The Weekly British Colonist, AND CHRONICLE.

Saturday, September 5, 1868.

The Agricultural Exhibition.

That the agricultural prospects of the Colony have, amidst the general gloom and depression of the last three years, steadily improved, is a source of congratulation to every one amongst us. For the last three years we have had no Agricultural Exhibition in Vancouver Island; this year, we have not only our own local exhibition but we shall have an opportunity of competing, both at Yale and New Westminster, with agriculturists and horticulturists of the mainland. Much benefit may be derived by the different districts of the Colony from such an interchange of ideas, and comparison of progress in farming pursuits, as these exhibitions will year by year afford. Whilst the farmers in the neighborhood of Victoria expect to be able to compete successfully at all the exhibitions of this season, in cattle, horses, and other live stock, which have been raised in the Colony, and probably also, in such farming implements as are home made, the farmers of the lower Fraser, who pride themselves upon the excellence of their farm and garden produce, will make it difficult for any other district to take prizes in these particular branches. The highest perfection in the manufacture of cheese and butter, two most important items of agricultural industry, will also be eagerly striven for, and if Cowichan carries off the premium one year, she must not relax in her endeavors to improve, or she will, when another season comes round, have to yield the palm to some more persevering competitor. Hops also, and malting barley, will bring the Saanich cultivators into eager competition with all growers of these articles. It is to be hoped also, that there will be emulation amongst the brewers of different parts of the Colony; there is ample room for improvement in the manufacture of this staple Colonial beverage. Altogether we may expect an impetus to be given to every branch of agriculture by the three shows which are to be held this autumn. Every encouragement and facility ought to be given to farmers and gardeners desiring to exhibit, and if the liberal example, set by Barnard's Express, is followed by the steamboat proprietors, the utility of the exhibitions will be much enhanced. Competitors at agricultural shows, even when successful, are not by any means repaid for the trouble risk and expense incurred by them before a prize can be won; it is therefore in the power of those having the command of the means of transit from one place to another, to do much towards rendering such shows successful and attractive, by lessening the expense to exhibitors; Mr. Barnard has taken the initiative in the most liberal manner; we hope to see all others who have the power to render similar assistance, hasten to follow so good a lead.

The Fire Department.

We regret to find from the annual report of the Victoria Fire Department, now before us, that the funds of this most useful institution are languishing; it is impossible that the Department can free itself from debt unless aid from outside, be liberally extended to it. That this most excellent and useful institution should be allowed to fall into a crippled state for want of support, is a disgrace to the Municipality and to the Government. It cannot be expected that those who devote their time and labor to making the Fire Departments of the Colony thoroughly efficient and useful can contribute the entire funds necessary for their support; nor can private citizens keep up sufficient subscriptions to make the Department independent of aid at all times; in seasons of depression and stagnation of trade in any particular locality, those institutions which are mainly dependent upon voluntary contributions for support, invariably suffer and at such times it is the imperative duty of those who have the charge of the public purse to render assistance. If the salary of one of the unnecessary and useless heads of department, could be appropriated to the assistance of the Fire Department, or if half the money laid out in alterations at Government House this summer had been appropriated to the same purpose, an act of public right would have been done, instead of a public wrong being perpetuated, or an act of useless extravagance being continued. However, when a private individual has indulged in extraxagant luxuries, he is not freed from the responsibility of discharging liabilities for necessaries, and the same rule applies to Governments. It will be then for the people of the Colony to see that sufficient aid is rendered from the public purse to prevent the Fire Department from becoming straitened and crippled in its efficiency through falling into a hopeless state of debt. Surely the people who pay the taxes have a right to insist that a portion of the public money should be annually devoted to the support and maintenance of these necessary institutions.

Monday, Aug 31

Fresh Cured Salmon.—A member of the firm of Hapgood, Hume & Co, who have an establishment on the Columbia river at Oak Point, for the canning of fresh salmon, called upon us yesterday on his way to San Francisco, and exhibited a sample of fresh canned salmon, which appears, and justly too, to have a large sale in Australia, South America, &c. To Australia alone nearly 200,000 cans have been exported this year. Were inducements held out by Government and the project in general received with favor by the people, we believe the company would establish a branch on the Fraser. There can be no doubt of the superiority of the fish, and the large numbers to be found in this river; there is also another important consideration which the projectors of the scheme should bear in mind—we refer to the difference in the taxes as between the States and this Colony, which in the latter would be so much in the favor of the curer. We understand an arrangement could be made with a view to take an interest in the matter, with a capitalist willing to invest a few thousand dollars.

Another Indian Outrage.—As predicted when the outrage on the Thornton was quietly passed over, that another would likely soon occur, the public were not prepared to expect it in so short a time. The Black Diamond, Capt Ferguson, on the way to Sijka, a short time since, laden with coal, was boarded by a party of the same tribe as had to do with the Growler, off Queen Charlotte Island, who ransacked the vessel from stem to stern. All loose available articles lying about were carried away; the hatches broken open, and every indignity offered to the crew except that they were not harmed or hurt. Comment is useless. When we have a government that allows its people to be insulted upon the high seas with impunity, we must cease to talk and boast of our civilization.

Pacific Coast Literature.—We have received two numbers of a new monthly magazine, published in San Francisco, by A Roman & Co, and styled the *Overland Monthly*. The publication has a claim on the public of this coast in particular; it should also receive a liberal patronage from the public in general. Its articles, so far, are interesting and well written, and the style and type by which the work is got up, are a credit to any city, not to mention so comparatively a young place as San Francisco.

The Late Fire on Esquimalt Road.—Some time since, when reporting the Police Court proceedings with reference to the fire which consumed Mr P Everett's premises, it was stated that although the house was insured for $500 the real value of it was only about $250. Since that time the office in which the premises were insured, have called for tenders with a view to rebuild them, but as the lowest out of several, exceeded six hundred dollars, the agent of the company preferred paying the amount.

Inquest.—An inquest was held by the Coroner on Saturday morning at the Police office, on the body of Jack, a Stickeen Indian, who died very suddenly on Friday. From the evidence of the brother of the deceased, it appeared he had been drinking very hard of late. As there were no marks of violence on the body, and the evidence of the brother was confirmed, the jury returned a verdict of death from excessive drinking.

The steamer Active, Capt Floyd, arrived from Portland on Saturday morning. She brought an average freight for this port, and about thirty passengers. Col Hodges and Capt Haskell are on their way to San Juan to sit upon a court-martial case. The Active leaves for Nanaimo to coal, to-day, and is expected to return to Portland about Wednesday evening.

The steamer John L Stephens, Captain Metzger, from San Francisco via Portland, arrived on Saturday afternoon, too late to enter at the Customs. She brought 260 tons of general merchandise for this port, and 30 passengers. Amongst the latter we noticed Mr Hepburn, the Revs Russ and Derrick, the new Methodist ministers. The Stephens leaves for San Francisco to-day at 4 o'clock p. m.

Splendid Progress of the Central Pacific Railroad.—August 19th—The road is completed to the two hundred and sixty-eight mile-post. Six miles and eight hundred feet of track were completed to-day. This is claimed to be the greatest number of miles of railroad heretofore constructed in one day, and will be surpassed, as Superintendent Menkler is confident of his ability to add another mile to the amount laid.

Fires.—To such an extent are the woods on fire, in the vicinity of the city, that a gentleman taking his family out to spend yesterday, at Saanich, was unable to reach that township, and had to come back. These fires, no doubt, cause much of the present intense heat.

Cricket.—The match between the elevens of H. M. Ships Scout and Pylades, terminated in a victory for the former, by thirty runs. There was also a game on Beacon Hill, on Saturday, amongst the new beginners of this city, headed by a few old players. The winning score was 101 runs.

Sickness.—One of the passengers by the J. L. Stephens, a resident of this city, was taken with sickness, two days out from San Francisco. It is thought to be a case of smallpox. Precautions have been taken to avert any contagion arising therefrom.

Naval.—H. M. Ships Topaze, Malacca, Nassau, and Mutine, were in the port of Valparaiso, on the 10th July last. The U. S. Ships Kearsage, Nyock, and Dacotah, were also in port same date.

The steamer Pacific, Capt Windsor, with Gen Halleck and staff on board, returned from Sitka on Saturday evening. Her news was anticipated by the Sir James Douglas. The Pacific leaves for San Francisco to-day

Lucky.—An Indian trader on Store street has lately fallen heir to considerable money in Germany, where his friends reside. He is selling off and means to go after the windfall.

The Paris Exhibition Circus gave its last performance on Saturday night to a very full house. There was also a large gathering of children in the afternoon who apparently enjoyed themselves much.

The ship Nightingale, sailed from Valparaiso, for New York, on the 8th July last, with the cable on board from this port, having received her repairs

The steamer Enterprise arrived from New Westminster on Saturday afternoon. She brought down a few passengers and a small Express.

Quick Time.—Letters are now received every mail from London in thirty-one days to Victoria. This last mail, we heard of one letter only thirty days on the passage.

The steamer G S Wright returned on Saturday from different ports on the Sound, and will leave for Portland this morning.

Steamers.—On Saturday there was quite a rush of steamers, five ocean steamers arriving in one day.

Leaving.—Capt Porcher, Lieuts Dolphin and Townsend, leave by the J L Stephens for England.

Mail.—We are desired to state that the mail, per J. L. Stephens, will close at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Report of the Victoria Fire Department.

Victoria, V. I., Aug 18, 1868.

To His Worship the Mayor and the Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen—In accordance with the Constitution and Regulations governing the Victoria Fire Department, I respectfully beg to transmit the information required of me, with the hope that the suggestions therein contained will meet with your favorable consideration.

PUBLIC PROPERTY.

The public property at present in the hands of the Victoria Fire Department is in good working order, owing to the care and attention bestowed on it by the officers of the various companies.

PUBLIC CISTERNS.

The public cisterns for the Fire Department are also in good condition, with the exception of one on Langley Street, the trap doors of which require immediate repairs. I would also impress upon your honorable body the urgent necessity for two new cisterns to be built—one corner of Douglas and Fort Streets, and one corner of Cormorant and Government Streets, as there is no water to be had in that locality at present in case of any conflagration. Most of the buildings are of a very inflammable nature and the building of the before mentioned cisterns is a strict necessity.

MONIES.

At present the Fire Department is totally without funds, no provision having been made for the same. I would respectfully call the attention of your honorable body to the above important fact, with the hope that you will devise some ways and means for the maintenance of the Department.

FIRES.

Since my report of January, 1868, the following fires have occurred:

Feb 21st—House on View Street at the swamp; partly consumed; owned by a man named Thompson; insured for $1000.

March 10th—Cleal's Restaurant on Government street near Fort Street; entirely destroyed; insured for $5500.

May 2nd—Bunster's Brewery on Johnson Street; building entirely destroyed; loss $25,000 no insurance on same.

July 16th—Gowen & Loewen's Flour Mill and Distillery on Indian Reserve; totally destroyed; loss $18,000, insured for $10,000.

In all of these fires, the firemen worked with their usual zeal and energy, and succeeded in saving the adjoining property, which reflects great credit on the department, owing to the inflammable nature of the buildings, and (in some cases) the scarcity of water it was utterly impossible to save the building from destruction. There have been six alarms and fires outside of the city limits. One building destroyed on the Esquimalt road, was insured for a small amount.

MEMBERS.

The effective force of the department is as follows:

Deluge Engine Co. No. 1	46
Tiger Engine Co. No. 2	56
Union Hook & Ladder	41
Total	143

APPARATUS.

The Tiger Engine and Hose Cart are at present in very good condition.

The Deluge Engine and Hose Carts are at present in a very fair condition.

The Union Hook & Ladder Co. Truck is at present in very fair condition.

ENGINE HOUSES.

The Houses of Deluge and Tiger Engine Companies need much renovation, and are occupied at a great expense to the companies. The house of the Union Hook & Ladder Co. is in a bad location, as it is a difficult matter to get the apparatus out of the house in case of an alarm, and I whould recommend that a more suitable location be given to the company.

HOSE.

There is at present 800 feet of serviceable hose in the Fire Department. The Tiger and Deluge Engines are both in need of new hose, and I would recommend that a purchase be made of 600 feet of new hose for the use of the department.

EXPENSES.

I would also respectfully present for your consideration the actual expense per annum required for the uses and maintenence of the Fire Department.

DELUGE NO. 1.		
Rent per annum	$192 00	
Material for engine &c	150 00	
Stewards salary	300 00	$642 00
TIGER NO. 2.		
Rent per annum	$300 00	
Material for engine &c	204 00	
Stewards salary	300 00	$804 00
UNION HOOK & LADDER.		
Rent per annum	$ 12 00	
Material for truck &c	$ 96 00	
Stewards salary	$180 00	$288 00
		$1,734 00
To which must be added the sum of		$666,00
For lights, repairs &c, making a total of		$2,400 00

required for the yearly maintenance of the department, a sum scarcely sufficient to meet the expenses usually occuring.

I have the honor to remain very respecfully yours

SAMUEL L. KELLY.

Chief Engineer, Victoria, Fire Department.

Vancouver Island in Parliament.

Viscount Milton asked the Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies whether he would lay upon the table of the House a copy of the despatch of Mr. Cardwell to the Governor of Vancouver Island, dated October 11, 1865, No. 57, transmitting a copy of a correspondence with the Treasury and the Post-office relating to the postal communication between that colony and Great Britain.

Mr Adderly could not see the use of giving to the House a despatch from a Secretary of State to a late Governor of a colony which no longer existed, respecting negotiations which long since came to an end. New negotiations were now on foot, and it would not be proper to lay any papers on the table respecting them until they had come to an end.—*Times, July 17.*

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