

THE OPENING OF THE FREE SCHOOLS.

For the first time since the colony of Vancouver Island came into existence the blessing of education has been presented to the poorest as well as to the richest child. No more shall the juvenile mind be an unweeded garden that grows to seed.

OPENING OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL.

Tuesday, at one p.m. the first Free School inaugurated under the auspices of the Board of Education, was formally opened in the presence of His Excellency the Governor, the Right Rev. Bishop Hills, his Worship the Mayor, Alfred Waddington, Esq., Superintendent of Schools, Henry Wakeford, Esq., Rev. C. T. Woods, Dr. Evans, Rev. Mr. Jamieson of British Columbia, Rev. Mr. Somerville, Rev. Mr. Browning, C. E. Alston, Esq., members of the Board of Education, and a number of ladies and gentlemen.

TELEGRAPHIC.

FEARFUL DISASTER! LOSS OF THE BRO. JONATHAN! From 200 to 300 Lives Lost! ONLY FOURTEEN MEN AND ONE WOMAN AND HER CHILD SAVED! Later from San Francisco. Jemmy Jones again! Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

Further Particulars of the Loss of the Brother Jonathan.

JACKSONVILLE, August 2.—The last seen of General Wright he was standing on board holding a life preserver in his hand. There were two boats swamped before the one that the fourteen men and the woman and child made their escape in.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.—The teachers of the City were in attendance to the opening of the schools. Mr. Jones was the Police Magistrate. Markets.—Greenbacks, 73½@74. Flour—market steady, with good demands.

ARRESTED.

A man, arrested on suspicion of stealing a barrel, was found with a quantity of stolen goods. He was charged with the crime of receiving stolen property.