WDDR. BRITISH COLONIST.

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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

tidina M adt at THURSDAY, April 13. The House met at 3.15 p.m. Members present-Messrs. De Cosmos, Powell, Frank-in, M'Clure, Tolmie, Trimble, Dickson, Burnaby, Bancan; Dennes, and Carswell. SUPPLY BILLS.

The Speaker read a communication from The Speaker read a communication from Bis Excellency the Governor, handing down Bill to Impose Customs Daties on Stock, Carcasses, and Vegetables, in accordance with the resolutions from the Ways and leans Committee.

The Bill was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CROWN LANDS AND OIVIL LIST. The House wert into committee on the nestion, Mr. Franklin in the chair. A pause of a few moments occurred, broken by a call of "question." Dr. Helmcken said it was not his inten-

tion to attempt to sway the House by any display of eloquence on the question, as really there was very little to say. Every hon. member must be fully aware of the simple facts of the case. If we looked around the country we found that the presemption law was more or less abrogated ; Indian affairs were in confusion ; the gold policy of the country was at a dead lock ; the salaries of some of the civil servants were unpaid. We could not move one side or the other without finding this Civil List question coming up and interfering. If we took Mr. Oardwell's despatch, we found that none of civil salaries were to be paid by the Crown Revenue, except the Governor's and Colonial Secretary's. This was a very serious con-clusion that the Home Government had come to. He thought there could be no real doubt to. He thought there could be no real doubt as to the meaning of the despatch. This question had been mixed up with the claims of the colony against the Hudson Bay Com-pany, whether of a real or fancied nature. He maintained that taking over the Crown Lands would not affect this question in the slightest degree whatever (hear, hear, and no, no i) If he had thought it would have that affect he would have been the last man to have brought it forward. The resolutions be proposed were straightforward and honest, and he did not wish to deal in any political chicanery in the matter. The senior mem-ber for the city had said that Civil Lists were passed during the lifetime of the reigning monarch and for a certain time after. Although this might be customary, it did not Although this might be customary, it did not follow that it must always be done. If the Crown could part with the lands for a whole lifetime it could de so equally for part of a lifetime. Is making this proposition for two years he did it simply and only to give time for union (hear, hear). If that came earlier, the Civil List would not have to be paid so long. We could easily pay it for the two years from the Crown Lands revenues. If the House thought the Civil List too much, it would be very easy at the end of it would be very easy at the end of the two years to reduce it to meet the espacity of the colony. It had been objected that the Act could not be repealed without the consent of the Crown, but union was so cortain to take place within the two years that the Act would not require to be altered. But at any rate it could easily be arranged by an amendment to the resolutions. The hon, member for the city said we must have thion first and the Civil List after; but he maintained that this was not necessary. By yoting this Civil List for two years, we could throw no greater burlen on the colony, because the money was in the lands now! The hon. gentleman said if we took the Grown Lands we swallowed the Hudson Bay claim and everything else connected with them. He maintained, however, that this was not the case, and the late despatch from the Exeducive stated the same-that accepting the Crown Lands would not affect the claim against the Hudson Bay Company one jot. His Excellency was not a friend to the company, but had done all in his power for the colony. As to the House being treated with silent contempt by Her Majesty's Govern-ment, he (Dr. H.) knew that the Beport had been taken into consideration, and they had arrived at a decision, which was perhaps already in the hands of the Government here; the Executive, however, said it was not. The hon. member for the city had proposed to loan the sums necessary to pay the eivil salaries to the Government, but he would like to ask how the general revenue was to raise \$10,000 to do this, when they found such a difficulty in raising the current expenses of the colony. Besides they al-ready owed the Home Government \$15,000, which must be paid. He took up this ques-tion more in regard to union than any other point, and he would like this House to show that they were actuated by no spirit of hostility to the Home Government or the neigh-bouring colony. (Hear, hear.) There were many more things wanted from the Home Government than union, and it would be well to show a friendly feeling, by which we would be more likely to obtain what we wanted, than by throwing obstacles in the way of the Home Government. He did not feel it necessary to add anything further. He believed that by taking over the Crown Lands and the Grown Bevenue, this House would be taking the best method to advance the interests of the colony. It might be waid that the Crown Bevenues would not in a few years be worth the Civil List, but he did not believe anything of the kind. A few years ago the House was very anxious to take over the Urown Lands and vote a Civil List, but the lands did not then belong to the Grown, as they do now. He would not occupy more time, but he would ask hon. members to look on the matter in a colonial point of view, not to attempt to throw this colony into opposition to the Bome Go-vernment, as this would only be injuring the colony. (Hear, hear.) By so doing, we would only offend the Home Govern-ment, and not only risk the loss of union, but those other little things which were gate as important to the coldiny. south Mr. Franktir had great pleasure in listening to the temperate and sensible temarks of the hon, member for Metchosin. The country was certainly in a state which required the must cureful and prudent registation. He had always maintained that we should vote • Civil List and take the Urown Lands, but suffering from illness when Mr. Wallace left the Bay City.

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we must know what these Orown Lands were. The colony literally had been paying the Civil List ever since it had a government, (hear, hear). In accepting the Crown Lands, however, the Hudson Bay Company inevitably came up. The House could not stultify itself by throwing overboard an opinion which it had arrived at after years of argument and mature deliberation. As to union he maintained that the obstacle was not the non actained that the obstacle was not the non ac-septance of the Crown Lands, (hear, hear), but the hesitation of British Columbis in assenting to union (hear, hear). He could not forego his position that the Hudson Bay Company's claims must be fairly secured against the resolutions; if they were amended to meet his view on the function of the secure of

to meet his views on this point he would support them. Mr. Dennes moved the following resolu-

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tion : "That this House, after having had under consideration the despatches of Her Ma-jesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, respecting the granting of the Civil List, proposed in the despatch of June, 1863, on condition that the Crown Revenues and Crown Lands be placed under the con-trol of the Local Legislature, considers that the scale of salaries is far too high for so small a colony as Vancouver Island, and as the House has during the present session, ex-pressed a desire to establish a settled policy conducive to the furtherance of Imperial and local interests, by declaring itself in favour of local interests, by declaring itself in favour of such a Constitution as may be granted by the Imperial Government it is fully convinced that it is advisable under the circumstances to defer the granting of a Civil List chargeable on the consolidated revenue till such union shall have taken place, inasmuch as the united colonies would be able to make a more united colonies would be able to make a more ample provision for the support of the diga-nity of Her Majesty's Representative, the Judiciary, and heads of Departments, and at the same time be less burdensome to the country than it would be wise or politic to do whilst we remain a separate colony. And this Honse pledges itself when union shall have taken place to accept the Civil List propesed in the dispatch of June, 1863, on the Civil List adopted by British Colum-bia on condition of granting to the local leg-islature the control of the Grown Lands and revenues; Provided always that the acceptance of the Crown Lands and revenues shall in no way prejudice the right of the colony to any land or arrears of sales of Crown Lands set forth as due to Crown revenue, in the address to His Excellency the Governor of July, 1864, the details of which are par-ticularly described in the report of the Crown Lands Committee. Dr. Holmcken did not see what the resolu-

tions meant, who were they intended for ? what was intended to be done with them ? Dr. Powell-They are intended to be passed ! [laughter]. Dr. Helmoken said the resolutions made

no provision whatever for the salaries which were to be paid; they merely put off the matter.

Mr. DeCosmos said he was not in a state to make a three days speech, but if he thought the House had any sober intention of accepting the Civil List he would be tempted to make a very long speech and go into many details. The tendency of accept-ing the Givil List either for the reign or for two years, was to secure the continuance of the administration, and he did not suppose that our officials were any more patriotic than those in other countries. He would ask why a cry had not been made in British Columbia that the Orown Lands had not been handed over to the Legislature there. If we proposed a union, it was a remarkable thing that the local legislature on one side had the Crown Lands Landed over to them while the other had not. He maintained, with the hon. chairman, that the Crown Lands question had nothing whatever to do from the present Executive was in favor of union, and utterances from the same source time after time were in favor of union, and when this House came to the deliberate opinion that union was necessary we found that the utterances of the Executive had found an impediment to union in the Crown Lands. He fully believed that if the Crown Lands were accepted now we shall not have union during the term of office of the present Governor [hear, hear]. When he found our Executive ulterance to one man stating one thing, and another atterance to another man stating a totally contrary thing, he must come to the conclusion that there was some deep laid plan to obtain a certain end. Mr. Cochrane here entered the House. Mr. DeCosmos would a-k the hon. Speaker what was to prevent any reasonable or rational what was to prevent any reasonable or rational Executive from using the Crown revenue in paying these salaries—in using them for the good of the colony. The hon. Speaker had al-inded to the dispatch of Mr. Cardwell; he [Mr. DeC] believed further despatches were perhaps now in the archives from the colony fully. explaining the views of Her Majesty's Go vernment on the matter. When we found one utterance promising union, if certain things were done, and the same high authings were done, and the same high au-thority giving forth another utterance di-rectly the opposite, he believed in disre-garding the utterances of such an oracle, and going by his own judgment and the judgment of his hon. fellows. His hon. unior colleague had argued that we were a poor weak colony, and should not attempt to oppose the Home Government. We had not the Imperial Government opposed had not the Imperial Government opposed to us, but only a colonial Governor, and a Colonial Secretary here, and a Colonial Se-cretary at home; if we had the Queen and Her Majesty's opposition, and the people and her majesty's opposition, and the people of England against us, we might be disposed to give way. The resolutions of the hon. member for Salt Spring he entirely concur-red with, and should they pass the House, he would move an additional resolution makprovision for the payment of the salaries now upprovided for.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. ABT

BHUTA Friday, April 14. FIRE.-The building formerly used as a squaw dance house, near Spratt & Kriemler's foundry, was totally consumed by fire last night about nine o'clock. The fire companies were speedily on the spot, but before the alarm reached town the whole structure was a mass of flames. The property was owned by Mr. Leneven.

ATTEMPTED INCENDIARISM .- During the excitement of the fire last night, some ruffians effected an entrance to the back part of the premises of Mr. Wm. Wilson's clothing store, Government street, and set fire to some empty boxes that were lying in the yard. By the merest accident, Mr. Joseph Wilson's atten-tion was drawn that way, when he discovered the boxes, which had been piled up against the woodwork of the house, on fire. By dint of great exertions he subdued the flames, but not before several panes of glass had been oracked by the heat and the house thoroughly charred in the vicinity of the boxes. another minute the house would have been on fire and the best part of Government street probably burned down. The attention of the police cannot be directed to more necessary channels than the discovery of these prowling and cowardly villains whose mission is wanton destruction. troda pilite of et

A NARROW ESCAPE-A man was handling a loaded pistol in the Globe hotel last night when it went off, and the bullet entered Buler's shop door on the opposite side of the street, almost grazing the person of a lady who was in the store. The bullet struck a thick buckskin glove, ripping a hole in it, and then bounded back on to the floor. Had not Buler happened to have called the lady back as she was going out. the bullet would almost certainly have struck her. The care-less fellow who held the pistol bolted the mo-ment the accident occurred.

LEECH RIVER .- Barnett, the expressman, informs us that heavy rain fell throughout Wednesday night at Leech River, causing the stream to rise and temporarily stopping work. The miners are pleased with the Governor's assent to their petition to have claims laid over until 1st May. Snow is vanishing from sight faster than ever. The Cornish Go. have dug a ditch to lead water on to their claim from the opposite side of the river.

GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE. - The Hudson Bay Company's officers here having received authority from head-quarters, offered 25 acres of land on the Esquimatt Road to His Excellency as a site for the Government House. The offer has not however, been accepted. Mr. R. Finlayson has offered 10 acres on the corner of Quadra street and Queen's avenue, for the same purpose. THE PACIFIC left Esquimalt yesterday

FROM PORTLAND.—The schooner Crosby ar-rived from Portland and Astoria yesterday after-noon with 30 tons of flour and a quantity of wheat, oats, &c. The principal part of the cargo is for Nanaimo. The Crosby left Postand last Thurs-day. We passed Cape Decision les VA

FROM NANAINO-The steam tag Diana, Capt. McCulloch, arrived from Nanaimo on Saturday afternoon with a few passengers and towing the Company's barge with 90 tons of coal to R. Brodrick. The Dians passed H.M.S. Chameleon in Na^{*} aimo harboron. Wednesday morning bound for Burrard's Inlet. The ship Aquile, in tow of the G. S. Wright, arrived on Thursday and com-menced discharging ballast,

FOR PORTLAND-The steamer Geo. S. Wright is advertised to sail for Portland to-morrow morning st 7 o'clock.

FOR VALPARAISO-The ship Frigate Bird is now ready for sea and will probably sail to-day for Valparaiso. THE ALEXANDRA-This steamer will sail for

New Westminster and Harrison river this evening at 6 o'clock. tor a priot, but a

PASSENGEBS.

Per stmr PACIFIC, from San Francisco a 'd Portland-C W Wallace, Mrs Wallace, A Lewis & wife, S Oppenheimer, John Bolton, Paul Haun, Da id Mantell, John McKu, Mr Starr, Mr Collins, Mr Mackenzie, George Hecken, W J Louden, Mr M Milby, James Moorhead, M Oberns, J Dunn, M Adams, Mrs Kranz and child, Thos Coleskey, G B Maynes, M Koshland, Gaptain Chas Thom. S Thom, J Fred, Mr Miller and 7 Chinamen.

Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON, from Fuget Sound-Captain Glidden, Meses Sawyer, Thomas Kelly, Lamkinton, Lakin, John Myers, H Ross, John Hallit, Bartlette, Wilby, A McOrea, Craswell, R Holn

Per brig FBANKLIN ADAMS, from San Francisco-Mrs & Mr R C Graves, B Upson, P F Scott, W Barkins, Chas Kinney, J Rodgers, S Montgomery and 25 Chinamen.

A Cluded by which the Bank of Montreal, and the London Bank of Moxico and South America, will act as Agents for the Bank of British Columbia at all their Branches. Drafts can now be obtained on any of the undermentioned places: **VOL.** 6. BANK OF MONTREAL THE BRITI Incorporated by Provincial Parliament. ESTABLISHED, 1818. 10 antidos BVSRY Paid-up Capital, - - \$6,000,000. (Sund AT VIC Branches and Agencies in Canada, Montreal, Kingston, Whitby, Stratford, Annum, in advan Cobourg, Peterboro, Picton, Toronto. or Six Months, - - -Quebec, Belleville, Ottawa, Perth, Per Week, payable to Hamilton, Brantford, Guelph, Simpoe, London, Brockville, Goderich, St. Catherines ngle Copies, - - - -Advertisements London Bank of Mexico and THE WEE urnished to Subsori South America. onths; \$2 50 for thre BRANCHES-Mexico, Vera Cruz, San Luis Potosi, Tampico -Lima. L. P. FISHER is our Loting of advertise D. M. LANG, Manager. Victoria, V. I., 4th April, 1865. OPPOSITION Sarnard's Express, telles attageter: 66 TAKAN ALL TO C STEAMER DAY ... W. R. Burrage, L. P. Fisher, -F. Algar, G. Street, ELEVENTH OF EACH MONTH. second lime. Certiad THE EXPLO Opposition Steamship Line to New York The report of t Tola via Nicaragua, is at last before th CARRYING THE U.S. MAIL. of twenty-seven ster Menday. Mr. M Clarc said the steamer would p account of the exp Victoria on the 7t THE CENTRAL AMERICAN TRAN sit Company will despatch a FIRST-CLASS Steamship tor PASSENGERS, MAILS and TEMA-SURE ONLY on or about the lith of each month until further notice. command of Dr. port has at differ Victoria papers, l San Francisco, January 1st, 1.65. of interesting 'm entirely new to the briefly the routes John Taylor & Co. the general result we can pretend 512 and 514 Washington St., ba The party we Cowichan in the SAN FRANCISCO Cowichan they F IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN river travel to which they reach Assayers' Materials days. In ascen which is forty L AOD & OERTLINGS, AND BECK ER & SON'S superior Assay and Bullion Bal-ances, Gold Scales, Melting and Muffle Furnaces, Crucibles, Muffles, Ingot Moulds, Curel and Crucible Tongs. Acids, Chemicals, &c., including a full and complete assortment of goods in unit line required by Assayers, Mining and Mill Comgold was discove or three places p and ashalf cents Ocal was discove to a considerabl arrived Wednesdaysbeath harbor from Druggists' Glasssware, timbered land, soil, and would g And Druggists' Sundries, Photographic Stook Per stmr PACIFIC, from San Francisco and Portland-11 pkg. gas fittings, 2 do seeds, 1 do leather, 38 do clothing, 20 do hardware, 1 do hops, 47 boots and shoes, 2 do hats, 7 do opium, 2 do butter, 8 do drugs, 7 do rope, 1 do books and stationery, 59 do mdse, 1 do corpse, 1 do specie, 200 qr sks flour, 15 bxs aggs, 25 do apples, 125 sheep, 13 bags eats, 1 horse. Value, \$60,254. ing. The count etc. IF All orders will receive prompt attention Goods carefully packed for transportation through the interior or coastwise. San Francisco, March 15, 1865. ap6 3m is explored with lake was found two miles in ler mile in bread ranges of mount

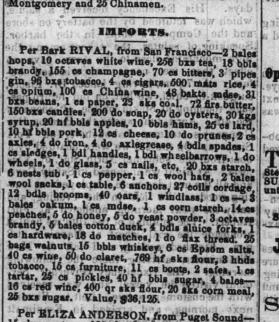
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THE PACIFIC left Esquimalt yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock for San Francisco direct. She did not carry many passengers. The remains of the late Dr. Wallace were brought up from San Francisco by the Pacific for interment in this city. Monday, April 17. Good FRIDAY was almost universally ob-seived in this city as a holiday, all the public offices and places of business being closed, and brooms, 2 do wheelbarrows and chair, broomsticks

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Per BLIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound-15 sks oysters, 100 dos eggs, 55 hd cattle and calves. 145 hd sheep, 2 horses, 11 hogs, 42 sks potatoes, 435 sks bran, 25 bxs bread. Value, \$5,124. THE SCHOOL BILL.

The House rose, and reported progress, and adjourntd till Thursday next.

DEATH AT SAN FRANCISCO,-We much regret to learn that a telegram was received by Mr. C. W. Wallace at Portland, announ-cing the death of Mr. Lott, the talented manager of the San Francisco house of Dickson De Wolfe & Co. Mr. Lott was

and the citizens generally being "out of town." Riding, driving, boating and walking parties were out in all directions. Sangster's Plains, Goldstream, Saanich and Cadborn Bay attracted the greater number of the equestrian pleasure seekers, while the beau-titul waters of Victoria Arm were dotted with a flotilla of boats, who darted through the foaming gorge and spread themselves along the romantic shores of the Upper Arm, till every wooded beadland and grassy knoll smoked with the fires of the gay pic-nic groups, and the sweet sounds of cornet and flute echoed and re-echoed round the rocky hills and winding creeks, adding fresh charms to the spot. The day passed merrily with all, no accident or mishap occurring to mar the general enjoyment. THE Easter Services yesterday at Christ Church, St. Johns, and the other places of worship in the city were highly impressive;

great pains were taken by the respective choirs to render the anthems and other sacred music worthy of the occasion. The performance of De Monti's Grand Mass at St Louis College Church attracted a large number of persons who were much struck by the very efficient manner in which the beaut.ful music was rendered by the Orches-tra and Choir under Mesers. Sandrie and Palmer. MANDEAGHDERSE

THE U.S. S. SHUBRICK arrived here early on Friday morning from Seattle, bringing us later telegraphic despatches from the seat of war. The Shubrick only remained a short time, and sailed for San Francisco direct.

were loading in San Francisco for this port.

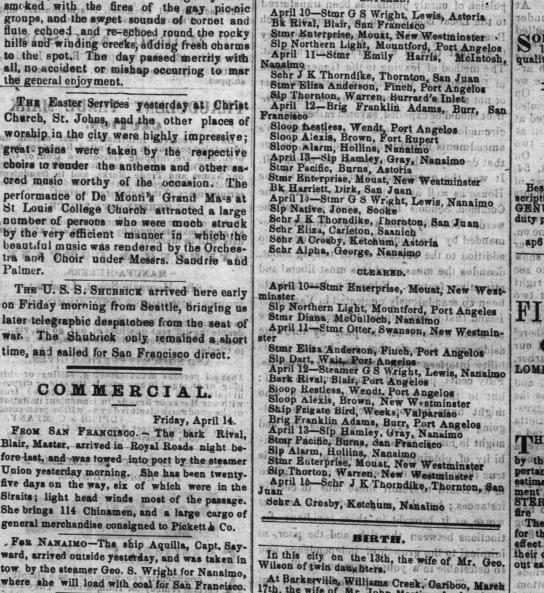
FROM SAN FRANCISCO .- The steamer Pacific

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with some forty passengers and a small cargo of

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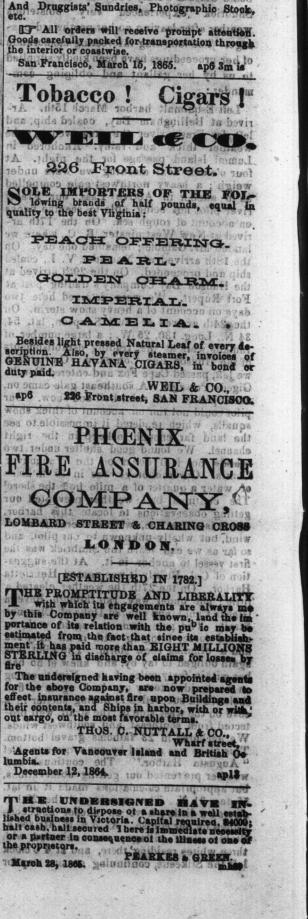


At Barkerville, Willjams Creek, Oariboo, March 17th, the wife of Mr. John Martin, of a daughter. ON THE BERTH .- The bark Temp est, Captain Hinckley, and schooner Sarah, Captain Hewitt,

DIED.

At Pemberton House, British Columbia, on March 4th, Giusrppe Salese, aged 44 years, a native of Italy.

At the Röyal Hospital in this city, on the 16th instant, James Hague, aged 45 years. a native of Bath, England. of the case demands.



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