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THE NEWS.

In another column we give a report of a impress of his expansive mind. meeting of a number of Victoria citizens in The Jamaica insurrection absorbs more good idea of the condition and wants of both against Governor Eyre and the local authori-Mr. Southgate, and other gentlemen gave malcontents, even after all danger had disthe benefit of their observations. It was only appeared. "The Jamaica news" says the to be expected that the free port hobby should Spectator, "is too painful and too shameful have been trotted out; but the judicious re- for Englishmen to recount without bitterness. marks of Mr. Dallas should have taught Mr. The slaughter seems to have been stayed Franklin and his equally imprudent com- on the 7th ult., but the previous twentypanions the wisdom of avoiding subjects of eight days were days of unresisted lative Assembly of the Colony had taken jocose brutality, when negroes were to be a different view, and had given its deliberative banged afterwards were beaten first, and oninion to the Secretary for the Colonies, the strokes of the cat were aggravated by The language of the chairman fermed a those who applied it. The accounts of the

Mr. Dallas said-" As regarded the question pheasants in a preserve." Meeting whether Victoria should continue to be a free to be called in all the principal towns and places they are appointed to visit. Mr. port or otherwise, that, along with the form cities in England, and deputations are sent Delisle has succeeded Mr. Ryan, who of government, and other matters of detail to Mr. Cardwell and Earl Russell. Even consequent upon union, would afford after members of Parliament have taken up the ment. subject for calm deliberative adjustment by question and are addressing large assemblies representatives from both colonies." The on the enormities of the retaliation employed has been committed for trial on a charge result of the meeting cannot, however, fail to by Governor Eyre and his troops. Miss of robbery. The trial will take place at do good. We see that several of the gen- Eyre, the Governor's sister, defends him in the next assizes for the County of Wenttlemen have modified their views consider a letter to the Star, and asks the public to worth. He is admitted to bail. A resolution to this effect was passed unani- suppress news which conflicts with its wholemously, and a committee appointed to wait sale denunciation of the rebels, and its whiteon Mr. Cardwell in reference to the meeting washing of the authorities. From the general and its results. If the committee can tone of opinion, however, the Times seems to strengthen the hands of the Assembly in have no influence whatever in the matter, and unprecedented amount of taxation contributed to four thousand people should be indiscrimiby both colonies, and the absolute necessity, nately slaughtered because a number of rufon the ground of economy, to say nothing of fians put eighteen of the inhabitants to fearother advantages, of having one compact and ful deaths. As an indication of the feeling cheap government for Vancouver Island and opinion generally on the question, we British Columbia, it will do "the State some give a unanimous resolution of the citizens

of still further changes in the Imperial Gov- The principle is there laid down, " That preernment. Mr. Fortescue, formerly Under cisely so much and no more should be reunflinching radicals of the House of Com- as the right of any other of Her Majesty's mons. The colonies will gain immensely by subjects at home who had suffered under the the change. Mr. Goschen, a very promising young member, who has been scarcely three years in the House, is appointed Vice-Presi- Michael De Courcy is likely to succeed Comdent of the Board of Trade. Various rumors modore Thomas Harvey on the Pacific Staare affoat of other changes before the Parlia- tion. Captain Wake, who, we understand, ment meets, which will be on the 1st of Feb- has taken upon himself the sole responsibility ruary. Lord Stanley was offered a position attendant upon the loss of Her Majesty's in the Ministry, but declined, on account ship Bulldog, and entirely acquitted the that the cheques were of no practical chiefly, it is said, of the necessity of coming master of all blame in the matter, has been into political collision with his father, Lord tried by court-martial at Jamaica. The re-Derby. Sir Robert Peel is about to turn sult can only be known after the arrival of renegade and join the Conservatives, because next mail -Eng. Paper. no higher position was offered him than the Got Off--With the assistance of the Active Duchy of Lancaster, without a seat in the the Sierra Nevada was towed off shore into

solved, and that by the manliness and straight. She will be repaired immediately. forward honesty of the present Ministry. "It is now ascertained says the semiofficial Observer, that the proposed reform of the 5th ult. at Acapulco of a fever called the representation will be a simple measure "Calentura." Lieutenant Charles S. Coy of enfrauchisement, and a correction of the succeeded to the command of the vessel. scandal of inequality in the number of voters. compared with the increasing population, wealth, and intelligence of the country. state of cruption and throwing out dense Earl Russell declares that the Government volumes of smoke, accompanied by a lurid will take care to be fortified by facts as well glare of light on the 5th instant. as arguments for the proposed change. It is

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1866. present number of voters, and the number that may be added by the new bill. The addition will mainly consist in the inhabi-tant householders, although it will be also (Sundays Excepted,
possible and expedient to add those who are equally eligible from sufficient residence and rental, although not in the sole possession of an inhabited house. We believe it will be found that those paying a certain amount of taxes—one of the qualifications proposed—will be, in nine cases out of ten, included in the number of those who are already rated, or who will be admitted and a mount of taxes—come an enterprise second only in the amount.

The Canadian papers continue almost daily to announce that some one has "arrock oil;" already has the petroleum region been and 30 miles in breadth, and it is asserted that western Canada is proving itself to be the richest and best paying oil district on the continent. Buring for oil seems no longer to be considered as a mere speculative operation, but is fast rising into a national industry which bids fair in its results to become an enterprise second only in the amount. the new residential qualification. There will agriculture itself. be no fancy franchise, but all will be It is estimated that about five

and of ascertainment. The Government will ment. If each family spent \$1000 a ye and the average would not be below if gure, the loss to the result because the control of the result and the average would not be below if gure, the loss to the result bender to the result and a few to the result a own responsibility, and will probably be will be equal to half a million of dollars. prepared to do so much earlier than is gener prepared to do so much earlier than is gener The following is the method employed by ally supposed." It speaks well for Earl the New York Herald to "work up" the portant issue and identify himself still further Clement's Lane, London Government, we should say that Mr. Glad- gian Bay Canal. Annexation clubs are springing up all over Lower Canada. The the reform bill to be introduced will bear the excepting occasional demonstrations

lumbia. Mr. Dallas, formerly of Victoria, soon as the facts connected with the suppresided, and gave, considering all things, pression of the outbreak had reached England. a very correct epitome of events, and a very a general cry of indignation burst forth colonies. Mr. Selim Franklin, Mr. Burnaby, ties for the indiscriminate slaughter of the local difference—subjects on which the Legis | carnage, uncontrollable passions, and arked contrast in this respect to the remarks exploits of the troops are just like the ac-

"appear just to the Imperial Government." fection to excuse it, goes quietly to work to London, by showing to Mr. Cardwell the the public are indignantly asking why from two of Bradford, the constituency of our newly-Our London newspapers give us accounts appointed Under Secretary for the Colonies. Secretary for the Colonies, is replaced by Mr. garded as the right of the negroes under our Forster, member for Bradford, one of the most Colonial Government, as would be regarded

NAVAL .- It is reported that Captain

same circumstances."

deep water on Wednesday last, and was The great reform question is at last to be found to have sustained very slight damage.

DEATH AT ACAPULCO .- Captain R. W. Scott of the U.S. steamer Saginaw died on

MOUNT HOOD was reported to be in

OLD PUMP ECLIPSED-There were 100 galno secret that inquiries have been going on lons of real turtle soup consumed at the Lord through the poor law authorities as to the Mayor of London's recent dinner.

DATES TO DEC. 15.

The Canadian papers continue almost already rated, or who will be admitted under invested and the labor expended upon it, to

figure, the loss to the retail trade of Quebec

Russell that he is willing to accept the im. "Fenian excitement" which does not exist in Canada :-- 'New York Herald Special-Teronto, C. W., Nov. 30-The Board of with the cause of reform. If however we Trade to night resolved to hold a great intermight judge from the political character of national council and banquet at an early day the changes that have been made in the in furtherance of reciprocity and of the Georstone's advanced liberalism will give the French Canadian organs wage fierce war on tone to the policy of the Cabinet, and that British domination. The Fenians are quiet, rockets and firearms."-Globe.

The new Parliament Buildings will, early in the coming spring, be opened for the first London, to take into consideration the condition of Vancouver Island and British Co- and the British press. As we expected, so constitutional question that has so long distracted the Province, numerous questions affecting the material progress of this country will be thrown open for consideration.

Among these will be—) he subject of Banking and Currency; enlarging the Canals and otherwise improving the Internal Navigation of the country; reduction of the Customs tariff; Interest on Money; opening up new territory to settlement; free land grants to actual settlers; a Homestead law; and many other vitally important subjects.

The Cabinet Council recently held at Ottawa, decided, at the request of the Minister of Agriculture, that in order to promote the growth of flax in Canada, some Riga seed should be imported at the cost of the Government, and distributed through the Boards of Agriculture and Agricultural Societies.

The trade commission appointed to visit Brazil, etc., has left for England, to

found it necessary to decline the lengage-Ex-Alderman, Patterson of Hamilton,

ably on the union question, and are now suspend their judgment until the whole facts | A despatch has been received from the Imperial Government respecting the forthcoming International Exhibition at Paris. It is said that arrangements will be

made for giving Canada a proper presen-The Maritime Provinces are sending commissioners to co-operate with the Canadian commission, for opening up trade with the British West Iudia islands &c. W. Smith, Esq., comptroller of customs at St. John, has been appointed to

act on behalf of New Brunswick. St. Andrew's day was observed, in many parts of the Province, with enthusiasm. At Montreal the Hon. T D. McGee delivered an address of a very high character, on the poets of Scotland.

Professor Buckland, of University Colege, has commenced a series of visits to the agricultural societies of Western Canada. The object of the movement is to awaken attention to the course of instruction given at the College on farming, &c., and to aid our farmers generally by practical and scientific advice.

On December 2nd \$2,400 were abstructed from a safe in Osgoode Hall. At present no clue has been obtained to the guilty parties. About \$600 of the money in cheques have since been returned by rost. The reason of this is value to the thief or thieves.

Mr. W. N. Radenhurst has since been arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the robbery.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

PROVINCIAL APPOINTMENTS - From the Royal Gazette-The Hon. Mr. Justice William Ritchie to be Chief Justice of the Sureme Court, in the place of Hon. Robert Parker, deceased. The Hon. John S. Weldon, Q. C., to be a Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court. John W. Cudlip, Req., to be a member of Her Majesty's Executive Council, vice Timothy W. Anglin, Esq., resigned. Alluding to the above appointment of Chief Justice, the Woodstock Acadia remarks as follows: Judge Willmot was Judge Rita chie's senior on the bench and would doubtless have received the appointment had it not been for the extraordinary position in which he placed the bench of our Supreme Court by making it the seat from whence to hurl Confederation dogmas at astonished grand jurors who came into his presence to

hear expositions of law, and were treated to

political harangues. It is deeply to be regretted that the judge who is deservedly popular, should have lest the position to which, so far as authority is concerned, he [From the Panama Star, Dec. 30.]

River Plate. was entitled, by those unguarded escapades; but the Government have done right in consulfing the dignity of the bench rather than any personal feeling.

The Reporter becomes furious at the manner in which Judge Wilmot has been treated. It says: Public opinion is pretty well agreed, thoroughly agreed, that it is the most outrageous, infamous act ever committed in the history of colonial politics. It is playing a desperate game, and the Government will be led to see that private and public rights are not to be insulted with impanity. This thing is without precedent is the history of Theorem 19 process.

The Freeman gets off the following severe hit: Judge Wilmot did throw himself into the political vortex, and became a political partizan. Even at the very last York election he went to the polls and behaved there in a manner that might have led to a riot had all others been as demonstrative and ill behaved as he was. And if a row had occurred what a pretty figure one of the Judges of Her Majesty's Supreme Court would have cut as ringleader of one of the parties.

From the above extract it will be seen that much excitement prevails regarding the recent act of the Government in appointing Chief Justice Ritchie, over the head of Justice Wilmot. The Government, although acting without precedent, seem to be fully justified in making the appointment, owing to the partizan character of Judge Wilmot; particularly, in his opposition to the present Government. The noble example set by the Attorney General, A. J. Smith, declining to accept the seat himself, which has twice been at his disposal within the space of three months, will go far to strengthen the Government of which he is the leader.

RED RIVER.

[From the Nor' Wester, Nov. 8th.1

Mr. D. Shea left here last winter with dogs for Fort Edmonton from whence, the snow leaving, he continued his journey to the Kootenais mines on horseback, crossing by the Kootenais pass. On his return he reached Edmonton fifteen days after leaving the mines, and estimates the distance at about 240 miles. At Edmonton he found a number of miners at work, and at a mining camp sixteen miles below the fort they were making nine dollars a day. Mr. Shea reports the Blackfeet at war with all the tribes on their borders and also with the whites, having killed four or five this summer. Malcolm McIvor went across the mountains with Mr. Shea, and has taken a claim in the Kootenais

the White Horse Plain Brigade of buffalo hunters, informs us that at the Bute Joli on the other side of the Couleau du Missouri they camped near a number of Sioux lodges, and while there he went over to the Sioux camp to trade for a skin. Not understanding their language he was making use of signs when behind him among the women he heard perfectly good English spoken to him by a young girl of 16, of medium size, light complexion, handsome, dressed in leather, and position. She said that she had been at a boarding school in St. Paul, where her satisfied with her parents were then residing. Further Mr. Harriott did not learn, for an old Sioux-her guardian-was watching with angry glances the conversation. Afterwards some French half-breeds went to the camp and Sioux offered to part with her for a puncheon of rum, a chest of tea, two horses, and some powder and ball. These things the hunters had not to give, and a second time this poor creature has been left to her sad fate.

PRINCE EDWARD'S ISLAND.

The Hon. Donald Beaton, long a member of the Prince Edward Island Legislature for the first district of King's County, died recently at Souris, in his 65th year. He had been a member of the Executive of the Is-

The Tenant League at Prince Edward Island are "knocking under," and the tenants are paying the rents demanded, though very

The Hon. W. H. Pope, Colonial Secretary has been entrusted with the representation of Prince Edward Island in the matter of opening up trade with the West Indies, &c. He is now on his way to England.

NOVA SCOTIA

A new and valuable seam of coal has been discovered near the Albion mines, Pictou. The seam is 22 feet thick.

The Nova Scotia papers state that the Hop. Mr. Macdenald, Financial Secretary, and Isaac LeVesconte, Esq., ex Financial Secretary, have been appointed commissioners to eo operate with others from the different provinces, with the view of negotiating a commercial treaty with the Brazils, Mexico. &c. They are about to proceed immediately to England.

A new and by all accounts a splendid bridge called the Palmerston, has just been finished at Pugwash, N.S., From bank to bank the span is about 1000 feet. The design was by Henry F. Perley, Esq.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

By the Delta at Halifax dates from News foundland to the 15th are received. The general election was over, and resulted in a decisive victory for the opponents of the confederation scheme. The conduct of the people during the campaign was very good; nothing occurred to disturb peace and good

On the 13th a fire occurred at French St. Peter's, which destroyed forty or fifty houses. Accounts concerning the Labrador fisheries are not of an encouraging nature.

SOUTH AMERICA.

THE WAR IN PARAGUAY.

Via Santiago we have received papers from Buenos Ayres and Montevideo up to 17th of November.

The Paraguayan army, which it was at one time feared would cease their retrograde movement and make a stand or even advance again on the city of Corrientes, had definitively evacuated the province of that name, and retired into their own territory.

This gives the allies the advantage of a

better base of operations, especially in con-nection with the Brazilian fleet; but the re-liance upon the efficiency of the latter is not

attacking the Paraguayans have been en mously increased. They are new concentrations and offering a very respectable front to the enemy. They are well defended by the natural configuration of their country as well as by numerous works in advantageous positions. Besides all this the heat and the unhealthiness of the swamps begin to tell upon the allied armies, and it is therefore not to be wondered at that some newspapers on the other side of the Andes talk of deferring the renewal of hostilities, and even of a friendly settlement.

Several Chilenos and foreigners in Montevideo appear to have purchased and partly or fully fitted out some three or four privateers to sail under the Chilian flag and prey on the commerce of Spain on that coast.

PERU.

The new administration of the Provisional Supreme Chief, or Dictator, shows an extraordinary amount of activity, especially as far as the Treasury is concerned. A great number of employes are dismissed and their places abolished; the salaries of others are reduced. bills are examined and unreasonable charges struck out, contracts annulled or modified in fine the retrenchment is wonderful.

The people, natives as well as foreigners. seem to be well satisfied with the change. Numerous places have declared their adherence to the Dictstorship; in Arequipa a rising in favor of Pezet was organised by a Colonel Goizueta, but easily suppressed.

Several vessels had been detained in Callao on suspicion that they were carrying provis sions and implements of war to the Spaniards. Some were afterwards allowed to proceed on their voyage, bond having been given that their eargo would not be delivered to the Spaniards.

Government seems to take a decided stand on the question with Spain. Besides the measures above mentioned, and the union of

will not be accepted by the present Gover-ment. For that reason the Spanish minist has left for Europe and diplomatic relations entirely broken off.

OHILE.

The days between the 2d and 9th inst. have passed without anything of great importance happening. The blockading vessels remained at their

respective stations. The Numancia, irons clad, had arrived at Caldera, on her way down to Valparaiso, whilst the Ville de Madrid was at last accounts anchored in the harbor of Coquimbo, after a cruise between Valparaiso and the latter port, evidently on the lookout for the Esmeralda.

The latter vessel, together with the captured Covadonga, have again entirely disappeared; while some suppose that they have left for Montevideo, others are of opinion that they have sailed northward, in order to join the Peruvian squadron which was to assemble in one of the southerly parts of Peru. The Apurimac and Amazonas were in Iquique, and the Union and America had left the Chinchas for the same port. What makes this supposition more probable is that the Limena, on her downtrip, saw two vessels, apparently men-ofwar, steaming northward abreast of Arica.

On the 2d instant an attempt was made by the authorities in Coquimbo, to take possession of the Salvador Vidal, a bark which served as a sort of storeship in the blockading frigate Blanca. This latter vessel had steamed off out of the harbor in order to overhaul two sailing vessels which hove in sight; in the meantime the Commander of the place sent eight boats out with five oars. men and four soldiers in each, to take the aforesaid bark. Just before the boats came alongside of her she hoisted the Italian flag, some say, without a right to do so. Be that as it may, the Chilian authorities considered her as engaged in contraband of war, and therefore a lawful prize. They intended to heave her anchor and tow her on shore; but before that could be accomplished, the Blanca came near, and they had to leave her, taking only the crew as prisoners with them. They are blamed by the Chilian press for not having set the vessel on fire

Docks AT EsquiMALT .- Information has been received from England by the Active that the proposed Graving Docks at Esqu malt are positively to be proceeded with forthwith, a company having been formed, the engineers, superintendents, &c., des-patched from England, and the sheds and material shipped by sailing vessel. The Evening Post learns that the capital of the Company is \$600,000, and the Imperial Government have undertaken to contribute \$100,000 to the undertaking, in accordance with the terms of the Colonial Docks Act. We congratulate the property holders and residents of Esquimalt on the prospect of the impetus to trade and rise in real estate, which this undertaking will unquestionably occasion, while the benefits of the enterprise when carried out will be extended indirectly to every one on this island. It is estimated that the works will employ about 200 men