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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, April 27th.

House met at 1 p. m. Fourteen members present.

Message No. 12, from His Excellency the Governor, enclosing opinion of the Imperial Secretary of State that the Act of Union gave no specified number of representatives to Vancouver Island.

Hon DeCosmos presented a petition from Thomas Spence, asking two and a half years additional right of bridge over Thompson River. To be considered to-morrow.

Hon Helmcken gave notice of motion for returns of arrears of expenditure for 1867.

Hon DeCosmos gave notice of address to the Governor recommending the present time most favorable for Union with Canada.

In committee of supply, hon Wood made a long speech recommending appropriation of twenty thousand dollars for education—Lost.

Hon Robson's motion, same object for ten thousand.—Carried.

On mail contracts hon Young suggested a Select Committee to consider a mail service with San Francisco—Carried.

He stated that the Home Government was prepared to pay half the expense.

Message No. 15, from His Excellency the Governor, stating there would be no alteration in road tolls this session.

Message No. 14, on Limitations of Actions Bill, in which amendments were made.

Fire Inquest Bill passed through Committee complete; third reading to-morrow.

Hon DeCosmos' motion on alteration of the Constitution of the Council; deferred till to-morrow.

Hon Helmcken's Anatomical Bill, read second time; committed to-morrow.

Victoria to be proclaimed the Capital on Queen's Birthday.

Tuesday, April 28th, 1868.

Council met at 1 p. m. Thirteen members present.

The following message was read:

The Governor having received the resolution of the Legislative Council, dated 2nd April, expressing their opinion that Victoria is the place most suitable for the Capital of the united colonies, Her Majesty's Government would seem to have the same opinion. Under these circumstances, the Governor will cause to be proclaimed on the Queen's Birthday the selection of the Capital within the town which bears her royal name.

Message No. 17 read—The Governor duly received the resolution of the Legislative Council, agreeing that an address be presented to him praying that he will inform the Council of the reply of Her Majesty's Government to a resolution passed on the 2nd April, 1867, recommending that the salary of the Governor be paid from the Imperial funds, and that the Executive have power to simplify, centralize and reduce the departmental system, so as to lessen the public expenditure to such a figure as the Colony is able to bear. As regards the first point, he would state that he believes the condition of the finances of the Colony generally is engaging the attention of the Secretary of State. As regards to the second point he has to remark that very considerable powers for effecting retrenchment are confided to the Governor. He is loath, however, at all times to deceive legitimate expectations and to reduce without absolute necessity respectable public officers to poverty.

Message No. 18—This message, respecting the Dry Dock at Esquimalt, states that a lengthy correspondence on the subject between the Secretary of State, Admiral Hastings and the Governor, had taken place, which it would be inconvenient to lay before the Council. Every effort will be made to carry out the work.

Message No. 19—Respecting disposal of Crown Lands. No decision has been received.

Hon Helmcken's notice of motion requiring information relating to Civil List, was carried.

The Council went into Committee on Supply Bill. Read first time. second reading to-morrow.

Supreme Courts Bill was passed through Committee and reported complete.

Intestate Ordinance reported complete by Committee. Read third time and passed.

Third reading of Barristers Bill to-morrow.

Hon Helmcken's motion of arrears of expenditure of 1867, carried.

Hon DeCosmos deferred for the present motion on Confederation.

Petition of Thomas Spence for extension of lease of bridge over Thompson river, recommended to favorable consideration of Governor.

Fire Inquest Bill, read third time and passed.

Wednesday, April 29, 1868.

Council met at 1, p m. Nine members present.

Hon DeCosmos moved that the Governor be requested to cause to be introduced into the Council an Ordinance making two-thirds of the Council elective. That the Council, in making this request, are impressed with the conviction that at this juncture of the affairs of the Colony it is expedient to alter the constitution of the Council in order to meet the generally expressed wishes of the inhabitants of the Colony. Ayes, DeCosmos, Elwyn, Helmcken, Smith. Noes—Cox, Hamley, Ker and Spalding. Carried, by the casting vote of hon Young, President.

The Supply Bill for current expenditure, three hundred and fifty-eight thousand dols., passed through Committee, read a third time and passed.

Supreme Courts Bill was read a third time and passed.

Patent Slip Bill, read a second time.

Standing Orders suspended to allow hon Smith to move—That all flour manufactur d from grain grown in the Colony be allow d to pass over the public roads free of toll.

Council adjourned till eight o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Council met at 8 o'clock, p m.

Hudson Bay Co. Titles Bill, read a third time and passed.

Drawbacks Bill, opposed by Hon Robson and deferred.

Thompson Bridge Ordinance, read first time.

Supreme Courts Declaratory Ordinance read a third time and passed.

An ordinance was introduced by the Attorney General to empower the Judge of the Supreme Court to sit in County Court, styled County Court Amendment Ordinance. ead first time.

The Patent Slip Bill gave rise to a prolonged debate, in which Hon Wood made a long speech against and Hon DeCosmos for the bill. After remarks by several members the second reading was lost. The only votes in the affirmative were Hons Helmcken and DeCosmos.

In relation to the Foreign Fruits Bill the Colonial Secretary took time to consider an objection that the bill was out of order- Hon Robson made much useless opposition by speaking against time.

House adjourned till 1 o'clock, p m, to-morrow.

Thursday, April 30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Council met at 1 o'clock.

Hon Wood presented two notices of motion to pay indebtedness to school-teachers at Victoria and to adopt a rule to prevent speaking against time in the Council.

Hon Smith's motion to remit the toll on flour manufactured in the Colony was carried.

Robson's motion to pay indebtedness of the Westminster Hospital was amended by Hon Helmcken adding Victoria Hospital, and carried.

Thompson River Bridge Bill, read a second time and committed to-morrow.

County Court Ordinance read a second time.

Long debate on Drawbacks Bill. It was opposed by Hon Robson in a long and rambling speech. A number of questions were raised amongst much tumult, amidst which the bill was shelved.

House adjourned till 8 o'clock this evening.

The probability is that the House will be prorogued to-morrow.

Startling News from Australia

Prince Alfred Shot,

AND DANGEROUSLY WOUNDED BY A FENIAN!

THE BALL EXTRACTED AND THE PRINCE SENT HOME.

LONDON, April 25.—Startling intelligence has been received from Australia that Prince Alfred, who is visiting Sydney, was shot and dangerously wounded. The culprit is an Irishman named Farrell, known to be connected with the Fenian organization. He shot the Prince in the back, on the 2nd of March. The ball was not extracted for two days. The wound is dangerous and painful, but the Prince is doing well, though his recovery will necessarily be slow; under medical advice he had sailed for England. The attempted assassination has created a profound excitement throughout the nation, and the press teeme with denunciations of the act.

Earl Limberly is appointed governor of the Hudson Bay Co.

Gladstone has published a card in the *Times* denying a host of personal charges against him.

The Attempted Assassination of Prince Alfred!

Summary Conviction of the Assassin?

THE FEELING IN ENGLAND.

THE GLORIOUS NEWS FROM ABYSSINIA?

LONDON, April 27—Advices from Sydney, Australia, say Farrell who attempted to murder Prince Alfred has been tried, found guilty and sentenced to death.

Great joy pervades the whole Kingdom over the news from Abyssinia, and the escape of Prince Alfred. To-day is observed as an impromptu holiday.

LONDON, April 28—Both Houses of Parliament to-night, without a dissenting voice, voted an address to the Queen on the subject of the attempted assassination of Prince Alfred, expressing sympathy of the British nation with the Royal family in the untoward event which has filled them with sorrow and the country with horror, and hoping that the Prince will soon be restored to health.

In the House of Commons Disraeli spoke in flattering terms of the achievement of Gen Napier and the army, and all who gave aid to the expedition for the conquest of Abyssinia. He said the victory was only equalled by that of Mexico, by Cortez.

The trial of the Clerkenwell prisoners was continued. Barrett was found guilty. All the others were acquitted.

The first of Gladstone's resolutions on the Irish Church was debated at length, but none of the most prominent members took part. The case of Barrey, connected with the plot at Buckingham Palace, came up for preliminary examination. The so-called Greek fire proved to be phosphorus only. The case against the prisoners is strong. They are remanded for trial.

King Theodore committed suicide on finding himself defeated.

LONDON, April 23.—Examinations of the Clerkenwell Fenians have been continued; the evidence against the accused accumulates.

In the House of Lords the Duke of Buckingham and Lord Carnarvon, eulogised Darcy McGee.

In the House of Commons the annual budget was submitted. The expenditures estimated at 111,850,000*l* fell five hundred thousand pounds short of that amount. The surplus of receipts over expenditures for next year is estimated at £920,000. The cost of the Abyssinian war is estimated at five millions of this balance, three million is to be made up during the ensuing year.

Gladstone made brief remarks on Estimates, said to be an imposition of the income tax, in addition to the burden on trade. He thought the cost of the Abyssinian war was under estimated. He censured the Government for increasing the expenditures. The Chancellor of Exchequer defended the budget from criticisms of Mr Gladstone. He moved Committee of the Whole to report to the House on the subject on May 4th, which was passed. The House adjourned.

In the House of Lords the bill abolishing Church rates, which passed the House of Commons before Easter, came up. Earl Derby and Archbishop of Canterbury and York, and the Bishop of London, opposed the bill, but approved its passage to second reading. The speakers all concurred in opinion that the present tendency of policy was towards the disestablishment of the Church. A motion was made to refer the bill to a select Committee, but after a long discussion the motion was withdrawn. The bill was read a second time, and the House adjourned.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The *Herald's* Berlin special says, its rumored that France, Austria and Prussia have agreed to reduce their armies by granting furlough.

LONDON, April 25—The trial of the Clerkenwell prisoners has been resumed. The evidence closed and the Attorney General summed up the case for the prosecution. The proof against the prisoners established their guilt beyond a doubt.

LONDON, April 24—The budget was introduced in the House last evening.

The *Times* and most of the liberal journals are dissatisfied with the Estimates, and say the budget is indefinite and unsafe, and predict that a supplement to the Estimates will be found necessary to meet deficiencies, and thinks any new burdens ought to fall on customs and not on incoms, as proposed by Chancellor of Exchequer.

The Abyssinian War!

Complete Rout of the Abyssinians!

THE CAPITAL STORMED & TAKEN

King Theodore Slain!

The Captives Set Free!

LONDON, April 26—A battle was fought on Good Friday before Magdalla. King Theodorus commanded in person. He was defeated and retreated into the town, his loss being heavy. On Monday Gen Napier ordered an assault. The town and citadel were carried by storm and King Theodorus slain. The Capital is in possession of the British. The British loss was small. The captives were found in the city alive and well and were set free. They numbered sixty souls, men, women and children and left on Friday for Toulabar. Napier's immediate return to the coast is expected. 1400 native troops laid down their arms. Theodorus had 5000 soldiers killed (?) and 1500 wounded. The entire force of Theodorus' army is either killed, wounded or captured. Napier takes by his victory 28 large guns, 5000 stand of small arms, 10,000 spears and many other articles of war. The interior of the fortress presented a splendid sight. The Palace glowed with barbaric splendor; the British troops plundered it at once. Four royal crowns made of solid gold, $20,000 in silver, $10,000 worth of silver plate, and several lots of rich jewels and other articles of great wealth were found.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, April 27—The Republican State Convention favors Grant for President.

The election in Georgia, North and South Carolina are very close. Extreme counties will have to be heard from before results are known.

NEW YORK, April 27—The *Tribune's* Atlanta special thinks the Constitution is ratified by at least 7,000 majority. Bullock, Republican, was elected Governor by five thousand majority.

The *Tribune's* Raleigh special says the Constitution is undoubtedly ratified, as the whole State ticket was elected by 25,000 majority. The Legislature will be largely Republican.

The Secretary of Treasury, in a communicasion to the House to-day says he is in special need of four steamers for marine cutter service—one at Alaska, one on Columbia river and Coast of Oregon, one for Charleston and one for Mobile.

WASHINGTON, April 27—Gen Canby telegraphs to Gen Grant, that all but four remote precincts of South Carolina are heard from. The majority for the Constitution is 43,600. North Carolina returns come in slowly. Thus far Constitution 7,500 ahead.

Canada.

OTTAWA, April 25—Two detectives swear to having overheard the conversation between Whelan and Doyle, in jail, in which Whelan admitted he shot Darcy McGee, and seemed to take pride in the idea that his name would be handed down to posterity as a great man.

OTTAWA, April 28—The House of Commons sat on Saturday with closed doors. The subject under consideration was the suspicion of being Fenians which has fallen on certain employes of the House. In connection with the assassination of McGee, a message from the Duke of Buckingham relating to the assassination was laid before both Houses. An address conveying their sympathy with Parliament and Her Majesty, expressing indignation at the atrocious crime, was agreed upon in the Senate.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—Sailed April 26th, bark Constitution, Nanaimo; barks Entine and Glimpse, Port Discovery.

No change in Legal Tenders or markets, except Barley, a shade lower.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28—Arrived, 27th—Bark Nestor from Nanaimo.

Sailed, April 27—Bark Carlotta, Seabeck, April 28th—U. S. Revenue Cutter Wyanda Victoria and Sitka.

DELAYED DISPATCHES,

Sandwich Islands.

A very distinct shock of an earthquake was felt in Honolulu on Thursday afternoon, at two minutes before 4 o'clock. It continued for at least 30 seconds, with an irregular and tremulous motion. Some idea of the severity of the shock may be gathered from the fact that Mr Flitner's astronomical clock was stopped by it at just six minutes before four o'clock. The clocks in the Bank, Postoffice, and 3 others—six in all—were also found to have stopped at the same instant.

The great mountain of Mauna Loa has again commenced to display its wonderful volcanic fires. On Thursday night, from Kawaihae, was seen the first glimmer of light from the new opening on the mountain side, which soon lit up the heavens and indicated that a new lava flow had begun. The crater seems to be near that of 1859, and the lava flows in a northwesterly direction towards the sea.

By Royal Proclamation the Legislative Assembly is ordered to convene at Honolulu on the 18th of April.

The aged and venerable John P Parker, of Hawaii, died on 25th March in Honolulu.

Rev Asa Thurston, the patriarch of the American Mission to these Islands, departed this life at his residence in Nuuanu on the morning of March 11th, in the 81st year of his age and his 48th year on the Mission.

Central and South America.

The fire at Aspinwall was discovered on the night of the 26th of March in the carhouse of the Railroad Company, which destroyed a large amount of property, including forty-three freight cars of the Company, as well as their large wooden car-shed. Thirty-two of the cars were laden with the freight brought from the South Pacific by the steamers Talca and Peru, and from Central America by the Salvador, all of which was destroyed. An immense quantity of cotton was among the freight destroyed.

H M Corvette Scout, 21 guns, Capt Price was expected at Panama from the Coast of Mexico, to relieve the Malacca, which will sail for the south on the arrival of the former ship.

Bolivar and Magdalena are still in an unsettled state, and it is said that parties in both States are combining against the Government. A report was circulated in Barranquilla that Mosquera intended to return from Peru soon and declare himself President once more.

The British ship Tudor, belonging to Mr. S R Graves, of Liverpool, was destroyed by fire in Callao bay, but the cause is yet unknown. The assistance of all the vessels in the Bay for three days proved futile to quell the flames. The heroic conduct of Captain Woolcot, of the steamer Pacific, is worthy of note. The cargo of the Tudor was guano, and the Captain, F Wherland, has asked for an investigation, at which no doubt he will be fully exculpated. The vessel was not insured.

The Italian bark Elvira Grondie, with her crew, was wrecked, and at the same time the British bark Walsea met the same fate. All on board were lost.

The yellow fever continues at Callao. Thirty deaths occurred daily. Pisco has been declared a port of entry.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

April 27—Stm. Geo S Wright, Langdon, Portland
Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Sch Industry, Watkins, Nanaimo
April 28—Slp Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo
Slp Mist, Woods, San Juan
Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Townsend
Slp Forest, Butler, San Juan
Slp Alice, Hunt, San Juan
April 29—Stmr Otter, Lewis, Sitka
April 30—Slp Ringleader, Hewitt, Nanaimo
Slp Harriett, McKenzie, San Juan
Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster

CLEARED.

April 27—Sch Industry, Watkins, Salt Spring Island
Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
April 28—Slp Hamley, Hollins, Nanaimo
Stmr Geo S Wright, Langdon, Astoria
Slp Forest, Butler, San Juan
Slp Alice, Hunt, San Juan
April 29—Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Pt Townsend
April 30—Slp Harriett, McKenzie, San Juan
Stmr Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Sch Kinau, McKinnon, Honolulu

PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W. T.

ENTERED

April 23—Stmr Oriflamme cleared for Tongas Island, Alaska, with troops and munitions from the U S Military Post, at Steilacoon.

April 25—Br ship Mary, cleared for Shanghai, China, with lumber and spars, from Port Gamble.

April 18—Barkentine Victor, cleared from same port for Shanghai.

April 27—Ship Dublin, from Port Madison for San Francisco.

Bk Rutorsaff, from Port Gamble for San Francisco

Ship Revere, from Port Discovery for San Francisco.

Bk Camden entered from Honoluiu, 25 days out.

MEMORANDA.

Steamship GEO. S. WRIGHT, Henry Langdon, Master, sailed from Portland Thursday April 23d, at 7 o'clock, p.m.; crossed the Bar at 2 o'clock, a.m; Friday, April 24th, arrived at Neah Bay; Saturday morning arrived at Victoria.

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr OTTER from the Northwest Coast—Capt Forsaith, Mr Nicholson, Mr Spence and 4 Coal-miners.

Per stmr GEO S WRIGHT from Portland—Rev Mr Fraser, Mr Bacon (W F & Co's Agent), T H Tayr, Mr Hill, Thos Smith Mr Muller.

CONSIGNEES.

Per Stmr GEO S WRIGHT from Portland—H B Co, D C H Rothschild, H H N W, F & D, T C, Order, R & B.

IMPORTS.

Per stmr GEO S WRIGHT from Portland—108 sks bacon, 3 bls mdse, 120 sks flour, 30 do wheat, 1 do bacon, 1 bls mdse, 600 sks flour, 80 bxs apples, 30 sks bacon, 472 do bran, 100 do middlings, 400 do flour, 6 bbls beef, 16 hd cattle.

EXPORTS.

Per sch KINAU for Honolulu—80 bbls salmon, 100 hf do, 12 cs bottled fruit, 1 bls dry goods.

MARRIED.

On the 14th inst., at the Cowichan Church, by the Rev W. S. Reece, M. A., Mr W. Hy. Lomas, eldest son of W. R. Lomas, Esq., Belper, Derbyshire, to Jane, eldest daughter of Mr David Alexander, of Cowichan, B. C.

In this City, April 24th, at St. John's Church, Victoria British Columbia, by the Very Rev. E. Cridge, Dean of Victoria, the Rev. Robert Tomlinson, Church Miss. Soc., fourth son of the Rev. Thomas Tomlinson, Rector of St. James, Dublin, Ireland, to Alice Mary, second daughter of Richard Woods, Esq., Garbally, V. I., formerly of Parsonstown, Ireland. No cards.

DIED.

In this City, Sunday, April 26th, Mary Jane, daughter of Thomas J. and Catherine Burnes, aged 10 months and 12 days.

In this City, April 24th, at 8 o'clock p. m., Capt. James Murray Reid, aged 66 years and 8 months; a native of the Orkney Islands, Scotland.

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FRAUD

On the 27th June, 1866, MOTEEWALLAH, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the

LABELS

of Messrs CROSSE & BLACKWELL, London, and was sentenced by Mr Justice Phear to

TWO YEARS RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT

And on the 30th of the same month, for

SELLING SPURIOUS ARTICLES

Bearing Labels in imitation of Messrs CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S, SHAIK BACHOO was sentenced, by the Subaban Magistrate at Sealdah, to

TWO YEARS RIGOROUS IMPRISONMENT

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