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WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST pounds per annum upon such unworthy objects as this proposed service; but with a debt of over a million dollars hanging over us-with a depleting population, and with a general outcry against the burdens of taxation ring-400 ing in our ears-for the Government to incur further liability would be to the last degree unjust and improper. Even the subsidy paid the Active for Top-Colonist Building, Government and Langley bringing the mails to this port we consider too high for the benefit conferred,

dinner was excellent and ample justice having been done to it by the guest has President proposed the health of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales, and other Members of the Royal Family," which were drank with enthusiasm.

The Bresident proposed the health of "The Governor" as follows:—It is now my duty to propose the health of "The Governor. At this particular juncture His Excellency has some difficult as well as paint in the Colonies with laws of the union of two Colonies with laws different and somewhat antagonistic, that everything would work smoothly at first, that everything would work smoothly at first and endeavor to get theirs to join tur ands, and endeavor to get theirs to join tur ands, and endeavor to get theirs to join tur ands. Colones Bulkley, of the Russochem Colonies with its growth and endeavor to get theirs to join tur ands. Colonies Bulkley, of the Rus

A Proposed Raid.

Already we notice that our unhappy cotemporaries at the capital are "united as one man" in urging upon Government the propriety of expend. ing another large sum of money in subsidizing ocean steamships to carry the mails to that place. Not satisfied with having increased the expensive service without a single person deriving one dollar's benefit from it, the harpies are endeavoring to pe petuate the system and country still deeper into time when from every qu tax-ridden country rise retrenchment, and at British Columbia debe bout on 'Chang

the last to raise our voice against a ships to visit New Westminster; but the Collector has not the money thus far expended has been levy duties on goods shipped from literally thrown away-it might as Victoria to New Westminster. Fort well have been dropped into the capa- Simpson, &c., any more than he has a clous maw of the Fraser, as to have right to collect duties on goods bound with no more compositions [laughter].

We have been tropped and the fraser, as to have right to collect duties on goods bound with no more compositions [laughter].

Mr Robert Wallace proposed the health of viz.: the attempt to prove that an in- any person doubts our assertion, let land town is in reality a sea-port. him read the following section from Besides the waste of money, there is the British Columbian Ordinance, and the injustice of subsidizing a foreign be convinced of its correctness: boat to deprive a British bottom of the carrying trade between this port shall be deemed to be customs duties, and New Westminster. It is well in all respects subject to the Customs Conknown that the steamer Enterprise Customs Consolidation Act, 1855, and has performed that service cheaply this Ordinance; and shall be under the and well; that she is one of the fast- care and management of the collector est boats afloat, and that she possesses first class passenger and freight accommodation. She is owned by a ties for the collection, recovery and British Company, whose headquarters management thereof, as are under or are here, and who spend in the Colony thousands of dollars annually in the many other Act, Ordinance or Proclarepair and improvement of their ves- mation, vested in the said collector. sels. We ask, then, is it fair or honor- for the collection, recovery and able, while the Government has this management of duties of customs, and Company's boat at its command to all other powers and authorities recarry the mails, for a merely nominal quisite for levying the said duties. sum, between the two ports, that it should be expected, at an enormous expense, to subsidize ocean steamers belonging to a company who never spend a dollar they can help in the on Friday night last, at the Colonial Hotel, Colony. To reduce the thing to an was presided over by J. G. Shepherd, Esq. "allspice": Is Government pres President of the Society, the vice-chair pared to pay \$10,000 per annum being filled by D. B. Blair, Esq. Among the for a service that it can have per-formed for less than \$2000? We Mayor, Chief Justice Needham, Hon. Alex. formed for less than \$2000? We believe that it is not. The gist of the Cameron, Rev. Mr Somerville, Dr. Trimble, arguments of our New Westminster J. F. McCreight, A. R. Robertson, J. Grasotemporaries is a demand that the hamslaw, J. Burns, Robt. Wallece, A. B. entire Colony shall be taxed for the Gray, Councillor Trahey, Thomas Lowe, Mr purpose of subsidizing a steamship to Hepburn, Thomas Allsop, N. Jacob, J. G. run direct to New Westminster, while McKay, Captain Frain, Mr Finlayson, Mr the advantage derived even by that Charles, M. T. Johnson, and Godfrey Brown. town has been proved by trial to be Sandrie and Wilson—the latter gentleman

unnet communication cannot be obtained for the same or even less money.

Inder Protest.

Within a day or two past, two less in suppressed the well as our indeed to suppressed to suppressed the well as our indeed to suppressed the well as our indeed to suppressed the well as our indeed to suppressed the suppressed (which is practically, so far as the the city.

His Worship Mayor Macdonald, in respondthousand dollars in maintaining an under protest. The sufferers will at

obtained in that quarter, the Courts. We have the Colonial sident with re-beside trade; but it des. in unmistakable below that the dues

more nor less than a raid upon the Act." This Imperial Act clearly In the name of the people bide the collection of duties on goods of the entire Colony outside of New bound from one English port to Westminster, we protest against the another, and the Customs' Ordinance foolish and wicked expenditure of the by referring to it shows that any atirregular and illegal. We repeat, as

solidation Act, 1853, the Supplemental

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE Monday December 3th, 1865.

The St. Andrew's Dinner. The dinner of the St. Andrew's Society Watson, High Sheriff Adamson, Hon. David mythical. Were the Treasury burst- during the evening favoring the company ing with riches, the Government might with solos on the cornet-a-piston, an inafford to squander a few thousand strument of which he is perfect master, The

levied without the faintest color of law had seen its worst days, and said that he satisfied with naving increased the support it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several to support it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several product it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several product it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several product it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several product it, and that it has been paid trusted when it applied to the citizens for liabilities of the Colony by several product it.

benefit to result from it, we should be done in the cases we have cited is farmers than upon miners for success. He appropriate manner. subsidy being paid for a dozen steam- we have stated in previous issues, that toast, because the latter could hardly exist hardly overestimate the value of our farming plause.)

Mr Charles (of the H. B. Co.) expressed a hope that Tariff would benefit the farmers,

"The Clergy," coupling with the toast the name of Rev Mr Somerville, Chaplain of the St. Andrew's Society. Rev. Mr Somerville responded on behalf of the clergy, saying that they always found a place among a free, happy and intelligent

people [hear].
Mr James Burns here favored the company with a song.

The Mayor proposed the health of the St. Andrew's Society, and alluded to the good that it had done to distressed countrymen in this Colony during the past seven years. He wished the Society a long life, prosperity and happiness [cheers].

The President, in responding, said, I have o thank His Worship the Mayor in behalf of the St. Andrew's Society for the high enconiums which he has been pleased to pass upon its labors. As the Mayor has justly remarked, this Society has now been in existence about seven years, and during that long period it has spent considerable sums of money, and devoted much time for the benefit of our suffering fellow-countrymen. It was formed purely for benevolent parposes, and it has all along steadily adhered to its principles. As stated in the constitution, it was formed "to tender to immigrants from Scotland that counsel and assistance so much needed on arriving in a strange and and to keep up an agreeable acquain ance with their countrymen, and to relieve those in distress." Though these are the principal objects of the association, it is not con in its operations to the relief of Scotchmen, but may extend its bounty to anyone whom the Society may consider deserving of sup-port. I think the Society can look back port. I think the Society can look back upon its labors during the past few years with something like satisfaction. The demands upon its funds, during the past year, have not been heavy, but the reports of the Managers show that they have expended upwards of \$200, and the previous year as much as \$700. This sum was principally spent in sending home to their friends come poor fellows who had become insane, and who would have become a heavy heavy. who would have become a heavy upon the colony had the Society no charge of them. It, therefore, deserves the support of the community at large. During the past year, the Society has lost several prominent and influential members, amongst whom I may mention, Governor Kennedy and Mr D. M. Lang. I am glad to say that the funds are still in a flourishing condition, notwithstanding the notwithstanding the heavy demands which

ling. expressed a hope that the Corporation had seen its worst days, and said that he trusted when it applied to the olitzens for taxes to aid it in carrying forward public improvements that the application would meet with a cheerful response [hear].

Councillor Trahey responded on behalf of the Coincil, pledging himself and brother Councillors to carry out the works improvement.

"The Commercial and Agricultural Interaction would meet to the farming and works of the Calcdonis Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—and the Calcdonis Society—all Society—all Society—and the Calcdonis Society in that great city was held in higher estimation that the Calcdonis Capture of the Society in the great city was held in the Calcdonis Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—and the Calcdonis Society—all Society—and the Society in that great city was held in higher estimation that the Calcdonis Society—all Society—and Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—and Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—all Society—and Society—all Soc

public funds. Were any practical tempt to impose duties as has been experience that it was safer to rely upon the "Officers of the Society," in a very During her three months stay at Esquimalt,

the ability, worth and benevolence of both will witness the departure of the steamer without the farmer. He believed we could our present and former Chief Justices (ap- with regret. The Chief Justice having been called on for

be silent : but of the Bar he would say, that had he found less kindness, less sympathy, and less intelligence among the barristers, his task would have been a difficult one. He a reflex of all that was good and great in Great Britain (cheers,) The credit for the with the profession, had lent him valuable aid [applause.]

on behalf of the Bar, and warmly compli- to their social enjoyment and recreation. mented the Bench for the impartial and able manner in which justice was administered

"Our Guests," was proposed by Mr J. G. limentary terms to the honorable career of

Chaplain Somerville gave "The Land o'Cakes," the band played "The Blue Bells," and the company, rising, gave nine cheers for their native land.

Mr Cameron having favored the company with a song.

Mr David B. Blair proposed the health of The Press," which was well received, and

parted in the "wee sma' hours ayant the iwal," evidently highly pleased with entertainment.

FROM THE MAINLAND, The steamer En. Mr Muirbead at bacyed asset of any terprise returned from New Westminster on an hour after receiving the blow.

Scorety, they are particularly kind. He had straits; during Saturday night the water gained felt the greatest pleasure to find in this Colony institutions that were a reflex of ship contains the straits of ship contains the straits.

was therefore glad to see the Agricultural and Commercial Interests coupled in one toast, because the latter could hard a crist the ability month and the

GAILTY IN THE NORTH .- Prince Kutusoff. a response said that as to the Bench he would Governor of Sitka, in the Russian possessions, is said to be most hospitable, not only to foreigners but to his own countrymen. He entertains a great deal, giving two or three had found here a learning that astonished balls and parties a month. About 80 ladies, him, and that assured him that we had here mostly wives and daughters of officers of the Russian Fur Company, muster on special progress that had been made was due, not to occasions. In these cold and dreary latitudes. himself but to those around him. The cut off from communication with the rest of olioitors, and, in fact, everybody connected the civilized world, it must be gratifying to the people of the settlement to possess a Mr McCreight and Mc Robertson replied ruler who strives his utmost to minister

IN MEMORIAM-The officers and men bee longing to H.M.S. Sutlej have contracted McKay, responded to by Hon. David with Messrs Swigert & Teague for the creekee Cameron and Chief Justice Needham—the tion of a monument to the memory of those est-named gentleman alluding in highly com of their number who have departed this life since the ship arrived on this station. The his predecessor [Mr Cameron] on the Bench. since the ship arrived on this station. The "The Brothers of St. Andrew, wherever pedestal and slab will be of freestone, sixteen they may be," was proposed by Hon. David feet high, and the names will be carved on the sides. The name of the little Indian girl Mary Sutlef"-who was captured during the Indian outbreak on the West Coast in 1864, and who afterwards died at sea, will be included in the list.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.-The Elecution responded to by Mr Higgins, of the Colonist. Class will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, Mr Grahamelaw sang a Scotch ballad.

The health of "The Ladies" was prowill be given: A reading from "King Henry Class will meet this evening at 8 o'clock, posed by Mr A. B. Gray, and drank with VIII," by President Cochrane; "The This toast concluded the regular list, and Cameronian's Dream," recitation by Mr after a number of volunteer sentiments had Rennie; "Rab and his Friend," reading by been offered and drank, the company deof Artemus Ward," Mr Bull; A reading on the character of "Napoleon," by Mr Gilson; A reading, by Mr Clarke; A recitation, by

Saturday with 50 passengers. News from LIVELY TIMES AT ESQUINALT There is at the mines is encouraging. At Cariboo, a few present quite a fleet of vessels lying at claims continue to pay largely—the Heron anchor in Esquimalt harbor. In addition to claim, on Grouse Creek, increasing in rich. H.M. ships Sutlei, Clic, Malacca, Sparrows ness daily. David Whiteford, a member of hawk, Forward, Beaver, and Grappler, there the Reid Co., Williams Creek, was killed on are the U.S.S. Saginaw, the Telegraph Co.'s Monday, the 19th November, at the foot of steamer George S. Wright, and the sailing Conklin's Guich, by a log from a slide. He ships Belmont, Nicholas Biddle and Evelyn was struck on the chest and died about half Wood, representing an aggregate burden o nearly ten thousand tons.