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The Closing Season.

Another active season has come and gone. The snow creeps lower and lower still down the mountain sides. The leaping, laughing streamlet is dried up or hushed into stillness, or gives forth a muffled murmur, as it pursues its un-
 len and meandering course towards the waiting bosom of Old Neptune. It is natural at such a moment to take a retrospective glance at the closing season, and see what it has done for us; or, rather, what we have done with it.

Confining observation to material progress and development, it cannot be said that the record is altogether a blank. Commencing with the most important, though, perhaps not the most attractive department of colonial industry, it will be found that the agricultural interests have made marked progress, during the past season. Lands already occupied and under tillage have yielded a bountiful return for the labors of the husbandman, notwithstanding that there is still great room for improvement in the science of agriculture. The area of tillage lands has greatly extended; and a large amount of land has been alienated or put in process of alienation from the Crown, than during any previous season. Faith in the agricultural capacity of the country has been strengthened and increased, and confidence in the enlarged prosperity of the immediate future has been established. The natural result of all this is observable in the greatly increasing disposition to take up lands and create permanent homesteads. This disposition will have been observed, has manifested itself as far north as Omineca. Passing on to consider the mineral resources, they will be found to exhibit light and shade, success and failure, confidence and doubt, the former happily, however, predominating. True, the Southern goldfields, inspiring so much hope at one period, have apparently dwindled down to an unimportant mining camp, yet that circumstance would appear to be less owing to the absence of rich deposits than on account of the want of sufficient capital with which to reach these deep deposits. True, famous old Cariboo has yielded up its rich treasures more grudgingly than in former years; yet of the great extent of its dormant wealth few persons entertain a doubt. And, while William Creek has fallen off in its yield, it will have been observed that Lightning Creek presumes to dispute the palm for richness, thus strengthening the impression for the great beds of Cariboo's wealth lie still undisturbed. But the most important feature of the closing season, at least in so far as Cariboo is concerned, is the inauguration of a scheme for developing that section of William Creek commonly known as 'The Meadows.' The formation of a company of California capitalists and the introduction of the powerful and complete machinery now lying upon our wharves for that purpose, may be regarded as marking the dawn of a new era in the history of British Columbia. Hitherto the great drawback has been the want of that capital and enterprise essential to a successful working of these deeper and more expensive mines which set at defiance mere individual effort. The development of 'The Meadows' constitutes, of itself, a gigantic work, one which cannot fail to make itself felt during the next and succeeding seasons. But it is when viewed as the first of our mining enterprises carried on by foreign capital—the pioneer effort in a new and most important class of mining operations, that its real significance must appear. Should it prove successful, of which those best acquainted with the subject entertain the least doubt, it will simply mark a new era in the mining history of the country; for there will no longer be any difficulty experienced in obtaining all the foreign capital necessary to the development of the vast dormant mineral wealth of British Columbia. Not the least encouraging incident of the past season has been the full and undoubted confirmation of rich diggings in the Omineca country, where there is every reason to believe another Cariboo will be developed. These new mines, so long the object of doubt and contradictory reports, are certain to claim their full share of attention next season; and with the prospect of greatly improved facilities for reaching them, it is not unreasonable to expect that they will exert no little influence upon the general prosperity of the country. There is just one other interest to which we would allude—namely, that of whale-fishing. The season will be remarkable as the first really successful one in so far as whale-fishing is concerned. This is a source of marine wealth, perhaps, but little understood. It is one, in all probability, destined, at no distant period, to contribute in no small degree towards the common prosperity, and it is peculiarly gratifying to be able to congratulate our enterprising fellow-citizens who have recently embarked in the business upon the success which has crowned their efforts during the present season. Viewing the season now closing, in

the light of ascertained results, and especially in the light of the influence and consequences it must project into the immediate future, it has been one well calculated to beget thankfulness for the past and renewed hope and confidence in the future.

Wednesday, Dec 7.
Scoundrelism Rampant.

A MAN WITH A WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN IN MONTANA MARRIES A SEATTLE GIRL AND DESERTS HER AT VICTORIA.

About two weeks ago there arrived in this city from Seattle, W. T., a Dr. and Mrs. Rheam. The doctor was a German, about 40 years of age, dressed well in black, wore a stovepipe hat and presented, generally, a very respectable appearance.

HIS WIFE was a pretty brunette, young—scarcely 20—tall and graceful, and dressed in the extreme of fashion. Met upon the street, no one but would have taken them for what they were—a newly-married couple, very fond of each other's society and—as all married people should be—extremely devoted and attentive. It was soon ascertained that the couple had been lately united at Seattle; that the young lady was the daughter of an old, respected and wealthy resident of that ambitious city; that they had come over to

among the John Bulls of Victoria. The pair put up at the American Hotel. The man gave out that he was a medical practitioner from San Francisco, and that he would soon return to that city to resume a lucrative practice. After a few days' stay he announced that he was charmed with our city and citizens and had decided to settle amongst us. On the night Davies' boy was thrown through a window.

Dr. Rheam was sent for. He came and dressed the boy's wounds and appeared to have a very good idea of what ought to be done in the case. Whether he received a fee or not we are uninformed; but on the evening following he visited several newly made acquaintances and endeavored to borrow twenty-five dollars until, you know, the

MAN OPENED IN THE MORNING. He was successful, we believe, in raising the required sum from two countrymen. The Bank could not have opened, as he has not returned the money. On Friday a telegram was received by the proprietor of the hotel from Seattle. It requested the landlord to break gently to Mrs. Rheam the intelligence that her husband was

A THIEF AND A VAGABOND, that a hue-and-cry had been raised, that detectives were on his track and that she had better leave him quietly. The telegram was shown to the lady. She declined to believe the story. Charles was called in and the doctor's telegram was read in a loud voice. He would telegraph his partner at San Francisco and clear the matter up.

LET HIS ACCUSERS CONVINCE HIM if they dared. It was all very well to stand 110 miles off and stab a man's reputation with the fine point of a wire; but "dander and blitzen—py tam!" let them face him. But it was observed that, with all his bluster, the Doctor was uneasy—that when he walked along the street the stovepipe hat performed the double duty of a head covering and eyeshade; he was evidently seeking to avoid recognition. On Monday night he retired to bed as usual.

IN THE MORNING HE WAS GONE. Where the woodbine twined, for aught we know, for gone he certainly was. His young wife left without a shilling; among strangers. The fine point of a wire was put into operation again and the lady's friends informed of her situation. On Monday the Sound steamer brought her mother and brother, and yesterday morning they bore her back to the roof. She had quitted scarcely two weeks before happy and light-hearted and wreathed with orange-blossoms. Since her departure it has transpired that the Doctor

HAS A WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN in Montana, whom he has deserted and left to subsist upon the cold charity of strangers. After borrowing and swindling every one he came in contact with in Montana, Walla came in contact with in Montana. Puget Sound, and proceeded to fall in love with his last victim and, wretchedly, heartlessly married her, borrowing all the money her friends would lend him, remaining with her until his true character was discovered when he

PLUNGED HER OFF and deserted her, too. It is said he embarked on Saturday in a vessel for Butte and intended to take ship for a foreign port. The prayer of every good man and woman should be that he may be caught and made to suffer for his crime.

NAVAL.—H.M.S. Seylla will sail in the first week of January for a cruise down the coast and will be absent at least two months. H.M.S. Fawn, in dock at Valparaiso at latest advices, is expected to succeed the Seylla on this station. The channel fleet was expected to proceed to sea about November 15. From all we can learn there seems but small prospect for the employment of flag officers, notwithstanding that the naval retirement scheme has been in operation for some months. We are glad to hear that the Admiralty has determined to award pensions to the mothers and sisters of those officers who were lost in Her Majesty's ships Captain and Slaney. Lieutenant J. A. Fraser of the Valorous has been tried by Court Martial for insubordination, and dismissed the service.

ST. CHARLES HOTEL, PORTLAND, OREGON. Mr. Jacobs, late of the St. George Hotel, in this city, has opened the St. Charles Hotel at Portland. Mr. Jacobs' career here as a hotel-keeper gained him a coast-wide reputation. British Columbians sojourning at Portland will never pass the St. Charles' door.

THE R. R. BANDIT.—It appears that Governor Archibald of Manitoba has at last issued orders for the arrest of Riel, O'Donoghue and Lepine.

Municipal Council.

TUESDAY, Dec. 6th, 1870

Present.—His Worship the Mayor and Councillors McKay, Russell, Gerow, Carey, McMillan and Heathorn.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Secretary of the Fire Department asking for the payment of \$13 50, cost of filling cistern at corner of Blanchard and Fort sts.

Coun. McKay moved that the bill be referred to the Finance Committee for payment if correct. Seconded by Coun. Gerow.

Coun. Carey opposed and thought the charge an improper one.

Coun. Russell supported the resolution, believing it a legitimate charge on the City funds.

Coun. McMillan said if the Council had ordered the work done it should be paid out of the City funds, but if the Fire Department undertook work of this character without authority of the Council, they should do it on their own responsibility.

The motion was carried.

From R. E. Jackson and others calling attention to the bad state of Vancouver street.

Referred to Street Committee.

From Arthur Strong offering Tuesday and Friday to that work at \$20 per month.

Councillor McKay moved that the Street Committee be empowered to employ H. Strong from time to time to cleanse the streets as they may think necessary. Carried.

RULES OF ORDER.

Coun. McKay from the Finance Committee reported that they accepted the tender of the Council, as being the lowest, for printing the Rules of Order adopted by the Council.

SMALL FOX.

The committee appointed to enquire as to the prevalence of small pox in the neighboring countries, reported that they can hear of no cases of small pox in the neighboring Territory, and but a few cases in Salem, Oregon; and that there is not sufficient danger to justify expense at present by the employment of Health Officer. The report was adopted.

ACCOUNTS.

From Arthur Strong for cleaning streets and gutters, \$5; H. F. Heisterman, rent; referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. McMillan submitted an account for collecting, which was referred to the Finance Committee for examination and report.

The bonds of Joseph Joseph required by the Council as Messenger were accepted.

Coun. McMillan called the attention of the Street Committee to the crossing on Yates street between the Adelphi corner and Braverman's store.

A long discussion ensued as to the duty of property holders in maintaining crossings, without any definite result.

THE TERMINUS QUESTION.

The Mayor stated what he had done with respect to a requisition for a public meeting on the terminus question, and said that from the time it was first mentioned to him by Councillor Carey he had expressed his opinion that it was beyond the power of the Council to make an appropriation; that he had adhered to that opinion and reiterated it at every subsequent interview; and that when the requisition was handed to him he wrote a note stating his reasons for not calling the meeting and requesting that it might be published, so that all the signers might know his reasons. This note was not published.

Worship thought this explanation necessary in consequence of certain statements that had appeared in print.

Coun. McKay, Russell, Heathorn and McMillan rose and stated that they quite approved of the action of the Mayor in the matter of the requisition.

Coun. Carey questioned His Worship with regard to an interview which he had had with him; but failed in every particular to establish the correctness of his (the Councillor's) published statement.

Council adjourned till Friday next.

VANCOUVER COAL MINING AND LAND COMPANY.

The report of the directors states that the accounts for the half-year ending June 30th, 1870, show a profit, including June 30th, 1870, of \$4,523.

The sales of coal were 12,289 tons, being a decrease of 7,434 tons as compared with the previous six months. The directors have deemed it prudent to continue the same scale of deduction for depreciation and the repairs of plant as heretofore, and the sum of \$3,657 91, has consequently been written off under this head. The directors recommend a dividend of 5 per cent; for the half-year, which will absorb \$4,130, leaving \$393 to be carried forward.

MECHANICS' LITERARY INSTITUTE.—Messrs Lumley Franklin and J. H. Turner waited upon His Excellency the Governor yesterday with respect to the financial condition of the Mechanics' Literary Institute. His Excellency expressed a warm interest in the Institute, its objects and its success, and, in addition to promising a liberal donation from his private purse, said he would endeavor to place a small item in the estimates for its relief.

MASONIC BALL.—It is reported that the Masonic Lodges of this city will not give a ball on the 27th inst, but that they will proceed to Port Townsend on the 27th and take part in the St. John's Day celebration there.

The bark Lulu in on the way from San Francisco with merchandise for Victoria, from which port she will sail for Queen Charlotte and lead with anthracite coal for Pickett & Harrison, San Francisco.

CHRISTMAS, this year falls on a Sunday, and it is proposed to celebrate it on the following day in the usual manner—for what Christian could, with a clear conscience, turn Sunday into a day of merrymaking and rejoicing.

TENDERS WANTED.—The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works advertises for tenders for supplying provisions to the officers, crew and passengers on board the Government steamer Sir James Douglas.

POLICE COURT.—The only case before this Court yesterday was that of Jas. Grahamslaw for the assault on young Davies. The prisoner was again remanded for further evidence.

County Court.

Before Justice Pemberton.

TUESDAY, Dec 6th.

Bales vs McDonald.—This was an action brought to recover 3 months rent of ship yard and ways at \$10 per month, 3 months rent of buildings at \$25 per month and for lumber appropriated by defendant, \$40, total \$145. The defendant claimed that the lease of the yard gave a right to occupy the buildings. He also claimed that the lumber used by him was the property of Capt Fleming and did not exceed in value \$5. He also claimed a set off \$80 for services in taking care of and protecting the property of Mrs Bales, \$10 for materials delivered to Capt Fleming and \$5 in cash paid for special use of ways.

The Court decided that the buildings were properly included with the yard in the lease, and he would thereupon give the plaintiff \$30 for three months rent. The lumber charged by the plaintiff did not appear in the evidence to have been the property of Mrs Bales and could not be allowed as a charge against the defendant.

In regard to the defendant's set off he could only allow the \$10 for material. The \$5 seemed to have been paid for a consideration, and the \$80 charged for services he could not admit; as it did not appear to have been the defendant's intention to make such a charge when he performed the services. He would therefore give judgment for the plaintiff for \$20 and costs.

Mr Jackson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr Robertson instructed by Mr Johnson for the defendant.

The Court adjourned to meet this morning at 11 o'clock.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The second literary and musical entertainment of the season took place last night in the great hall of the Institute. The attendance was large—larger, we venture to think, than the Committee of Management anticipated, inasmuch as the accommodation provided for the ladies was apparently inadequate. The Chair was well filled by the worthy President of the Institute, James Fell, Esq. The entertainment commenced with a reading from 'Edwin Drood,' by Lieut Brodie, R. N. after which Mr White sang 'The Anchor's Weigh.' Both reading and song were loudly applauded. Then followed a duet 'The Happy Hunter,' by Mrs. and Miss Rhodes, whose singing was greatly applauded, and who received a hearty encore. After an intermission of a few minutes, L. Franklin, Esq. read 'The Frenchman and the Box,' in an imitable and most amusing way. Then came a duet 'Bear Me, Norma,' by Mrs Powell and Miss Rhodes, who were greeted with enthusiastic applause and were deservedly encored. Miss Rhodes next sang a beautiful song, and was warmly encored. Mr Lombard sang 'Let the Dead and Beautiful Rest,' with very great acceptance, and won a hearty encore. Then Mr White followed with 'Twas with a Lowly Fisherman,' which was sung with his usual ability and evoked enthusiastic applause. The entertainment concluded with

God Save the Queen.

LETTERS and papers to the 5th November were received from England yesterday. The Pelican should bring much later dates.

RECOVERED.—Messrs Green Bros. of Fort street, whose premises were recently robbed have recovered all the stolen articles.

THE "Alpha" and "Omega" of the Terminus.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Your correspondent 'Omega' makes a great splurge about the official influence supposed to be arrayed against Vancouver Island becoming the terminus of the railway, but singularly enough, he quite forgets the most important one of all, and that is, the unsecured condition of the Butte Inlet Route! Whether that route be reasonably practicable or not.

Upon the determination of this the whole scheme hinges. If it be practicable, there is nothing to be dreaded from deceptions coming from Holbrook, Waddington and people of that ilk—if it be practicable, there is nothing to be dreaded from the future. Let 'Omega' show the practicability of the route, that will be something to parade before the world in general, and Canada in particular. But let me ask 'Omega' whether in case the Vancouver Island route should prove impracticable, he is prepared to advocate 'No Terminus at Esquimalt' or 'No Terminus at Esquimalt'?

If the mail, no Canadian Pacific Railway? If the Railway is to be practically useless because it cannot reach Vancouver Island, of what use is it to build the road at all? Bah! Let us see and prove everything we have and get something honestly we can, but let us not attempt to make a case out of officials—Holbrook's, Waddington's and the like of them, and above all not disparage the Railway in any way.

P.S.—That is not a bad idea of yours, Mr Editor, to make Esquimalt the starting point of the Railway. If we get the starting point, it does not matter much to us where the Terminus may be. There is sometimes a great difference between the beginning and the end—and yet, there does not seem to be much between the starting point and the terminus.

EUROPEAN MAIL SUMMARY.

Our English papers are to the 4th of November. The Tours Government has succeeded in raising a loan of £10,000,000, partly in London and partly in Southern France. The loan is in six per cent. bonds, issued at 85 equivalent to 7½ per cent. The loan rose instantly to a premium, and should be taken into account. If peace is made and anything like a decent government established in France, it must issue a certain amount of inconvertible paper. If the amount is not too large, this may be managed without injury; but it will severely affect rentiers and is the most dangerous of temptations to French financiers. The Berlin Correspondence, semi official, says the Emperor requires a milder climate and will shortly proceed to Ebro. Remember always that this man has a mania for recalling his uncle's career, and may in the South summon the Red Spectre with effect. There is at length a prospect of Hamptstead-Heath

being preserved as one of the 'hinges' of the metropolis. The Board of Works have entered into a provisional agreement with Sir John Mayson Wilson for the purchase of it at a cost of £247,000. The influx into London of distressed French refugees led to a meeting at the Mansion-house for the purpose of raising a fund for their relief. Archbishop Manning was one of the speakers, and a letter was read from the Archbishop of Canterbury conveying a timely warning against indiscriminate assistance which would attract a crowd of paupers. It is proposed to make allowances and to take measures to obtain situations for the refugees. The Earl of Onslow, the 'Father' of the House of Lords, died at Richmond. He only lacked one day of being 93 years of age. Mr Childers is personally engaged in a searching investigation into all the circumstances connected with the Captain from the time of her being proposed to be built down to the time of her loss; and also into all the measures proposed or adopted relative to the building of turret-ships. The result of the investigation, which must occupy some days will be embodied in a Minute by Mr Childers which will be made public. The steamer Islay, from Islay had arrived at Glasgow. She reported that the stern of the lost steamer Oambria had come ashore on the Island of Islay, and that she passed great quantities of wreck. A body was also seen floating but it was not picked up. A lifeboat broken, and washed across with cords, was found on the Islay shore but none of the boats are known to have turned up. Large quantities of wreckage have come ashore on the Kintyre coast. The rains in Ireland have been more constant and copious than has been the case for 20 years. In Louth and Meath many of the fields and cabins are submerged. There is a prospect of a union between the Irish Church and the Primitive Methodists across the Channel. It is thought that some of the other small sects will join the established church. The death of Lord Aylesmore at the age of 80, has raised Major Yelferton, well known in connection with the disputed marriage case, to the peerage. Michael Wm Balfe the well-known composer, died of bronchitis, near Hertford, aged 62.

JAMES HOPKINS, a bachelor of 35 years, is the wealthiest man in Baltimore, being worth \$7,000,000, all of which he proposes to devote to the founding of the James Hopkins University of the city of Baltimore. The legal heirs are already looking up evidence to prove that James has been a lunatic for the last half a dozen years, in order to be ready to smash his testamentary arrangements about that contemplated university.

A short time ago a man in Nevada sold his daughter, 14 years of age, to a wealthy farmer for a yoke of oxen. The farmer took the child to a barn, and told her to wait there while he went up to the house for food. The victim, taking a match from her pocket, set fire to the hay, and escaped to her grandmother's, where she received protection. The barn was burned to the ground.

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Celebrated Magic Soap

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For doing a Large Family washing

in Two Hours; of Five or Six

Pieces.

1. Cut up fine a bar of the Soap, and put one-half of it

into your boiler with sufficient water to cover every white

article to be washed, and let the soap dissolve; then put

your clothes in, stirring them, and let them boil for one

hour, then pour out clothes and water, into a tub and let

them soak twenty or thirty minutes, stirring them

around in the tub occasionally to loosen the dirt before filling

dry, should be rubbed through the hands a little while

soak in to loosen the dirt before filling

2. While your clothes are soaking put the half of your

soap into your boiler, with sufficient clean water to

boil, and let it be heating. After your clothes have

soaked wring them out well and put in the soap, and

water, and let boil from 6 to 10 minutes; then rinse, blue

and hang out to dry, if the above directions are followed,

you will guarantee your clothes clean and white.

3. For your colored and washed clothes use the same

water you soaked and boiled your white clothes with,

only leaving it up again, and pour it over your colored

and washed clothes, and let soak the same as your white

clothes, also rubbing them through your hands while

soaking if very dirty. Then rinse in clean water, warm

if your hands will bear, and you will thus accomplish a

large washing in two hours.

By putting up a bar of this soap into two gallons water,

and let boil until thoroughly dissolved, and then leave it

out, you will have two gallons of beautiful SOAP

as good as Common Soap for general house purposes.

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NOTICE.

THE MINERS, BLACKSMITHS, &c.

borders and others in the employ of the Vancouver

Coal Company at Nanaimo, Vancouver, and elsewhere,

to notify the public that in consequence of having re-

ceived notice of a Reduction in their wages of ten

per cent, notwithstanding previous reductions which

they have patiently submitted to since their time—now

they have positively refused to continue at work in consequence

of the high price of provisions.

All men of the above classes are therefore notified that

work is suspended at present.

At a general meeting of the men it was unanimously

resolved to use all moral and legal means to assert their

rights and no more.

To anticipate any advertisement from the Company's

Office for the above class of laborers it was decided the

above should be inserted in the columns of the Daily

and Weekly Colonist.

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Fast Freight for Cariboo

Messrs Pearson Bros will dispatch a Fast

Freight Train to Williams Creek on or about the FIFTEENTH

DECEMBER.

FREIGHT 20 CENTS PER LB.

To be forwarded care of Kimball & Gladwin, Yale:

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SEALED PROPOSALS FOR FREIGHTING

45 tons Machinery (Cheapest place 4000 lbs) from

Victoria or Yale to Williams Creek.

Contractors to state time in which they will deliver

the freight at Williams Creek. Security will be required.

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By Charles C. Lane, Agent,

Care of J. P. Davis, Esq.

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A FARM CONTAINING 150 ACRES—

60 acres of which are under cultivation, 75 acres

under fence, and 100 acres good tillable land, with the

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