUGE ENGINE HOUSE,
VICTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, B C.
OCTOBER 7th, 1869

MR. JOHN DICKSON:—Since you have stepped from the dignified position of Chief Engineer of the Victoria Fire Department, which you have honorably filled for two terms, to one which you now hold equally responsible, and even more so in a financial point of view, the members of Deluge Engine Company No. 1. of this Department have deputed us to speak a few words of commendation and praise for the uniformly faithful and efficient manner in which you have watched over and guided the interests of the Department, and particularly while you occupied the Foremanship of this Company. The feeble abilities of those chosen for said duty we fear will fall far short of the expectations of the worthy members who so chose us as the exponents of their views and feelings towards you as an officer and member of this Department. However, we believe we speak the sentiments not only of the members of this Company, but of the whole Department, when we say that when you assumed the duties and responsibilities of the many offices you have held, not only in this Company but as a Department Officer, you have at all times faithfully and to the best of your ability performed all the duties pertaining to those offices with honor to yourself and credit to the Company and Department. Under your guidance the interests of the Department advanced as they never did under any other leader.

You held office in the palmy days of our city, which may account somewhat for your great success. In the earlier institution of the Department you were particularly favored with position; yet we do not forget that the work at that time was onerous indeed. With all that, such has been your course, and so watchful and untiring have you been in the execution of every duty, that we can say to you, "You have committed no error, you have suffered no neglect."

And now, the members of this Company and those of the Department feel a proud satisfaction in being able to point to the individual at the head of the Board of Delegates, and say to our citizens, "*This was, and is, the chief among us!* This is the man whom we delight to honor; who honors us with his membership and valuable services."

The members of this body, entertaining these sentiments, have decided us in your bearing, to give them expression, which we do with all my heart; and, desiring to leave with you some substantial, visible token of their appreciation of your valuable services we have been requested to present to you and in their name, this Cane, which your fellow-members beg you to accept as an offering of their kindly regards.

And, as you approach the declivity of life, we hope you will find it a prop and a staff which will daily remind you of the many hearts which beat with gratitude for your noble labors, and with kindly solicitude for your future welfare and comfort.

Accept this offering, suitably inscribed, as a token of that better aid which the members will in future cheerfully bestow should the hour of need approach your door, and of our esteem and respect for you as a man, a citizen, a member and an officer. Remember that you can lean on our hearts as on this staff; and that while our Company survives you will never be without friends.

J. S. DRUMMOND.
E. B. MARVIN.

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC.—We have before us a late copy of the *Nor' Wester*, a paper published in the Red River settlement of the great North-West, containing an ably written article upon the relations which the various members of the Confederate family sustaining to each other, and pointing out the necessity which exists for the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The land and water road now, in course of active construction between Thunder Bay and Fort Garry, our contemporary says is all right and proper, but he distinctly protests against the expenditure of a single dollar of public money upon a railway along the same route, as the cars would lie rusting one-half of the year, because Lake Superior would be closed by ice. "Let all public money and grants of land," says our contemporary, "be reserved for the one great object—the Canadian Pacific Railway," and continues, "This territory is able to bear the whole expense of the construction of such a road if need be, and let as much of our public lands as are necessary be hypothecated for such a purpose and no other. We are willing to see our lands so set apart for the building of such a road." Nobly spoken, friend *Nor' Wester*. If all the colonists were made of similar stuff we should soon hear the shrill neighing of the Canadian pony as it careered down the Western Slope to slake its thirst in the Pacific.

DR LIVINGSTONE.—Sir Roderick I Murchison has written a letter to the London *Scotsman*, giving the arguments on which he bases his opinion as to the movements of Dr Livingstone. Persons familiar with Africa have suggested that Livingstone is probably a captive in the hands of the powerful king of Cazembe, but Murchison argues that the missing traveler is proceeding westward from Lake Tanganyika, to trace the watershed and drainage of the southern regions of the Atlantic. Murchison asserts that he has such implicit confidence in the tenacity of purpose, undying resolution and hurculean frame of Livingstone, he holds stoutly the opinion that, however delayed, the great explorer will overcome every obstacle, and will emerge from South Africa on the same western shore on which he appeared after his first great march across the region, long after his life had been despaired of.

DR RAE, whom many of our readers in this Colony will remember as the celebrated Arctic explorer, won three prizes at the Wimbledon, England, Rifle Matches. One of £25 the Belgian of £25, and the Alexandra of £5

Memorial.

NANAIMO, Sept. 22d, 1869.

To the Very Rev. Dean Cridge, member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Columbia.

VERY REV. AND DEAR SIR:

Hearing that our esteemed Pastor is about carrying his intention of leaving us into execution, and being most desirous of retaining him if there is the slightest possibility of our accomplishing such an object, we have addressed a communication to him praying his consent to remain, to which we have been fortunate enough to receive an affirmative reply. Copies of our letter to him and of his answer we have the honor to enclose for your perusal.

We have hereby to urge for the good of the church in Nanaimo, that the contemplated change be abandoned, or at least suspended, and that Mr. Garrett's request with with regard to his duty be complied with. As this will be the second clergyman we shall have lost with whom we were more than satisfied, we fear that should Mr. Garrett leave us the welfare and prosperity of the church would be materially affected and retarded.

(Here follow the Signatures)

REPLY:

VICTORIA, Oct. 1st, 1869

To the Memorialists of the Nanaimo Congregation.

DEAR SIRS,—At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, holden yesterday, at which were present the Dean, the Archdeacon of Columbia, the Archdeacon of Vancouver Island, and the other members, His Honor Chief Justice Needham in the chair, the subject of your Memorial for the retention of Mr. Garrett at Nanaimo was considered, and I am happy to inform you that the Committee have unanimously resolved to accede to the prayer; and I am requested to convey to you the sentiments of extreme gratification with which they have come to this decision.

The excellent feeling which manifestly subsists between Mr. Garrett and his flock, the evident appreciation on the part of the latter of his exertions on their behalf, together with due consideration for the welfare of the church at Nanaimo which you, no doubt justly, consider would be materially affected by Mr. Garrett's retirement, are alone sufficient reasons why the committee should acquiesce in your request, added to which Mr. Garrett's long and untiring abors for the welfare of the church in almost every part of this vast diocese are a further incentive to this resolution in the hope that he may thus be induced to remain in the Colony.

I have therefore written to Mr. Garrett in the name of the Committee to ask him to continue in his charge until the Bishop's pleasure can be ascertained, and further to express their sincere hope that the church in this Diocease may long continue to enjoy the benefit of his valuable services.

Believe me, my dear Sirs,
Yours very sincerely
(Signed,) E. CRIDGE, DEAN.

FIRE INQUEST.—Yesterday Messrs J. H Turner (foreman), T L Fawcett, W Wilson and E Pimbury were impaneled by Mr Pemberton as a jury to investigate the circumstances attending the destruction of Christ Church Cathedral by fire. Messrs J P Kennedy, T Taylor, C Smallwood and W S S Green, gave evidence. Mr Kennedy testified that he sat down to rest on Christ Church steps between 6 and 7 o'clock on the evening of the fire; remained there a few minutes—observed two men loitering about, one of whom passed quite close to witness and looked hard at him, afterwards descended the hill in the direction of the White Horse Inn. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Smallwood crossed the hill and passed the Church at 9 o'clock; there were then no signs of fire; within ten or fifteen minutes afterwards the alarm was given. Mr Green was at his house near the Church and heard a cracking noise outside; passed around the balcony of his house and saw flames issuing from the southeast corner of the edifice, about four feet from the ground, where the chancel joined the main building; ran to the Church and found it full of smoke and the fire fast approaching the roof; there was no light in the Church when witness first got there.

Adjourned till Monday next.

THE LECTURE AT ESQUIMALT.—Rev. Mr. Somerville's lecture in aid of the Harmonium Fund of the Presbyterian Church at Esquimalt was well attended, and seems to have afforded much gratification to his hearers. Mr. H. E. Wilby occupied the chair. The title of the lecture was "Six weeks in Oregon." We copy the *News'* report:—"Mr. Somerville commenced by describing his trip overland to Portland, by way of the Cowlitz River. He described the road as being very rough and the land in the immediate vicinity poor and thickly wooded until you come near to Portland, where there are some beautiful and well cultivated farms. He arrived at Portland, and found the city in a very prosperous condition, having several fine edifices, amongst which is one being erected by the Wesleyan Methodist mission, which he described as having the largest window on the Pacific Coast, and he begged to contradict the statement that the St. Andrew's church of this city, had the largest, as that one in Portland was twice the size. He spoke at some length upon the Chinese inhabitants of Portland, and said our city had not done its duty towards the Chinamen. There they have a Sunday school, which is very largely attended. He left Portland and proceeded up the Columbia River as far as the Dalles, through the Willamette valley, which he compared to Jerusalem for beauty and grandeur. We are unable to give any further details for want of space. At the close of the lecture a vote of thanks was passed to the able lecturer, after which they proceeded to sell a lot of fancy hosiery, etc, which was presented by several ladies in Esquimalt, to be sold for the benefit of the Harmonium Fund. The proceeds of the sale and lecture amounted to about $80."

THE SNIDER RIFLE.—The Snider rifle, the gift of Messrs Tunstall & Co, (London firm of J H Turner & Co, of this city) will be shot for on Saturday next at 200, 400, 600 and 800 yards ranges

THE disestablishment of the Irish Church by the bill recently enacted by the British Parliament, has very strangely been almost immediately followed by the death, on Sept. 16th, of the Archbishop of Armagh, the Primate of Ireland. The history of this prelate, who was not a man of remarkable ability exhibits the system of church preferment in Ireland and its injurious effects upon active religious life. Family influence alone seemed to have secured the successive promotions of Marcus Gervais Beresford, one hundred and seventeenth Archbishop of Armagh. He was born in 1801, and was the son of Dr George Beresford, Bishop of Kilmore, and a near relative of the Marquis of Waterford. In 1839 he was appointed Archdeacon; in 1854 was consecrated Bishop of Kilmore, being successor of his father; and in 1862 was translated to the Archbishopric of Armagh, succeeding another relative, Lord John Beresford, who had been Primate of Ireland for forty years.

THE IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AND CHRIST CHURCH.—The Imperial Fire Insurance Company, through its agent in this Colony, Mr J R Robertson Stewart have performed a very generous deed. Christ Church Cathedral, recently destroyed by fire, was insured for $2000 and its beautiful organ for $500, in the Imperial. A part of the church plate, fittings, pews and the organ were carried out in sections by those who arrived early on the spot, and were thus saved from destruction. Mr Stewart yesterday handed the Cathedral committee a check for $2500—the full amount for which the building, &c, was insured—and, in addition, made them a free gift of everything saved from the fire. This generosoty toward the suffering congregation of Christ Church is worthy of all praise.

REV. A. C. GARRETT remains at Nanaimo until the pleasure of the Bishop is known. The Standing Committee of the Diocese have so decided, in response to the very urgent memorial of the rev gentleman's parishoners. The Committee have acted wisely. The translation of Mr. Garrett means simply the hopeless decay of English Church interests in the important district of Nanaimo. Than Mr. Garrett a more able, faithful, zealous, largeminded Christian gentleman is not in the Colony. The wisdom of the Committee in acceding to the earnest and dignified prayer of the memorialists is worthy of applause. We publish the memorial and reply elsewhere.

DEPARTURE OF THE ACTIVE.—The steamship Active sailed at 8 o'clock yesterday morning with 41 passengers and a deep load of freight. Among the passengers were Mr. Thos. Tye, Miss Weller, Mr. H. E. Gilbert, Count Metaxa, R. N., Mrs. E. T. Baillie, Miss Baillie, Rt. Rev. Bishop Demers, Father Seghers, Father Haupts and Capt. Glidden.

THE MASONIC MIRROR.—Under this title the first number of a neat monthly has made its appearance in San Francisco. It is edited by Amasa W. Bishop, P. M., and presents a very neat and attractive appearance. In it is a list of the office-bearers of Grand Lodges on the Pacific coast, including those of British Columbia.

The Douglas and her Trips again.

MAPLE BAY, Oct. 6, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST—The grounds for the statement in my last letter is from information given me by the owner of the wharf at Maple Bay, which is this: That no settlers using his wharf have missed their passage, by the Douglas leaving at 10½ or 11 o'clock for the past 10 or 12 months; neither has she left so early as 10 or half-past, at the earliest seldom before 11 o'clock. One young gentleman only in the above interval has lost his passage and he was a visitor a short distance from Maple Bay, and came long after the time of the steamer usually leaving. I trust you will allow me space in your columns for this reply to 'Ego' and wishing 'Ego' a happier and more remunerative application for his pen in future, I take leave of the subject.

A NEAR RESIDENT OF MAPLE BAY.

A Terrible Tragedy—A Father Stabs his two Sons and attempts Suicide.

From the New York Tribune, Sept. 30.

For some time past Joseph Bausert, a resident of Union Hill, New Hampshire, has been at feud with members of his family and a few weeks since was arrested at their instigation on a charge of having murderous intentions towards them. On Thursday night he engaged in a quarrel with his wife, and having become abusive and theatening was ordered out of the house. After leaving he threw stones at the windows, and his eldest son, John D Bausert, went out. Some high words followed and Bausert senior became so enraged that he drew a large jack-knife and plunged it into the stomach of his son. Frederick, the younger son, then interfered to save his brother, but before he could render any assistance the father stabbed him in the stomach, side and on the leg. The wounded men were taken into the house, where they were attended by Dr DeGraff. The assailant fled and was found shortly afterwards covered with blood and his throat cut. About midnight Coroner White of Hoboken, took the deposition of Frederick Bausert, as it was feared from the nature of the wounds that he would not survive until morning. The deposition is a recapitulation of the facts already given. Coroner White committed the father to the County Jail to await the result of the injuries of the wounded men. The physicians expressed the opinion yesterday that there would be but faint hopes of either of the men recovering though they might linger for a few days. The prisoner is about fifty years of age and is disliked in the neighborhood because of his quarrelsome disposition. As soon as the affair became known the greatest excitement was manifested by the neighbors and great indignation was expressed against Bausert. The family came from Germany four years ago and have resided at Union Hill during the last three years.

BUY IT AND TRY IT.—Russell's celebrated coffee. The best on the Coast. Warranted a pure and healthful beverage. *

The Avondale Horror.

The New York *World's* correspondent at Avondale gives a graphic description of the scene at the mine at the time the bodies of the dead miners were brought up from the pit. The appearance of the dead men was very singular, nearly all of them showing in their faces and on their bodies ruddiness that could hardly be distinguished from the glow of health. Only one man was disfigured, and the expression on nearly the faces was calm and peaceful, denoting that the consummation of the asphyxia was almost painless. Most of the unfortunate men were Welchmen, the number of Irishmen being very small, and but one American is known to have been in the mine. When the stains of their labor had been washed away, the spectator beheld the curling locks, the finely cut features and columnar necks and busts peculiar to the sons of Cymri. But the sight of these dead bodies, showing neither emaciation nor disease, was far less painful and terrible than the sight of the widows and fatherless children. The loud cries of grief and wails of despair which were reported to have accompanied the very first news of the disaster, had died away when the full force of the blow was felt. The widowed women sat in their homes, usually on the thresholds or near them, unmoved, stern and stolid, looking out upon their neighbors or the throngs of passing strangers with a stony stare that seemed to express a wonder that the sun should shine and the rivers flow and men and women go and come now when all that made life living for was blotted out. The correspondent noted but two exceptions to this silent mourning, one was an Irish woman who rocked to and fro in her chair, crooning the name of her dead husband or son, and the other was a young Welsh girl whom he found writhing on the ground by the roadside, burying her face in the earth, with wild tumultuous bursts of sobbing, and broken ejeculations that she might die. From the general demeanor and temper of the miners the *World's* correspondent believes that dark days are soon coming for the capitalists of the mining district. The Welchmen are sullen and dogged, after their nature; the Irishmen, after their nature also, are noisy and fierce, and both classes believe that their comrades have been murdered. The Celtic portion at least are very demonstrative in their expression of this opinion, and their resentment shows itself in their demeanor towards everyone not of their class and station. One grey-headed old miner, who guarded the bodies of the dead, was approached by the correspondent with the request that he might be allowed facilities for learning the names of the unfortunates; the desire was civilly expressed, and the proper credentials were shown, but the miner broke out fiercely—"Get their names, is it? Put a lamp on yer hat then, and go down the shaft like a man for their names. I suppose yeer here to make money out o' this, God d—n ye."

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