Saturday, February 20, 1869 THE report of the Select, Committee on the Drawback Ordinance is a gratifying evidence of the awakening of at least a portion of the Legislative Couneil to a realization of the fact that the commercial interests of this port are suffering for want of protection, and that the present Customs policy of the Government in many respects is a serious mistake, tending to cripple commerce and guard the revenue of a foreign country instead of benefitting our own merchants. The Drawbacks Ordinance advocates three principles, viz; the extension of the privileges of our export laws to all vessels of ten tons and upwards; the adoption of drawbacks for a return of Customs duties to exporters of goods who have paid the usual import dues thereon; and the abolition of the secont system of certificates. The committee's report takes a favorable view of the Ordipance; and not only warmly endorses the application for drawbacks, but recommends the admission of vessels under ten tons to the privilege of engaging in the export trade. Upon the regulation requiring a certificate from the foreign Collector of Customs that goods shipped from bond here to a foreign port have been landed there, the Committee are of opinion that it tends to hamper trade to a serious extent, and recommend its abolition. It is unnecessary that we should repeat the objections we have frequently advanced to the continuance of a system so pernicious and injurious to the interests of a large class of fellow citizens as the present laws regulating the collection of Customs' duties in their application to this Colony. Whatever may have been the political advantages resulting from the Union of the Colonies, it is evident that the commercial class have enjoyed no share of those advantages. The loss of the bulk of our foreign trade, which had just begun to assume vast proportions, by the abregation of the Free Port. threw our merchants back upon local petition for the modeum of business to be transacted unprofitable, and in some instances roinous. The Drawbacks Ordinance proposes to again attract forprocess, in the operation of which ordinary vigilance on the part of the revenue revenue. In order fully to arrive at a beneficial in its character, not revenue. The order fully to arrive at a race is esteemed a bar to admission to its correct decision; the Select Committee summoned before it our principal merchants and heard their evidence for or against the measure; and the result is a report endorsing the Ordinance save in one particular. The Ordinance demanded sureties goods exported on which a drawback has been allowed should not be reland. ed within the limits of the Colony. This clause, the Committee recoms mend, be struck out as foontrary to sound business principles.' Scarcely second in importance to the report of the Select Committee on Drawbacks is their report as to the advisability of permitting ships bound on a foreign veyage to purchase their stores out of bond duty free. The practice now followed is to allow vessels bound on a voyage of not less than forty days' duration to purchase their stores duty free; but the privilege is denied vessels bound on a shorter voyage. Before the Tariff came into operation an extensive trade was transacted in stores for the supply of ships bound on foreign voyages, but since that period it has fallen off and has become comparatively valueless. The Committee propose to revive this branch of trade and attract hither for outfits foreign. bound vessels of 50 tons and upwards. however short the duration of the voyage, by allowing them to purchase their stores out of bond and duty free The reports have been laid before the Council for its action; and notwithstanding strepuous opposition is anticipated from certain officials who look more to the growth of the revenue than they do to the growth and prosperity of the Colony, there exists a very strong probability of the adoption of the recommendations.

THE bark Cyane sailed from San Francisco for Victoria on Feb. 6th.

Saturday, Feb 13 ARRIVAL OF THE H. B. Co.'s Ship Prince of Wales.—The Hudson Bay Company's ship Prince of Wales, Capt R Adamson, 142 days from London, and 124 days from Land's sented by the troupe, and afforded an oppor-End, arrived in Esquimalt harbour at 2 tunity of showing a diversity of acting which o'clock yesterday afternoon, and without the assistance of steamer or kedge sailed immediately alongside the Company's new Matchioness, Miss Cumming as Polly, were wharf, where she will discharge. A fine good, while Fuller, Thayar and Thornton acpassage is reported by the Captain, and quitted themselves with talent, Mr and Mrs the ship is in its customary state of cleanling Bates were again vociferously called before ness and good order. The cargo consists of the general merchandise and naval stores. Capt To Adamson has kindly placed at our disposal Adamson has kindly placed at our disposal the following memoranda, for which he has our city will be long remembered for the pleasance they have afforded us. No doubt our thanks:

The H.B. Co,'s ship Prince of Wales left Gravesend for Victoria, V. I., Sept. 22, 1868; was 10 days in the English Channel with B W gales. Was 40 days from Gravesend to the Line, which was crossed in long. 24:10 W; winds very light and variable from the English land to the Equator, was 26 days from the Equator to lat. 50 S in the Atlantic; experienced fresh S E trade winds throughout; was 15 days from lat. 50 S in the Pacific, beying h a continuance of light easterly favorable winds during the time; was 26½ days from lat 50 S Pacific to the Equator, which was crossed in long. 114: 30 W, out these from London 106½ days. Caught S E trades in lat. 24 S (Pacific), which continued fresh and steady throughout until lat. 5 N; had a few days of variable winds and rain; caught N E trades in lat. 220 N. (are in a caught N E) British Columbians. The Active laft Ports of the list we notice the names of several British Columbians. The Active laft Ports of the Columbians. The H.B. Co,'s ship Prince of Wales left days of variable winds and rain; caught N E trades in lat. 8:30 N; from thence to Cape Classett had very unsteady and unsettled weather, which was made on the 6th inst; was detained in the Straits from the above date to the 12th inst. with light baffling easterly winds, at which date we arrived and moored in Esquimalt harbor, all well, after a passage of five months throughout.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNIVAL. Three Chinamen were brought before Judge Pemberton yesterday on a charge of setting off snapping crackers on a public street in honor of the Celestial New Year, to the great annoyance and disturbance of quietlydisposed citizens. One of the accused could speak English, an accomplishment of which he seemed not a little proud, as he offered his services as spokesman for himself and his friends. Addressing the Beach he said: You see, Chinese New Yee he come; hear Chineemen he makee big fuss. Me go down Colmolant stleet, see heap fliel clackels go bang. One policeemen he come 'long and be takit me to plison. Me go. Long time me no makee fliel clackels go offer You lettee me go, me go off too, Me ne sabbee! The eloquence of the spokesman won upon the adamantine heart of Justice and the Celestials were 'let go off' upon furnishing security in the sum of \$10 to appear in one week for sentence.

FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. - In the published statement of this Society it will the 1st of March. Society has steadily increased in members and influence, until it ranks among the first officers would prevent frands upon the charitable institutions of our Colony. Purely beneficial in its character, nor creed, nor benefits; and the trifling monthly fee of \$1 entitles a member to every privilege and at- to sail at 11 o'clock a m to day. tention, whether he be rolling in wealth or steeped to the lips in poverty. The financial A exhibit shows assets standing to the credit of the Society amounting to \$2867 45, a considerable increase over that of last year. The membership numbers 52. To commemorate the angiversary of the foundation of the Society & Banquet will take place at the Colonial Hotel on the 24th inst. at 7 o'clock. Do.

> It is earnestly boped that the Lands and Works Department, now that it has got the new bridge off its hands, will turn its attention to the improvement of the road leading to Admiral Hastings' residence. We are credibly informed that light carriages frequently sink to the hub in the mud, that the road is absolutely impassable, and that the Admiral and his family are rowed in a boat to another part of Esquimalt harbor before they can reach their carriage and drive to town. We sincerely regret that it is within our power to write thus of any read within the Colony-and especially of a road that is so follows: necessary to the comfort and convenience of a gentleman who has contributed so largely to the material advancement of the country as Admiral Hastings has done.

THE BISHOP OF DUNEDIN .- Dr Jenner who was consecrated to the bishopric of Dunedin, New Zealand, more that two years ago, had at length left England for his diocese. It appears that his reception and recognition depend upon a vote of the Colconial General Synod, and as he is a Ritualist, or meet the expenses attending the same or ago, had at length left England for his diocese. It appears that his reception and onial General Synod, and as be is a Ritualist. it is not quite clear that he will be received very cordially. Dr Suter, the bishop of the neighborhood diocese of Nelson, has pointed out that the General Synod has three courses open to it: 1. To refuse to recoynize Bishop Jenner's appointment. 2. To recognize it and say nothing. 3. To recogni nize it conditionally.

THE postmaster at Derby, Ct., has a letter addressed 'the handsomest widow in Derby.' He dares not deliver it to any one.

H. M. S. ZEALOUS remained outside ye terday engaged in practice.

THEATER ROYAL -- Last night the agreeit, we regret to say, is the last appears ce of this admirable company whose visit

British Columbians. The Active left Ports

THE WEATHER -A hipping frost set in on Thursday night and yesterday and a thin glaze of ice covered the dead water in James and Rock Bays; but vegetation ap-James and Rock Bays; but vegetation ap- and construed as a part of this Ordinance, in ileges without proper compensation, nor to accept the interpretation put upon their claims of the ghostly visitant.

WADDINGTON ALLEY is at last undergoing adopted by them to enforce the repairs.

THE SPRING RIDGE WATER WORKS CO advertise for tenders, until the 20th inst., for leasing the right to draw water from the hydrants of the company for sale and distribution in and about Victoria.

THE steamer Montana has been withdraw from the San Francisco and Honolula route; and there will be, until further notice, only one steamer (the Idaho) despatched every

five weeks.

For Honokono Capt. Nagle advertise the ship Jean Alise with accommodation for four passengers, to sail hence on or abou

Esquimalt. She will connect with the Ajax the said Amendment Ordinance, required to for San Francisco at Astoria.

Bill Entitled an Ordinance in aid of Certain By-Laws under the "Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867."

WHERRAS by the 'Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867,' the Municipal Council of the Oity of Victoria is empowered amongst other the By-Laws mentioned in Section 34 of the said Ordinance, to make various By-Laws for the regulation, health, good government, and convenience of the said City; but the costs of carrying out the same respectively, ought not to fall on the General Rates, but on particular portions of property affected by

And whereas, the said Municipal Council has no sufficient power under the now existing Ordinance to make specific Rates in And whereas, it is advisable for such par-

pose to give additional power to the said

ousent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:

I. When any By-Law referred to in the Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867, shall have been duly passed and allowed, as in the said Ordinance prescribed, and such By-Law shall require an expenditure of money to carry the same into effect the same in for the said Municipal Council, and the said Municipal Council is hereby authorized and mpowered, to raise from time to time, in nanner hereafter provided, such sum or

onsequent thereon. for any such purpose as aforesaid shall have been ascertained, the said Municipal Council shall, from time to time, levy and assess on the Owners of the Real Estate, sufficient to raise the amount required for the purposes, aforesaid, and shall at the same time fix a specific day and place for the payment of the

III.-Every Rate imposed under the author-Owner of the land in respect of which or of the improvements thereon the Assessment shall have been made, and when paid, the amount so paid with interest thereon at the rate of Eighteen per centum per annum shallp or loar couses, prominent among which arrived at San Francisco on the 11th inst.

whenever the Assessment shall have been made in respect of property held under lease from him, or in respect of improvements which were not at the time of Assessment owned by him, be recoverable by him from the Lessee, or the Owner, or Occupier

from the Lessee, or the Owner, or Occupier of the property assessed, by distress, or otherwise, in like manner as if the amount due were owing to him from such person for rent in arrear in respect of such property.

IV. So soon as conveniently may be, after such Assessment has been made, and a time appointed for payment of the Rate thereis mentioned the said Municipal Council chall cause a notice thereof to be published in the Government Gazette, or one or more news. papers published or circulating in the sa Uity; and shall also cause a notice thereof. be served on the Owners of such Real notice shall briefly refer to the By-Law p the authority of which such expense aforesaid shall have been incorred, the aforesaid shall have been incurred, the water executed, or services performed, and the amount of the Rate; and in such last mens tioned notice shall be stated, in a uniform, the number of the Town Let, or other necessary description of the land, or other property assessed, the value of the Real Retate, and the amount of the Assessment is respect of each Let or other piece of land or V. It such Tex or Rate be not paid with

in One Calendar Month all day so fixed for such payments each case, shall attach and be payable from the day of default, that is to say, from the day of the expiration of such Calendar Month here and stated their case in the proper quark that the case in the proper quark we believe that the Duke of Buckings until such Rate or Tax and interest, and the ters. We believe that the Duke of Bucking oosts thereon, including the cost of Regis ham sent the ultimatum of the late Government British Columbians. The Active left Ports costs thereon, including the cost of Registration (if any) and interest shall have been fully paid off or satisfied, and until so paid off or satisfied shall be a primary lien on the Inches for favors conferred.

Costs thereon, including the cost of Registration (if any) and interest shall have been fully paid off or satisfied, and until so paid off or satisfied shall be a primary lien on the land in respect of which, or of the improvements thereon, the Rate or Tax shall privy Seal, being thereby precluded from continuing his connection with the Company, the the due payment thereof. Section LI. of the Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867, and Section VI. of the 'Victoria Municipal arrives at a decision. Amendment Ordinance 1869, shall be read and construed as a part of this Ordinance, in and embodied herein.

and allowed as aforesaid, two or more Own- make a handsome profit by whatever transacrepairs. The numerous traps that have long payment of any sum of money or expenses disgraced and rendered it unsafe will be the amount to be paid by them respectively, closed in a day or two. The Corporation (subject as in Section II. of this Ordinance is will be satisfied. In general terms, no one ers of Real Estate are made liable for the tion is entered into by the representatives. deserve great praise for the enegetic steps of the Real Estate in respect of which they adopted by them to enforce the repairs. resp ctively are made so liable.
VII. The value, or any question as to the

value of any Real Estate, shall be determined by the Municipal Assessment Roll pext preceding any Assessment to be made under the authority of this Ordinance, and such Real Estate shall be deemed to be of the value stated in such Roll, and such Roll shall tioned by the several persons therein mentations to as being the Owners thereof respectively, and for the purposes aforesaid, a copy at the said Roll duly certified as such by and under the hand of the Clerk of the said Municipal Council, with the Seal of such Council and the control of Canada over their property be to them a mere monetary question, to the Canadians it is emphatically a matter of grave public policy.

That the calculation of a fertile tract of territory should be effected, and that a settled government should have authority in that territory, are to them, objects of plantage admirable. nexed thereto or impressed thereor, shall be admissible in evidence in all cases where the original Roll would be so admissible.

be served as therein mentioned, shall be served either personally or by leaving the In is the steamship Sierra Nevada, Capt same (or depositing it in the Post Office, in Dall, that is going to Sitka via Victoria. an euclosure addressed to such Owners) at She is advertised in the San Francisco papers their last known places of abode, and affixing a copy thereof when feasible (and may which might be very startling to the Hadson be affixed with ordinary diligence) at or on Bay proprietors." some conspicuous part of each Town Lot, or other piece of land or property in respect of which the Assessment therein referred to shall have been made; and if such notice cannot be served as last aforesaid, then ,it shall not be necessary to serve the Owner of the Real Estate on which any such notice should have been affixed with any notice.

1X. In the construction of this Ordinance, or any By-Law therein referred to, the term Real Estate' shall, as the case may be, comprise either the land irrespective of the improvements thereon, the land and improvements thereon, or the improvements only, on the land referred to in any such By-Law as last aforesaid; and the term . 'Improvements' shall comprise Buildings, Wharves, Erections, Embankments, Fences, Drains, and all other works on which there shall have been respect of such specific objects, and is, therefore, unable by reason thereof to carry into effect the said Ordinance, and the said By-Laws therein in that behalf contained; matter, and several persons as well as one person, and bodies corporated as well as individuals, and females as well as males; and words importing the plural number shall

We copy the following from the London Daily News of the 16th Dec. It is doubtles true, as therein stated, that the change of government in Britain will delay the settle-ment of the Hudson's Bay Territory ques-tion, but we do not anticipate that it will have any injurious influence on the final terms of arrangement;
'It seems probable that if Mr Disraeli

and his colleagues had postponed their re-signation till after the new House of Commons formally declared its want of confidence in them, the public might have been informed that a settlement was effected between the Government of Canada and the Hudson's Bay Company. As the public is aware, negoti-ations have been on foot during the past lew-weeks having for their object the termination delays thus occasioned, it is but fair to re- Pilla are excellent restoratives, they expel the mamber the advantages gained when a mat- poison and enrich the blood.

the Canadians on the one hand with the exsectations of the shareholders in the Hudson Company on the other, is a problem which it is far more easy to state than to solve. for many years back the Company has been to Canadians what a hobgoblin is to children, scaring them from the possessions they acquest their own, but hesitate to occupy. Since he Confederation of the several Provinces, the occupation of the Western territories by the General Parliament is a burden not less grevious than was the Old Man of the Sea to They allege that their destiny is marred because a grand field for the display of their energies is closed against them. West, ward they would follow the track of Empire, but the monopoly of the Hudson Bay Company is the bar to their progress. The more imaginative and ambitious spirits among them wish that the Dominion of Canada should be sh that the Dominion of Canada should be unded by the North Pole, the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans, and chafe at the barrier ading company which stands on its alleged seient rights without proving by its action that it is prepared to spread abroad the ben-efts of civilization over its territory. That the most fertile land in the world should be the breeding place of wild animals merely be-oanse Charles H. granted a Charter in 1670 to day so fixed for such payment to the state of interest after the rate of Twenty-four per things, two members of the Canndian Govern centum per annum, on the amount so due in each case, shall attach and be payable from dougall, who were empowered to come to an each case, shall attach and be payable from

It is obvious that the Hudson Bay shareholds

ers are neither disposed to part with their priva vi. When, by any By-Law to be passed they naturally consider themselves entitled to would deem equitable. As a rule, every shareholder is more or less another Alnaschar. He dreams of golden returns as the result of his small investment. Not unfrequently, in the ecstacy caused by his vision, he irretrievably damages his prespects by a rash step. Such may be the fate of the Hudson Bay shareholders should they be too exacting in their demands. If the control of Canada over

importance. It is the attainment of these ends that the government must aim at. Let existing rights be scrupulously respected, and published statement of this Society it will the 1st of March.

To Connect.—The Active sails at 5 o'—

Respect that its financial affairs are in a most

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Respect to be served on Owners of Real state, except in the case of notices by the state, except in the case of notices by the clock on Sunday morning for Portland from Victoria Municipal Ordinance, 1867, or by nain shut against those make their homes there. To keep the question open is to make the final solution the more difficult, or rather it is to hold out inducements to unruly spirits to take the law into their own hands, and thereby at once hasten and simplify the solution in a manner

Duty on Cattle. VICTORIA, Feb. 12, 1869.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: I eee by your report of the Legislative Council proceedings in this morning's paper that the resolution brought forward by Mr Humphreys recommending a higher duty on horned cattle and on sheep, was adopted. It appears to me that the members of the Legislative Council have very little data whence to draw their conclusions on this subject, since the result of their deliberations is so erroneous. At this moment nearly all the horned cattle in British Columbia are in the hands of five or ix men, and nearly the whole of the sheep in the hands of one man; the consequence is, that a cow cannot be purchased on the mainand for less than \$75, and what price they would attain, were it not for the Oregonians who are constantly driving in berds, is impossible to say. Now, sir, if the duty is increased it will discourage and perhaps cause an entire ossistion of this needful competition, and hone of the young cattle up country being yet ready for the knife, the consequence will be that beef and mutton would reach the prices at which such articles were sold in Cariboo aix years ago. I sincerely hope such an injudicious step will not be taken by the government. I am now in this city, on my way to Portland, for the purpose of buying cattle for breeding purposes, in the upper country, and the increased duty would make a serious difference in my calculations. I hope you will insert this letter in your paper, as it may prevent the government committing a great error;

FARMER: (We beg 'Farmer' will be perfectly easy on the subject of the duty, as it is highly improbable that any alteration will be made at present .- ED. CoLONIST.1

Holloway's Pills .-- These celebrated Pills are essentially useful in purifying the blood, cleansing the stomach, gently stimulating the kidneys, and acting as mild aperients. A few doses of this actions have been on not out.

weeks having for their object the termination of a long and bitter controvers, which that Company has had with the Canadian people. The change of Ministry, prior to the final are transposents being concluded, must lead to a reconsideration of the points at issue. While the system has been enherevated by over-indulgence or exhausted by increasily preparation, these the state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enherevated by over-indulgence or exhausted by increasily preparation, these the state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enherevated by increasily preparation, these of the state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enherevated by increasily preparation, these of the state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enherevated by increasily preparation, these of the state of health, and with marvellous effect. When the system has been enherevated by increasily preparation, these of the state of health, and with marvellous effect. Legislative Co

Wednesday, Present-Hons, Humph ders, Robson, Havelock, C Hamley, Drake, Crease, Trutch, Helmcken Davie Wood, Young (pres ding.) FEMALE MMIGR

Hon Robson had the I report of the Select Committee did a sole to make too large a present circumstances of recommended that the as such assistance be restricte mestic servants from 18 to The number to be brought exceed 40 at one time. The and the little incidental voyage they had calculat to \$175, of which the Go pay \$75, the applicant \$50 \$50 would be paid by ins period of service to be requi years. The Board have the Government grant and rec for servants. Proper mean for the dissemination of tion concerning the Colony

and San Francisco.

The report was adopted, for consideration on Tuesda Hon Crease brought up Island re-conveyance Ordin read a first time.

DUTY ON CAT Hon Humphreys moved address be presented to H Governor, praying that the cattle imported into British creased to \$5 per head, du per head. As a rule he protection, but the motion before them was an except stock raisers on the Ameri position to drive their across the line and underse British Columbia. This v fact that the stock in although rapidly increasing present time been very cos and they consequently requ

some protection.

Hon Robson seconded the held the opinions expresse for three years, and he felt t vinced it would work well; would not affect the price to the consumer. It was people drove large berds of American side into this little expense, eating up al on which they fattened an profit; the drivers did not wards the revenue of the present tax would only be f compelling the paymen bution. The tax would he encouraging stock raisin and would not interfere wit Hon Ball was opposed to

the duty on cattle ; the set such a start that they w compete with American settlers were not in a posit herde; Vancouver Island in breeding cattle. The it sheep would be still worse Hon Davie-While be hen mover and seconder of should not descend from

man and a gentleman t who introduced the resolut conscientiously, but a men proposed, although possib Mainland, was quite un Island. The farmers had of success in that way u amendment that yearlings

free.

Han O'Reilly differed fapeakers in thinking that i difference in the price of man odifference whatever if the \$10 per head on horned of on the Mainland required

Hon Ring thought the be an increase in the pric ton; all the prime necessibe admitted duty free. Hon Sanders did not b crease the price of food, farmers were entitled to p

Hon Crease would vote olution or the amendmen not to be touched. Peop their arrangements for bus of the present Tariff, and i great inconvenience to me present—it would alter the trade.

Hon Helmcken said the i

lings would give a great raising in this Colony; they over here to fatten for the On a division, the amend vie was lost, and the resol phreys carried,

Hon Alston moved that the presented to his Excelle respectfully requesting his mission to enquire into a best system of administer and of managing their Res affected 50,000 people in every civilized country wh been dispossessed of the gation of protecting then recognised, and in eve special Department had after their affairs. In thi no Indian administration arisen from any apathy Government. The kind James Douglas was well l Kennedy had not been re doubt have taken proper protection. Our present a lively interest in thei want was the absence of r wents Government from el be desired. It was true the Hudson Bay Company administration; but the dians kindly, and we by them in return; the sale of intoxicating population increased the along with him that dea ng with him that des He was ready to admit

destined to disappear