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The Land Demand.

Probably no surer indication of faith in impending improvement in our colonial condition could be manifested than the increasing eagerness with which agricultural lands are being sought for. Time was when advertisements of farms for sale attracted little attention. As evidence of the change which has recently taken place in this respect, it might be mentioned that, in response to an advertisement which appeared in this journal on Thursday morning, of a farm for sale, five applications were made before night, Nor is it alone for improved farms that an increasing demand is observable. The increasing applications made at the Lands Department import a still greater demand for Crown Lands; and it affords us no little pleasure to be able to say, in this connection, that increasing facilities are being extended to those in search of land, by the Department. As the most important public Department in the colony, that of the Lands and Works is still far from coming up to the just expectations of the people, or the exigencies of the country. As a public bureau, in which the intending settler may speedily obtain a panoramic view, so to speak, of the country, a knowledge of lands already taken up, and of lands still open to pre-emption or purchase, of the varying soils and advantages of the different localities, or regarded as affording means of directing and assisting in the search for and settlement upon lands, it must, we fear, still be admitted that there exists a wide margin for improvement. But, for the cause of all this one must look chiefly to the execrable system of Government under which this Colony has suffered so much—a system under which it would, indeed, be strange if any colony could possibly be either prosperous or contented. It is not our present object, however, to point out the faults visible in existing political institutions, but rather to indulge for a little in the more agreeable contemplation of impending colonial wellbeing. It would, indeed, be strange if the immediate prospect of Confederation upon the highly favorable Terms already before the country, did not beget an increased demand for agricultural lands. The most superficial thinker cannot fail to see that an enormous expansion of supply and demand, production and consumption, must be the immediate consequence of Union upon the Terms proposed. The influx of population and capital must make the Colony bound onward and upward as few colonies have done; for it will not fail to be remarked that the change will be greatly more perceptible and felt from the circumstance of the Colony having reached so low an ebb. To the larger and more prosperous colonies the sudden inflow of a few thousands of population, and the inauguration of public works involving an expenditure of several millions of dollars a year might be less perceptible. But, in the case of British Columbia, it means a complete revolution, which must make itself felt in every in erest and throughout every part. The eager search after farming lands has, therefore, taken place none too soon, and he would be a foolish man who would hesitate now about securing a homestead; for, not only will every foot of arable land within convenient reach of the great markets about to be suddenly created be in requisition for supplying the increased demand, but such lands will not fail to command high prices at the hands of those who are certain to come into the colony with capital. While, therefore, it would appear to be the duty of the Government to discountenance the locking up of public lands in the grasp of speculators, it must be regarded as one of its most urgent and important duties to facilitate and encourage, in every legitimate way, the acquisition of homesteads by those who will turn the land to a proper use, and thereby promote that condition of things which will render, in the highest degree, the large influx of population and capital subsidiary to the permament prosperity of the country. The present duty would appear to be to make the most ample provision for meeting, from our own soil, the great demand certain suddenly to spring up under the new condition of things.

THANKSGIVING DAY AT SEATTLE.—The *Intelligencer* gives an account of the services held on Thanksgivings Day, at that town. The discourse was delivered by the Rev Mr Damon and, says our contemporary, 'Near the reverend gentleman, and in full view of the audience, was very tastfully arranged upon the stand a fine display of flowers, fruits and vegetable productions gathered on that day from the gardens of the city, consisting of a variety of roses, violets, daisies, honeysuckles, chrysanthum, nasturtion, blue bell, gilliflower, snap dragon, hollyhock, marigold, princess feather, mullen pink, new oats, white and red clover, ragged robben, green beans, new potatoes, green peas, ripe tomatoes, ripe blackberries and in blossom, green corn, pear and apple blossoms, and young grapes (second crop,) to which he alluded, by way of supplement to his discourse, in a most pleasing manner, referring as he did to these extraordinary evidences of our genial climate and productive soil.' It would, indeed, appear to be fitting that the inhabitants should rejoice and give thanks for such a country and such a climate.

Municipal Council.

TUESDAY, Nov 29, 1870.

Council met at 7:30 p.m, His Worship the Mayor in the Chair. Present—Councillors Russell, Carey, McMillan and Heathorn.

A communication from the Colonial Secretary calling the attention of the Council to the existence of small pox in Oregon and the adjoining Territory, and asking them to take precautionary steps to prevent its introduction in this city.

His Worship informed the Council that he had, after an interview with the Governor, appointed Dr Mathews (a medical doctor) to examine any vessel coming into the harbor. The appointment was merely a temporary one, to be confirmed by the Board of Health.

On motion the act of the Mayor was approved.

A communication from J B Mathews applying for the position of Health Officer for the city.

The Council went into Committee of the Whole to consider the expediency of making immediate arrangements to meet the contingency.

Councillor McMillan said he did not think from what information he had obtained from the Oregon and Washington Territory press, that small pox was at all prevalent in those sections. He had heard of but one case in Salem. He thought it probable that the communication of the Governor was based upon mere rumor.

Councillor Carey thought in quite possible the Governor had some positive information relative to the matter, otherwise he would not have addressed the Council.

Councillor Carey moved that Dr Mathews be appointed Health Officer, and that the sum of $5 per day be recommended as payment for his services.

Councillor McMillan moved in amendment That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the matter and report at the next meeting of the Council or at a special meeting to be called if necessary.

Councillor Heathorn seconded, and the amendment was carried. The committee were also empowered to draft regulations and bylaws specifying the duties of officers and servants that may be employed by the Board of Health.

Councillors McKay, McMillan and Carey were appointed a committee.

The Committe rose and the Council resumed.

The following accounts were received and referred to the Finance Committee to be paid if found correct—From Mr Jeffrey, $9; from the proprietor of the BRITISH COLONIST, $25 50.

A cash statement of the Pound for the last Municipal year was read. The expenditure was $851 24; the receipts. $705 75 for Pound fees and $256 for earnings of the Poundkeeper on the roads—showing the net profits of the Pound to be $111 00.

Councillor Carey moved that Joseph Dewsnap be appointed Poundkeeper. Carried.

Councillor Russell moved that feed be supplied for all animals impounded. Carried.

Councillor Heathorn moved that the Poundkeeper be paid $50 per month and that he be at the disposal of the Street Committee, as last year. Carried.

Councillor McMillan called the attention of the Street Committee to the filthy condition of Johnson street.

Councillor Carey moved that Arthur Strong be employed for one week at $5, to clean the gutters. Carried.

On motion of Councillor Carey, the Auditors are to be paid $25 each for auditing the city accounts.

Council adjourned.

FRANK RICHARDS' BENEFIT. — Theatre Royal was crowded from pit to dome last evening by a large and appreciative audience, which had assembled to give a solid evidence of regard for a most worthy citizen—Mr Frank Richards. The Fire Department—of which body Mr Richards is Assistant Engineer—appeared in full uniform, and the appearance of bright red shirts here and there among the more quiet colors worn by the remainder of the audience, was a very pretty and pleasing sight. The programme was interesting—the Alhambra Troupe being assisted by the Misses Pixley, Mr Melville, Mr Ward and Mr Dennis. As a duet by Mr Foster and the beneficiary 'Napoleon's Grave' was selected—the rich tenor of Mr Foster blending delightfully with the deep bass of Mr Richards. An encore being demanded, Mr Richards sang 'Home Again' very effectively. Charley Rhoades' banjo solo and '49' gave such immense satisfaction that he was called out four times. The Misses Pixley sang charmingly, and Minnie's dance was pretty and chaste. Mr Ward, with comic songs, came also in for an enthusiastic encore, and Mr Campbell's breakdown threw the audience into convulsions of laughter. Mr Melville appeared in cork for the first time and won fresh laurels. 'Silver on her Heels' was given by Susie Lee, and Mr Arnold did Uncle Joe in character with good effect. 'Oh Hush' is a splendid afterpiece. The performance concluded with the 'Shoo Fly Festival,' and the curtain was rung down amidst a tempest of applause. Mr Richards may well feel proud of the handsome compliment paid him by his fellowcitizens.

ST ANDREW'S DAY.—This being the anniversary of the birth of Andrew the Patron Saint of Scotland, will be celebrated by Scotia's Sons with a dinner at the Oriental Restaurant. The bill-of-fare will include the renowned *Haggish*, made by one of Scotia's daughters. Dinner will be served at 7½ o'clock.

EYES ON THE ALERT.—Prominent Republicans are urging upon President Grant the advisability of adopting a determined policy on the Alabama claims question, now that Great Britain is threatened with another war. Chivalrous.

THE U. S. R. C. Lincoln, Capt Scammon, arrived from Puget Sound yesterday. She will coal here and will remain in port two days.

QUEBEC.—The Provincial Government of Quebec has appropriated $278,000 towards the promotion of immigration and colonization.

The Spiritual Telegraph at Fault—Lying Spirits Controlling the Wires!!

Late in June last, a spiritual communication of a very extraordinary character was received at a *seance* in this city. It purported to come from an estimable young man named M——, whose parents reside here, and who himself was instructed in the 'art preservative of arts' at the COLONIST OFFICE. The room wherein the circle had been formed contained about a dozen ladies and gentlemen, some being believers and others skeptics in the new faith. The

MEDIUM WAS A WRITING ONE.

The table upon which the communication was received was an ordinary mahogany one. Several communications had been received from persons who had lately 'gone over to the other side of the river' (as Todd terms dying), and there was a momentary lull. The medium seemed exhausted and

LEANED HIS HEAD ON HIS ARMS

and his arms on the table as if to rest. The circle gathered around and discussed in whispers the information they had just received from the 'other side,' when suddenly the medium stretched forth his right hand, seized a leadpencil and commenced to write. His hand glided rapidly across a sheet of paper—so rapidly that, under ordinary circumstances, an unintelligible scribble would have resulted. Soon the pencil flew from the medium's hands and his head again sank upon his arms. The

COMPANY LOOKED OVER HIS SHOULDER

and there beheld the following message from space:

"M. M——, I DIED LAST NIGHT AT OAKLANDS."

Consternation and alarm seized upon the circle. Relatives of the alleged dead man were present, and efforts were at once made to test the truth of the message. The Skeptics and scoffers felt their unbelief and their knees shaking at the same time. Various questions were addressed to the spirit, but the invariable answer was as above. Oaklands was taken to mean Oakland, opposite San Francisco. To that place a telegram was dispatched over the material wires on the following day. The answer came from a friend that the young man had started East about the 1st of the month on an excursion train and that he could not have died in California. On the following night the

SPIRIT WAS AGAIN CONSULTED.

When asked in what State the death had occurred, the answer came—'You'll know by the next steamer.' The next steamer brought no letter, and the spirit excused itself for the inaccuracy by advising its consulters to

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT ARRIVAL.

The next, and the next boat came and went, but brought no tidings from or of the young man—alive or dead. His friends were in despair. The spirit would tell no more. Every effort was made to ascertain the facts of his death from sublunary sources; but all failed, until Monday evening, when by the Overland Mail a letter was received in a

WELL KNOWN HANDWRITING.

Quickly it was torn open and perused. It was from the supposed deceased M. It had been written at New York City about three weeks previously. The writer—who had remained in blissful ignorance of the report of his death—announced that he was in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits and engaged in a profitable business. If he be really dead it is evident from the tone of the letter that he has not yet been made acquainted with the fact.

SPIRITUALISM IS AT FAULT.

The gentleman from the 'other side of the river' had been romancing. He had caused a great deal of mental anguish and suffering to an estimable family and may be truly, as we now hear he is, classed among the

LYING SPIRITS.

H. M. S. Zealous at Panama—Murder of the Alcalde of Taboga by Liberty Men.

H M S Zealous, Capt Hume, flagship of Rear-Admiral Farquhar, arrived at Panama from San Francisco on the 19th Oct. She reported all well on board, one death only occurred from dropsy. She brought $180,000 in specie. The Zealous left San Francisco on the 14th September. On the Sunday following her arrival a disturbance took place at Taboga between some of the liberty men of the Zealous. During the affray six seamen were injured, two of them dangerously, from contused wounds by stones on the head. Unfortunately, the Alcalde, who came to the spot to endeavour to quell the disturbance, got also struck on the head by some of the missiles flying about. The Surgeon of the Zealous landed immediately and gave to the Alcalde all the assistance possible, but notwithstanding, he died the same night at half-past nine, some few hours after the affair. As soon as the disturbance was noticed from the ship, the boats with the ship's police were despatched to bring the men off and prevent further mischief on their part. The greatest regret is felt on board by the Admiral and all the Officers at the unfortunate fate of the Alcalde and of course, after a searching examination into the causes, they will do all that can be done for the sufferers by it.

SENTENCED.—John McTeigh, who was a month ago convicted of stealing a silver plated pickle stand, and was remanded 30 days for sentence, was yesterday sentenced to 24 hours imprisonment.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The Board met last evening and resolved that in future the proceedings shall be public.

DEPARTURES.—H M gunboat Boxer for San Juan; the H B Co's steamer Enterprise for the Fraser; the steamers Olympia and Isabel for Puget Sound; and the Government steamer Sir James Douglas for Nanaimo, sailed yesterday morning.

TWO LADS, respectably connected, departed clandestinely on a Puget Sound steamer yesterday, leaving their parents quite disconsolate at the waywardness of their offspring.

MANITOBA.—The news from the Province of Manitoba is of the most encouraging character. Old asperities and party fueds are dying out and the new Government is being quietly and successfully organized. All accounts ascribe this happy condition to the wise and conciliatory, but firm policy of Governor Archibald.

HIMSELF AGAIN.—We are rejoiced to learn from recent Canadian exchanges that Sir John A Macdonald is completely himself again, attending to the public business at his office, every day.

DRUNK.—A single case of inebriety was before the Police Court yesterday, for which the offender paid the sum of five shillings and retired from the Court.

Dominion Mail Summary.

An address of the Nova Scotia Legislature, passed on the 16th April, reached the Colonial Minister on the 21st September. The address enquires whether Her Majesty would acquiesce in the separation of the Dominion from the Crown, or in the independence of one of the confederated provinces thereof. Earl Kimberly makes no delay in replying. "Her Majesty," he says, "does not believe the the people of Canada desire to sever themselves from her rule, and her advisers, therefore, decline to discuss the question as to what might happen if circumstances were altered." Whilst the disinclination of the British Government to coerce the Colonists by force into maintaining a connection with the Empire is well understood, the Earl reminds the Nova Scotians that the Queen has no legal power to dismember the Dominion of Canada and would moreover view with regret any effort to disturb the Union. Finally the dispatch expresses the satisfaction of the Queen with Nova Scotian loyalty and her Majesty's confidence that the province will enjoy its full share of good fortune in a great and prosperous community, and exercise the influence due to the vigor of its inhabitants and the important maritime position of its territory.

The following is a statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the month ending Oct 31st, 1870: Revenue Customs $1,200 259, Excise $417.662, Postoffice $57.328, Public Works, including railways $121.533, Bill Stamps $19.317, Miscellaneous $67.260. Total $1.883.361. Expenditure $1.449.956.

Negotiations are in progress to establish a Bank at Manitoba by the 1st of January in the Government interest. It is believed the agency will be offered to the Bank of Montreal.

The Manitoba *Gazette* contains the following announcement: 'His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint Frank Villiers, Esq, to be Chief of Police of this Province, and Louis De Plaineval, Esq, to be Deputy Chief.' The same number contains the nomination of thirty residents of the Province as Justices of the Peace.

Two hundred and fifty Papal Zouaves from Rome have returned to Canada.

The Quebec Legislature is in session, having been opened on the 2d inst. The chief measures alluded to in the opening speech are the preparation of a Municipal Code, Immigration and Colonization. The disagreement between the Dominion Arbitrators and the retirement of the one appointed for Quebec, is referred to, and a protest is entered against the proceedings of the other two. His Excellency was enabled to inform his faithful commons that the balance in the Provincial Treasury had been considerably augmented during the year, notwithstanding the large outlay for Public Works.

The French Cathedral, Quebec, was the scene of an imposing marriage ceremony, Lieut. William Ronald Donald Scott Glendonwyn, 69th Regiment, having been united in the bonds of matrimony to Miss Marie Catharine Henrietta Adeline Chanveau, third daughter of the Premier of Quebec.

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