Tuesday, October 10, 1865

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Oct. 3.

CITY COUNCIL.—This body met as usual last evening at 7 o'clock, present, His Worship the Mayor and Councillors Fell, Smith, Thorne, Carey and Hibbard. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, Councillor Carey moved that the Council adjourn until 7 o'clock this evening. The Mayor said the Councillor must give some reason for this motion before it could be put. Mr. Carey said his reasons briefly were that after what had taken place he did not think the Council could perform the duty they owed to those who had sent them there by sitting while His Worship occupied the chair. Mr. Hibbard said after the extraordinary way in which His Worship had acted towards the Council he perfectly coincided with what had been said by the mover of the resolution, and he would therefore second it. He was proceeding to give his reasons for considering that the Council should express its utter want of confidence in the Mayor, when he was interrupted by His Worship, who thought such a discussion out of place; the minutes should be read and confirmed, and after disposing of the communications before the Council he should be ready to put a motion for adjournment which he suggested should be for a week or a month, Mr. Thorne said the fact was the Mayor had had his own way and done just as he pleased with the Council too long, and it was now time they had their own way. The Mayor called the Councillor to order, he could not permit any discussion on the subject. Mr. Fell said there was a motion before the Council, and it was the Mayor's duty to put it: Mr. Smith said he was of opinion that the Council should proceed with the regular business before them. Mr. Thorne rose to reply to Mr. Smith but was interrupted by the Mayor, who said he would put the motion if the Councillors wished it. The motion was put and carried, and the Council was accordingly adjourned till this evening:

MARCH OUT-No. 1 and No. 2 Companies of the Volunteer Rifle Corps met last evening, at eight o'clock, at Buckley's Drill Hall, for parade preparatory to a march out. About eighty-five were present, all told, the newly formed company, No. 2, appearing in their temporary uniform of dark blue and red facings. Capt. Lang introduced Chief Justice Needham to the Volunteers, remarking that Mr. Needham, took great interest in the Volunteer movement, and wished to join their ranks. Three cheers were given for Mr. Needham, who, in acknowledging the compliment, remarked that he had himself been a volunteer, having joined the "Devil's Own" in London in the early days of the movement, and his squad had to attend drill in the month of November in the gardens of Lincoln's Inn by the light of lanterns, a circumstance which would no doubt be remembered by the Attorney General Mr. Wood, who was also a member of that corps. The two companies, headed by their band, then marched down Yates, through Government and Humboldt streets to Beacon Hill, where they went through a variety of manœuvres, in the course of which they marched past the Chief Justice, who had accompanied them to the ground, and who again addressed them complimenting them upon their martial bearing and efficiency. The corps re-turned to town by way of James Bay Bridge, and were dismissed at the corner of Government and Yates streets. Company No. 2 are certainly most deserving of the praise awarded to them by Captain Lang for the great progress they have made during the short time they have been receiving drill instruction. The night being fine and the moon shining a number of civilians marched out and home with the Volunteers.

THE FIREMEN'S ELECTION .- The election of Chief and Assistant Engineers of the Victoria Fire Department took place yesterday at the Tiger Engine House, Johnson street, and produced considerable excitement, particularly among the firemen and their friends. The candidates were for the office of Chief Engineer, Mesars. J. S. Drummond, of Deluge Engine Co., No. 1., and W. H. Thain, Hook and Ladder Co., (the acting Chief,) and for Assistant, Messrs. T. H. Burnes, of the Tiger Co., No. 2, and Chas. Brooks, of the Tiger Engine Co. The votes being given by ballot, of course the result could only be a matter of surmise, and the supporters of each candidate felt sanguine of the return of their nominees. At four o'clock the books were closed, and after the votes had been called over and checked by the tellers, the following was announced as the result:—Drummond, 80; Thain, 37; Burnes, 68; Brooks, 46. Messrs. Drummond and Burnes were consequently declared elected by a majority of 43 and 22. The declaration was received with cheers, and the officers elect, amid the congratulations of their friends, were placed in a carriage and drawn by volunteer bipeds. In the evening, the successful candidates entertained the department and a number of invited guests at the Tiger Engine House, where the usual complimentary toasts were given and drank with a hearty good will. The whole proceedings were characterised by the best of feeling.

THE GOVERNOR AT COWICHAN-From the Rev. A. C. Garrett, who has just returned from Cowichan, we learn that Governor Kennedy visited Dr. Davie's farm and other portions of the district, and was most favorably impressed with the farming resources of the settlement. His Excellency considers that there is sufficient good agricultural land at Cowichan alone to feed a population of five thousand souls.

THE METCHOSEN AND ESQUIMALT SEAT .-We understand that there is some probability of this seat being contested by a gentleman who is a warm advocate for the protection of home industry and productions. The electors will display their wisdom by waiting to see what candidates are in the field before committing themselves to any pledges to auti protectionists. The address of Dr. Ash to the constituency appears elsewhere.

TRADES LICENSES .- Several parties were summoned in the Police Court yesterday for arrears of trades license. The amounts were paid in cash, the delinquents being ordered to pay the costs of summons, but the magistrate intimated that in future cases that came before him he should impose a fine in addition to the amount claimed.

THE RECENT INCENDIARISM .- The police are engaged in investigating the circumstances connected with the vile attempt made on Saturday night to fire the Colonist building, and it is thought that some clue has been obtained that may lead to the detection of

Wednesday, Oct. 4.

CITY COUNCIL-The adjourned meeting of the Council was held last evening, at seven o'clock. Present-His Worship the Mayor and a full board. The proceedings were of so undignified and ludicrous a nature as not to admit of a detailed report. After the previous minutes had been read and confirmed, Councillor Carey verbally moved an adjournment till 7 o'clock this evening, and after a war of words between this Councillor and the chair, Councillor Hibbard moved in amendment that this Council proceed to business, by requesting His Worship the the 19th September to the meeting. This resolution was the want of confidence in the Mayor, which His Worship on a previous occasion declined to put. The Mayor said the amendment was out of order, it being necessary first to dispose of the motion for adjournment. Councillor Fell thought the amendment was in order. At the request of Councillor Thorne, who had been absent, the resolution alluded to was read. After another cross-fire, which ensued between the Mayor and some of the Council, the former still adhering to his determination not to put the resolution of the 19th September, Mr. Carey rose to speak, and was ordered to resume his seat by the Mayor, when the Councillor became excited, and, exclaiming that he had the floor and intended to speak as long and as loud as he chose, began to use strong words, contending that criminal information should lie against the Mayor for obstructing the business of the Council; that Thomas Harris, the Mayor, was only one of the Council, and that the majority should rule the minority; that the majority intended to have their own way; and would make the Mayor give them their own way; that he felt no fear, and was not to be influenced by the Bishop, as he was not in the Bishop's pocket. The Mayor here asked whether the Council would suffer such language to be used, when Carey that he ought to be ashamed ot himself, and Mr. Thorne moving an adjournment until 7 o'clock this evening, which was carried, and the Council adjourned.

FROM COWICHAN.-The fine weather during the last few days has proved of great service to the farmers, who are engaged in gathering in their crops, much of which is nearly spoiled. Governor Kennedy landed, at Cowichan Bay on Friday morning, went to Drinkwater's, thence to Maple Bay, and returned to the bay. He visited Skinner's Davie's, Drinkwater's, Garrett's and Alexander's farms. In answer to questions from Mr. Alexander, his Excellency said he could not deal with the Indian reserve question until he had received instructions from the Home Government. H. M. S. Devastation fired a salute in honor of his Excellency. The Indians are again troublesome; they broke into Duncan's house on Sunday last during his absence and stole everything he had. The Indians seem to be able to get as much liquor as they please. A valuable dog belonging to Mr. Morton was killed by a panther last week. The dog was chasing a deer and came suddenly on the panther, which with one blow of its paw crushed the dog's skull.

FURTHER REWARDS .- In addition to the \$200 offered by the Insurance companies, and \$100 offered by Mr. DeCosmos for the discovery and conviction of the party who attempted to fire Mr. Carey's boot store in the COLONIST Building, the Superintendent of Police offers an additional reward of \$400 on behalf of the Government, and Mr. Carey himself \$50; making in all \$750,-a fine chance for the ingenuity of a detective.

FROM THE SOUND .- The steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday morning from Puget Sound with Dougald McTavish, Esq., Chief Factor H. B. C., the Hon. R. Finlayson, Allen Francis, Esq., U.S. Consul, and other gentlemen who accompanied Judge Lander and gentlemen connected with the Commission on the Company's claims to Olympia. They had a delightful trip.

FROM THE SOUND. -The steamer Eliza Anderson, Captain Finch, arrived yesterday morning from Olympia and way ports, bringing sixteen passengers and freight as per manifest. We are in receipt of the Oregonian of Friday iast, one day later than was brought by the Active, but the contents are unimportant.

More Rifle Companies .- We hear that there is some probability of the ranks of the volunteers being increased by the addition of a company of our German and also of our Canadian citizens.

FOR COMOX.—The steamer Emily Harris left yesterday afternoon for Nanaimo and Comox, taking a few passengers, thirty cows, LIFE ASSURANCE two bulls, three horses and some poultry, and several tons of merchandise for the northern

PRESENTATION TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. It was announced by Acting Chief Engineer Thain, at the convivial gathering on Monday evening, that ex-Chief Engineer Keenan had forwarded a handsome silver trumpet to his agent in this city, Mr. N. Jacob, to be presented to the Department and to be worn by his successor in office.

Thursday, Oct. 5. RETURN OF HIS EXCELLENCY.-H.M.S. Devastation, Captain Joliffe, returned to Esquimalt yesterday afternoon, at half-past two o'clock, from the north, having on board his Excellency the Governor and Mr. Nichol Manager V. Coal Co. On Governor Kennedy leaving the ship the usual salute was fired. We have been favored with the following particulars of the trip :- Steamed from Esquimalt, September 27th, to Cowichan: remained there the night, and in the morning his Excellency landed in company with the Rev. Mr. Garrett, and rode round the settlement. On the 29th steamed to Comox, where the Governor held a wa-wa with the Indians. October 1st, steamed down to Nanaimo. On the 3d, proceeded to Roche harbor, San Juan Island. On the 4th, his Excellency inspected the Royal Marines, and the Devastation then steamed back to Esquimalt. On the night of the 2d, the bark Florida got on shore on the Satellite rock in Nanaimo harbor. We understand that his Excellency is much pleased with his visit.

DEBATING CLASS-The following is the subject selected for this evening's debate: Resolved, That the advantages arising from Mayor to put the resolution of the Council of a-union of the colonies would not compensate us for the loss of our Free Port. Messrs. Disette and Babbitt will, we understand, take the affirmative, and Mr. Pidwell and some other gentlemen will maintain the negative. The subject is an important one and will doubtless produce a highly interesting de-bate. It is well that the free porters who are really anti-unionists and therefore political wolves in sheep's clothing, should have every opportunity of displaying the weakness of their expiring cause.

> FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND-The schr. Alpha, Captain George, left yesterday for the Queen Charlotte Coal Company's mine taking a portion of the workmen engaged by the company to commence operations, and a quantity of lumber. provisions, stores and material necessary for the work. The remainder of the party go in the schr. Goldstream, Capt. Hewitt.

ATTEMPTED ESCAPE.—Yesterday afternoon, as the chaingang were proceeding near the top of Fort street, one of the gang, a Siwash, top of Fort street, one of the gang, a Siwash, top of the gang a Siwash a Siwa the bush in the direction the man took, and the ball took effect in the prisoner's thigh. the Council rose, Mr. Jeffery telling Mr. He had been provided, through some means or other, with a horse-pistol. The man was conveyed to gaol.

THE NEW WRIT .- The Speaker of the House of Assembly gives notice in the Government Gazette of the resignation of Robert Burnaby, Esq., junior member for Esquimalt and Metchosen district, and that a writ for the election of a member to serve in the Legislative Assembly in Mr. Burnaby's stead, will be ordered.

SUPREME COURT-His Honor Chief Justice Cameron, on the application of Mr. Mc-Creight, instructed by Mr. Bishop, yesterday granted writs of Habeas Corpus, returnable on Monday next to bring up the bodies of August Smith and James Hoggan, at present in gaol here, and alleged to have been illegally convicted of whiskey dealing.

UNION HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY .- At meeting of this company held last evening the name of the Secretary was struck off the list of members, and several new members were enrolled.

MURDER AT LILLOOET .- Our Lillooet correspondent "F.," writing under date of Sept. 29th, mentions the following:- "A horrid murder has been committed on a ranch about half a mile from this town by two Chinamen on one of their countrymen. Rumor was current yesterday at noon that foul play had taken place; and to-day the Judge, in company with the constables and a number of Indians, instituted a vigorous search, which resulted in finding the Celestial defunct. The three Chinamen had been partners; they farmed the ranch known as the old race course and now owned by Judge Elliott. The three lived in the same house, where likewise stayed a Chinese "g'hal." On searching the premises clothes with blood stains were found and also evidences of something having been lately burried in the cellar, the earth having been recently cut out the size to bury it. Subsequently it seems they buried it in the field, deposited in a rough board coffin. The searching party were nearly giving up their efforts when an Indian espied a small piece of rope, with blood on it, sticking out of the ground at the far end of the ranch. Singularly enough there was no blood on other parts of the rope. Murder will out. The ody was brought up to town this evening, and the Chinamen and "g'hal" are safely lodged in the jail. The murdered man's name was A Ling.

A shrewd Icelander is preparing an English grammar for the use of his countrymen He observes that Englishmen are in the habit not only of coming to Iceland, but of spending a good deal of money there, and thus it will be of advantage to become as well acquainted with them as possible, "the best way to which is to learn the language that they speak."

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