

The Weekly British Colonist, AND CHRONICLE. Tuesday, March 5, 1867. Confederation of the Colonies. The draft of a bill to unite the North American Colonies of Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia in one great commonwealth...

The same voice and vote in the national council as are now enjoyed by the members for Westminster or Scotland. Such were a few of the arguments advanced by Mr Howe and his friends in favor of an "organization of the Empire," and in opposition to Confederation...

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Petitions that Victoria. The Capital might be, The Governor much astonished, But no reply made he.

Municipal Council. The Council met last evening. Present—Councillors Lewis, Gowen, Layzell, Gibbs and Hebbard. Councillor Gowen was moved to the Chair, in the absence of the Mayor.

A Local "Pome." [AIR—Come back, Peter Gray.] The following clever "pome" was sang at the close of the Amateur Performance at the Theatre, on Friday night last:

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NEW BOOKS—The Silk Grower Manual. We have before us a very elaborate manual, containing all the instructions necessary for the management of silk worms, by a Frenchman, Mons. L. Prevost, who has successfully introduced the culture into California.

AMICABLY SETTLED.—Some months ago, a private belonging to Capt. Bazzelgate's British garrison on San Juan Island, deserted and fled to the American military post of Vancouver in Washington Territory, where he enlisted in the U. S. service...

CONCERT.—The grand vocal amateur concert, in support of the Female Infirmary, will come off this evening at the theatre. The box office will be open from 11 till 1 o'clock, when seats may be secured.

AN ATROCIOUS INDIAN MURDER.—Early yesterday morning, a lad employed at this office, while walking along the Esquimalt road, on his way to town, discovered the dead body of a Tongas Indian lying in the ditch at the side of the road...

BANKRUPTCY NOTICE. WHEREAS A PETITION FOR ADJUDICATION in Bankruptcy, bearing date the 20th day of January, 1867, has been duly filed by James Jackson Evans, Ephraim Thompson Evans, Joseph Garrett Evans and David Shaw Evans, now of New Westminster, in the Colony of British Columbia...

ECLIPSE IN 1867.—There will be four eclipses in the course of the year. An annual eclipse of the sun, March 6; a partial eclipse of the moon, March 20; a total eclipse of the sun, August 29; a partial eclipse of the moon, September 13.

THE OCEAN MAIL SUBSIDY.—Captain Williams, of the Active, went up in the Enterprise, on Saturday, to treat with the Government for a renewal of the ocean mail subsidy. The important business with which Captain W. went charged will account for the detention of the Enterprise.

TRADES LICENCES ASSESSMENT ROLL.—We observe that copies of the Trades Licence Roll have been posted at the Post Office, the Harbourmaster's office, the Sheriff's office, the Police Barracks, the Court House and the Land Office.

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LEGISLATIVE COUL PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday Feb. Council met at 2 p.m. Present, Birch, Crease, Hamby, Brew, Bull, Bernard Robson, Young, Macdonald, Oken, Stamp, DeCosmos, Pumberston, Sanders, O'Reilly, Trutch.

Hon Robson asked leave to introduce a petition from workmen on the Al and Quesnel Government road and tract of Robert, Smith, praying for After some discussion the petition was drawn for presentation to the Executive.

On the order of the day Hon P moved his resolution respecting the value of the dredger machinery and the value of the Colony is in a position to purchase the same in the mean time paying for the same in the mean time.

Hon Young said that the machinery had been procured from an experienced maker and it was perfect, possessing all the improvements and so on, but it money and should of course be paid for by the Colony.

PROTECTION OF INVENTIONS. Hon Crease moved second reading Inventions Bill enabling a person to register his claim to such exclusive rights or letters patent upon the certificate of the Attorney General of this Colony.

LEGAL PROFESSIONS BILL. Hon Walker obtained leave to introduce the bill to amend the Law of the Colony in relation to the legal professions for a fortnight to allow time for communication with judicial gentlemen in Victoria.

AMALGAMATION—DISCHARGE OF DEBT. The proposed statute of the work after Postum sent in clause 3 proposed and interesting discussion in which the hon President, in reply to the hon DeCosmos, in reply to the hon DeCosmos, in reply to the hon DeCosmos, in reply to the hon DeCosmos...