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Wednesday February 23. 1870. The Estimates.

The Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current fiscal year were submitted to the Legislative Council, by the Hon Mr Hankin, Presiding Member, in a lucid and appropriste speech, on Friday. Regarding them as a whole, one finds little cause for congratulation. Indeed it is impossible to avoid a feeling of disappointment. Comparing them with those of previous years one is almost led to think that the 'Queen's Printers' might have saved fresh setting, simply altering dates. The whole thing is sterotyped, as is the clause in the speech which informs the people that the estiwhich informs the property with the mates have been prepated with the strictest regard to economy. In so far there is the President submitted the estimates for as the Civil List is concerned, there is neither reduction por amalgamation. The Government presents itself once more in all its wonted ple horie phalanx and, with stereoty ped and immeaning sesurance of economy, asks for the Supplies.' The Estimates have evi-dentiy been framed with the advice of the Executive Council. What about the popular members of that body ? the popular members of that body. Did they, with befitting amiability, senction in the Executive figures which, in past times, evicked their opposition in another Council ? Passing the ever lastirg civil army, and looking at the sence of t items of appropriation for public works, de, one experiences a sense of relief in . discovering an improved condition of things. Instead of vague lump-sums to be spent in any way or not at all, at the caprice of the Executive, we have specific sums for specific objects. What will interest our readers most, under the head of 'Roads, Streets, and Bridges' we find, amongst other items, the following :- Yale and Clinton road, \$16,-Chaton and Camerontown road, \$15 000 ; Douglas and Clinton road, \$1000; Hope-Kootenay trail, \$2500;

Burrard Inlet road, \$3000; New West-minster-Yale sleigh road, \$1650, New Westminster roads, \$300; L'llooet-Lytton trail \$1500; Cariboo District trails, \$2000; Esquimalt R ad, \$350; Victoria District roads \$1500; Victoria-Metchosin road, \$1000; Saanich, \$1500. Cowichan, \$1300, Nanaimo, \$600; Sooke \$300; Comox, \$300. In addition to these the Road Tax collected in Vancouver Island (amounting to \$5500) is to be tpent in the various Districts in which collected. These sams are undoubtedly small, some of them ridicu-lously so; yet there is at least some virthe in the specificness with which they are set forth. But what of the Eagle colony. Pass route? Are we still to be cut off from our Southern gold field? And what about 'The Sisters' ? Are these

ly believing that it cannot be far off, yet we would warn the Executive as a whole against imparting to the double question of Confederation and retrench-ment the complexion we have binted at the possibility of its assuming under circumstances of continued defay. In

view of the explanation referred to, public opinion will doubtless suspend its verdict for the present; but only to be rendered with redoubled weight in the event of camulative misprison. Council.

and sincerity in promoting the early consummation of union, and while firm-

lantas gam atos FRIDAY, Feb 18, 1870. FRIDAY, Feb 18, 1870. Council met at 1 p m - Present. Hen P J Hankin, President, and Hons Crease, Trutch. Hamley, Sanders, Pemberton, O'Reilly, Bushby, Heimcken, Robson, De-Cosmos, Humpbrey, Drake, Holbrook, Al-ston, Ball. Bing, Cartall, Barnard. After the reading of the minutes bon Mr Dewdney, member for Kootenay, was sworn in by the President of the Council and took big seat

1870 and stated that they were made out on the principle of showing the exact revenue and expenses without any regard to the anlicipated change by going into Confederation

with Canada. The Attorney General moved the Council go into the consideration of the Estimates on Mosday. Mr DeCosmos said there appeared to be too much baste in namicg so early a day. Mr Humphrey supported Mr DeUcemos in

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Mr Drake presented a petition from the colonial schoolteachers relative to arrears of a aries. A certificate from the late tsland Board of Education as to the correctness of the claims, accompanied the memorial. Mr. Humphrey presented a largely signed petition from the inhabitants of L licost Dis trict, relative to the administration of jus-tice by County Jadges who have not received a legal education, and praying for relief.

ChANCTICES OF MOTIONA managel Mr Drake gave notice that on Wednesday

next he woul? move the consideration of the despatch relating to the drawbacks bil Also, he would ask the Attorney General, whether it was the intention of the Govern-ment to make any alteration in the County Courts Ordinance. Hon Attorney General-That on Monday next he would introduce the Land Registry Ordinance. Also that on Tuesday week he would move the resolution on union with Oanada.

Mr Barnard gave notice that he would on an early day move a resolution regarding the removal of one of the rocks called " the sisters DeCosmos --- That on Monday he Mr would move the appointment of a select committee to report the obtlines of a con-stitution for the local Government of the

THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Mr Trutch from the committee on the Governor's speech submitted the reply. On motion of Mr Robeos, seconded by

We regard the appropriation of \$3000 for the promotion of immigration as a slep urgently needed, and one which will be viewed by all classes with unqualified satis-faction.

We agree with Your Excellency in thinking that, in the present position of our finan-ces, the strictest circumspection sught to be used in sanctioning fresh disburstments, and we consider that a reduction of expenditure should be made wherever practicable. The partial solution of the complicated Judicial question is a source of congratula-tion, and we trust that all causes of disestisfaction in connection with the Judiciary system of this Colony will be speedily terminated, soft a

We are aware that the subject of Confederation with the Dominion is the most im-portant topic which will be brought under our consideration, and we will give it the attention which the magnitude of the question demands. The final reference of the subject to the popular vote carnet but commend

can be arrived at, explaned I dent to operation the liberal opinions expressed by Your Excellency on the subject of an enlarged representation, and the reconstruction of the Legislative Council The new Postal treaty with the United

States will greatly simplify the texisting system, and will afford a considerable re-duction in the present rates of postage. All measures which are sent down for our consideration shall meet with our most earnest attention, and we hope our labors may result in the permanent good of the colony. Is conclusion, we trust that Your Excellency may soon be restored to health, and that under Divine guidance this Colony may in-

orease in prosperity, and ere losg surpass the brightest hopes of former years . PHILIP J HANKIN; Presiding Member. Council Chamber, and to save and the 18th February, 1870. 18 and 1

LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT. LANDE AND WORKS DEFAULT COMMITTEE OF Mr. DeCommos moved that a committee of five be appointed to enquire into the state of efficiency of the Lande and Works Depart-ment. Lost, SKECUTIVE COUNCILLORS,

Mr DeCosmos' motion for an inquiry into the manner of the appointment of Measrs Heimcken and Carrall to the Executive Courcil was withdraws. victormoo sol VILLOUIN STAT TAX W GO BOAL

Mr DeCormos' motion for returns of the Boad Tax, 1869, was carried, after the ensure of the 13th clause.

TOOT OF CONFEDERATION. With reference to Mr DeDosmos' notice, the Aitorney General, on behalf of the Gov. ernment, named Tuesday, the 1st of March, for the consideration of the question of Bas the only mannation

bana THE ESTIMATES The Hon. President of the Council in introducing the Estimates said-I have simply to say they are made out on the principle

of showing in figures the exact true account of the fuancial requirements for the year of the funncial requirements for the year 1870. And by the exercise of all practicable fo ethought to avoid as far as possible the necessity for Supplementary Estimates. They have been prepared without reference to the possibility of any great obange in our political relations to other countries taking place during the year. In the expenditure, the Estimates have been framed with a riser to to the striclest economy, consistent view to to the striclest economy, consistent with a due regard to the efficiency of the Public. Service. The Administration of Government over such a vast extent of terri-tory as British Columbia, must necessarily be what about 1 more range monsters still to adamantine marine monsters still to threaten destruction to life and property? Is the entire trade of the interior to be imperiled another season for the triffing matter of some four or five thousand dollars? The Legislative Council will dollars? The Legislative Council will adollars? Th

and ordered to be transmitted to His Excel-

inquity into the management of the Lands and Works Department. He said he did so ecause the office had been greatly blamed perhaps unjustly, and complaint was gen-eral. Now, he wished the resolution to pass, as an act of justice to the hon Commissioners of Lands and Works as well as to satisfy

the public. Mr Hampbreys seconded the resolution, and said the people had a right to know how the affairs of the office were conducted. He instanced one or two grievauces in the pre-

emption of land. The Chief Commissioner of Lands acd Works spoke in opposition to the motion He did not think that "general complaints" should be listened to; specific complaints alone should be entertained. He threw out his own opinion to the effect that no practical benefit would result from the enquiry to counterbalance the loss of time and expense The President asked how the committee

would be appointed. Mr DeCosmos-By the Chair. I The President said he had no power, but the hon mover might move for information

from the Governor. Mr DeCoemes wished to know why he hed not the power to appoint? The President replied be might be wrong. but that was his impression. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Whether the the committee might be

Works said that the committee might be

appointed by the Cheir, but the Chair could not endow them with power. Mr DeCosmos, replied briefly. He said the motion had a practical tendency and as such was entitled to favorable consideration. He had no desire to waste time in the enquiry, but he wished to see the fullest oppor tunity given for the settlement of the country and he knew so better way in which to effect that object than by plucing the Lands and Works Department in a state of com-

plete efficiency. add toba out court set in The motion was lost. - Ayes, DeCosmos Homp breys, Robson, Barnard ; noes-Carrall, Heimcken, Drake, Heibroos, Dewdaey, Ball, Wood, Ring, Aleron, Pemberton, Bushby, Orease, Sanders, O'Reilly, Hamley. Mr De Cosmos called for the asmes to be taken down.

Mr Ring declined to vote and was placed among the ayes The bon gentleman pro-tested, and said he would rather be with the noes.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS. 200 Mr DeCosmos moved the following reso lation : 'That His Excellency the Guvernor be respectfully requested to inform this Council whether the Hons R W W Carrall and J S Helmcken were appointed M mbere of the Executive Council by virtue of an Order of Her Majesty in Council, or by authority of a Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colories Principal Secretary of State for the Colories or by both such authorities; and, if so, that such Order in Council, or such dispatch of the Secretary of State or extracts therefrom, authorizing such appointments to the Exe-cutive Council, be communicated to this Council; and, also, that a copy of all co-respondence between His Exectlency, the Conncil's and, also, that a copy of all co-respondence between His Excellency the Governor and he Hons R W W Carrall and J S Helmcken pertaining to their invitation to become Members, and to their nomination and installation as Members of the Executive Council be also laid before this Council for its information.' The ben mover shid be wanted to know on what grounds the ap-pointments of Messre Helmcken and Carrall were made to the Executive Council. The hon member for Uariboo had always been a staupch advocate for Contederation, but he [Mt DeComos] wanted to know spon what, principle be had accept d a seat in the Conneil. He had no objection to the ap-pointment—he thought it was a right and proper one ; but as to the appointment of the

The reply was then passed by the House and ordered to be transmitted to His Excel-ency. LANDS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT. Mr DeCosmos moved for a committee of acquiry into the management of the Lands of Works Department. He said he did so would go before the people in a tangible form and meant something. When the question comes fairly before the people, as agreed to by Canada, then will be the time to accept it if it is good. Confederation must be made to us a national advantage. It may be my daty to resign my seat in the Executive when the terms come from Canas da, if they ate not suited to the cot ay ... The terms are now on paper, a mere proposition, and I hope the people will support the Gov-ernment in striving to get them. If Canada dees not agree to these terms she must not expect the people of this colony to annex themselves to her. Dr Cartali sa'd he had not heard any com-

plaint of the Governor's action in the matter of the appointment, and he would point to the resolutions of the Government, which were generally applauded, as a proof of the wisdom of the appointment. He disetaimed ever being a leader in confederation. He had been an advocate for it, but he bad always respected the views of those who oppased it. ... He shought Caribeo enutled to be posed 11. The inought tartheo charital to de represented to the government, and convid-ered the appointment of Dr. Helmaken a good une. He, Dr. Carrall, held himself re-possi-ble to his constituents and to no one else. He would support the terms of the resolutions, and should the majurity of the colony decide to reject confederation he would wishingly

to report contederation in would, withingly acquiesce in their decision. The Atterney General said he thought such enquiries out of the province of the Legislas tive. Council and out of order. Mr DeCosmos said his object was achieved.

The hon member lor Victoria had given him a very satisfactory answer and he would ask permission to withdraw bis motion. 1 10

was wildrawn, Council adjourned to meet on Munday at one o'clock, p m,

THE COAST INDIANS. It was stated yesters day that a deputation composed of influential gentlemen waited upon the Colonial Secretary tor the purpose of representing the necessity of adopting some effective measures in order of adopting some effective measures in order to keep the peace amongst the coast Indians. A memorial of like purport was sent to the Governor yesterday by the same parties. It may not be out of place for us to second this action. To say nothing of the duty of inves-tigating past misdoings, the satety of the whites and the mineral interests of the coast would appear to demand immediate, intervension, and with gunboats and ships-of-war at hand surely the authorities cannot hesitate.

ABRIVAL OF THE CALIFORNIA .- The North Pacific Transportation Company's steamship California, Capt Rogers, arrived from Portland at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and on her tast trip dours; on this trip she ran from Astoria to inside Cape Flattery in 17 hours, notwithstanding a head wind part of the way. Mr Goodhue, purser of the California, has our thanks for late papers. Among the passengers was Mr Henry Nathan, jr. dr bud

GRAND CONCERT .- A number of lady and gentleman amateurs having volunteered to sing in aid of the Building Fund of St Paul's Church, Esquimal, a concert will be given at the Theatre upon some evening this week. The attraction will be varied and interesting. One of the young lady amateurs-the daugh-teriof a distinguished Judicial officer-who has been ever ready to aid in furthering re-ligious, and charitable objects, will on tha evening sing for the last time in public this colony.

Tarning to the gross items of revenue thought the discussion premeture. The Turning to the gross items of revenue and expenditure, we detect one wholesome feature. The revenue for the year has been estimated upon no tor positivious increase, but rather in the light of last year's decrease; and the estimated expenditure is kept below the estimated revenue by \$24,015. This principle has been alopted none tor soon. With the almost certain prospect of a considerable increase of population and, consequently, of revenue, we may hope for a handsome surplus at the edit of the year. It has been already inti-mated that the Estimates will cause much disappointment, in so far as the vear has been estimated upon no sup-Gestimated expenditure is kept below the estimated revenue by \$24,015. This principle has been alopted none top a dia a year. It has been already it is many sequences of the state of

adjourned tilt 1 o'clock on Eriday.

ember for Victoria City, hon senior at a loss to known on what ground the selec-tion was made. Was it because he repre-sented the views of a majority of the people? Three hundred was about the number of the persons he represented in the Dity of Vice toria. Does be represent the fractions of op-posers to Confederation throughout, the opposed to Confederation. Does he now represent the AnusConfederates in the Council, or is he now in favor of Union ? | What means have been used by the government to convert him to Confederation. He (Mr. DeCosmes) therefore would like to see the correspondence relating to the appointment. Mr Hampbreys said he had not the remotest

Maxico is in svery disturbed state. Gen Negrete has turned rebel and is sweeping down, upon the Capital. The unpopularity of Juarez apon the Capital. The unpolaring and out-has been augmented by his extratagant, out-lay in entertaining Mr. Seward, and by, the suspicion that there was some real estate transactions involved in the meeting. It is believed in Vers Cruz that Juarez will not be

able to retain power longer than four months.

THE effects of the Victoria Whaling Ada venturers Company will be sold at auction by Mr Davies, on the 1st March. They consist of a complete outfit.