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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 Council 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 benefiting our own merchants.

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 End, arrived in Esquimalt harbour at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and without the assistance of steamer or kedge sailed immediately alongside the Company's new wharf, where she will discharge. A fine passage is reported by the Captain, and the ship is in its customary state of cleanliness and good order.

THE CHINESE NEW YEAR CARNAVAL.—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 quietly disposed 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.

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THE STEAMSHIP MONTANA has been withdrawn from the San Francisco and Honolulu route, and there will be, until further notice, only one steamer (the Idaho) despatched every five weeks.

FOR HONGKONG.—Capt. Nagle advertises the ship Pearl Albatross, with accommodations for four passengers, to sail hence on or about the 1st of March.

TO COMMERCE.—The Active sails at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning for Portland from Esquimalt. She will connect with the Ajax for San Francisco at Astoria.

A BILL ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE IN AID OF CERTAIN BY-LAWS UNDER THE "VICTORIA MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE, 1867."

Tan Bark Cyane sailed from San Francisco for Victoria on Feb. 6th.

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

H. M. S. Zhalovsk remained outside yesterday engaged in practice.

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, he recoverable by him 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 arrears in respect of such property.

How to reconcile the national demands of the Canadians on the one hand with the expectations of the shareholders in the Hudson Bay Company on the other, is a problem which it is far more easy to state than to solve.

Legislative Council Wednesday, Feb. 12, 1869.

Present—Hons. Humphreys, Robson, Havelock, O'Hanley, Drake, Crease, Trutch, Helmcken, David Wood, Young (presiding.)