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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 15.—Council met at three. Hon DeCosmos presented a petition from the settlers at Sanich for grant of road.

Hon Wood presented a petition to empower Coroners to hold inquests on fires.

Hon Robson's notice of motion about Indian Reserves on Bonaparte; also in relation to road to Cariboo by William Lake.

Hon Colonial Secretary will bring forward the estimates for the current year on Monday next. Hon Helmcken's motion for Free Port led to animated debate, resulting in a division, when the motion was lost, twelve to three.

Hon Helmcken brought forward a motion on the extension of the Road Act of Vancouver Island District to New Westminster. Long debate ensued, when Hon Crease proposed an amendment. Amendment lost. Original motion carried.

Hon Wood inquired whether it was the intention of the Government to proceed this session with the assimilation laws of the Colony. Warm discussion ensued between the Attorney General and Hon Wood.

The former stated the affairs of the Colony were under serious consideration of the Home Government, and that the question must be deferred until communication had been received from the Imperial Government. Hon Helmcken's motion to submit petitions for a Court of Appeal to the Governor was carried.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 15.—Hon. Helmcken would ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the Sisters of St. Ann.

Hon. Ball presented a report from Select Committee on the Supreme Courts Bill; the report deprecates the present state of things, and recommends the passage of the bill.

Hon. DeCosmos moved second reading of Investment and Loan Society's Bill. After a lengthy debate the second reading was carried, and bill committed for Tuesday next.

Hon. DeCosmos moved the prayer of the settlers of Sanich be committed to the Governor's favorable consideration.

Hon. Truth added an amendment, and resolution was carried.

Hon. Wood moved the petition of Insurance Companies and others for Inquests on Fires by Coroners; carried with amendment. Magistrates instead of Coroners. Petition of settlers on Bonaparte referred.

Hon. Robson's motion for reports on William Lake Road was lost.

Hon. Walkem's motion to learn if there was any intention to alter the mining laws was replied to by Hon. Crease, who stated that the Government had no intention of altering at present. House adjourned.

Europe.

PARIS, April 10.—All the semi-official press for several days past have contained editorials calculated to allay public excitement over the new Army Bill. They pronounce the apparent vast preparations for war to be the best pledge of peace.

Sunday's *Moniteur* publishes the official report of Minister Panardin, showing the military changes which have been made since the passage of the bill of reorganization of the army and the effect they have in the country.

Report says all the reforms introduced into the bill have been completed; changes have been received with popular applause everywhere, and contradicts the reports of dissatisfaction and declares new law defended and sustained by the patriotism of the French people, thus giving new proof of confidence in the Emperor.

Writers say the United States Legation at Paris are continually overrun with Frenchmen who are anxious to escape military service, which they are now liable to, under the provisions of the new Army Bill. Knowing nothing of the Prussian laws of naturalization, having only lately concluded the Prusso-American Treaty, they literally besiege the U. S. representatives for naturalization papers. Of course, all applicants are refused, it taking five years actual residence.

FLORENCE, April 1.—Victor Emmanuel is seriously ill. A despatch from Rome says the Pope is also sick; the nature of the attack is not set.

It is reported that the Danish Commissioner recently asked the cession to Denmark of the Island of Alesn, in the

Baltic, and Fortress Duppelion, on the main land. The last telegrams say Prussia has decidedly refused the demands of Denmark.

LONDON, April 14.—Viscount Cranborne, Marquis of Salisbury, who was Secretary of State for India under Derby's administration, is dead. The London journals contain elaborate obituaries of the deceased peer. All express regret for their loss. The House of Commons will sustain the transfer of his eldest son, now a member of the House of Commons, to the House of Peers. The Prince and Princess of Wales took special train today for Holyhead, thence to embark for Ireland. They expect to reach Dublin by on-to-morrow.

DUBLIN, April 14.—Great preparations have been made for the reception of the Prince of Wales. The castle has been changed into a royal palace for his accommodation. St. Patrick's Cathedral has been most superbly decorated for the coming ceremonies attending the initiation of his Royal Highness as a Knight of St. Patrick. The quays and public buildings are lavishly ornamented with flags, streamers, mottoes and other decorations. Beautiful triumphal arches have been erected in the principal streets through which the royal visitors will pass. People from the surrounding country are coming into the city in crowds, and visitors are hourly arriving from England to witness the ceremonies and participate in the festivities.

PARIS, April 14.—The *Journal des Debats* editorially scouts the idea of an approaching war, and especially denies any danger of war with Germany. In proof of this it says France has already refused to enter into a close alliance with England or Austria unless Prussia is included.

DUBLIN, April 15.—The Fleet bearing the Prince and Princess of Wales entered the bay this forenoon. Royal salutes were fired from all the vessels in the harbor. The Prince and Princess landed, and were received by the Lord Lieutenant and the Marchioness of Abercorn, and conducted to a special train for Dublin. The station and streets were filled with people, who cheered incessantly as the train moved off. Arriving at Dublin, the party were received by a military guard of honor and escorted to the castle. The streets along the line were richly decorated and filled with people. The wildest enthusiasm prevailed. The procession reached the castle at 2 o'clock.

Eastern States.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Sherman in testifying said: "The President told me the relations between Stanton, himself and members of the Cabinet were such that he must fill Stanton's place with an *ad interim* appointment in the interests of the country at large and of the army. He did not say his purpose was to take the matter into Court, though he said he was satisfied if it went into Court it would not stand half an hour. The President expressed a desire to have the constitutionality of the tenure of office law tested. He also said, if witness accepted the position of Secretary *ad interim*, Stanton would make no resistance, he was too cowardly. Witness gave no positive answer at that time."

The following resolution was offered in the U. S. Senate: Whereas it is reported that efforts are being made to induce the Government to transfer to a private company without consideration, the Island of St. Paul, in the territory embraced by the treaty with Russia, and whereas the said island is believed to be very valuable, being the only home of the fur seal in the world, therefore it is resolved, that the committee on foreign affairs be directed to inquire into the subject and report to the House. Agreed to.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The Consul at Porto Rico reports that cholera has ceased at St. Thomas. Earthquakes are of daily occurrence at Porto Rico.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The *Herald* has a sensation special to the effect that a Radical conspiracy is on foot to extend the term of President's office to ten years, and strip the Supreme Court of power to pass upon the constitutionality of acts of Congress; to elect Grant in doubtful States by the bayonet and cause an unlimited inflation of currency by national banks.

West Indies.

The *Herald's* special from Hayti to the 4th says a bloody battle has taken place near Gopares. The Government forces numbered 600 men and that of Coo's four thousand. The latter lay in ambush after routing the Government troops, retook a number of towns and captured many prisoners and enemy's cannon. A desperate struggle is at hand, and it is expected a change in the Government will take place after Easter.

A great tidal wave visited Guayaquedo, submerging a British vessel heavily loaded. The wave was similar to that at St. Thomas last

fall, but larger, and lasted twenty-four hours. The sea receded thirty miles and left all the ships aground, when a gigantic wave returned, threatening general destruction.

Australia.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Australian cables to March 5th: They state that Prince Alfred's visit to Sidney was more agreeable than his visit to Melbourne.

Heavy gales and destructive floods prevailed in the Colony.

Very disorderly scenes, attended with assault and battery, were enacted in the Legislative body.

Canada.

OTTAWA, April 13.—The funeral of McGee to-day was one of the most imposing ceremonies ever witnessed in Canada. Eighty thousand persons were in the streets and thirty thousand in procession.

The Abyssinian Expedition.

LONDON, April 13.—Official dispatches from General Napier are received. The health of the troops is good and the army still advancing.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—About nine o'clock last night, the ship *Autocrat*, from Baltimore, when coming into port went ashore on Arch rock. She was loaded with 1,500 tons of coal for the P. M. S. Co. The steamers *Rescue* and *Goliath* went to her assistance, but found her hard and fast broadside on the rocks. Both boats were unable to move her. At the latest accounts this morning she had nine feet of water in her hold and there was little prospect of saving the ship, though it is possible a portion of her cargo may be gotten out. The ship and cargo was sold at auction this afternoon for \$10,500.

J. E. Schlinke, a real estate agent, obtained \$1,600 from a poor widow woman yesterday morning to pay for a lodging house which she had purchased through him. Schlinke has not been seen since, and is supposed to have absconded on the steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—A shooting scrape occurred on Clay street at noon to-day, in which a tailor named Peterson, fired five shots at B. Sauguinita. One shot struck him in the neck and another in the shoulder. Peterson alleges, as a reason for the attack, that Sauguinita had slandered him. Sauguinita's wounds are dangerous, and it is feared they will prove fatal.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14.—Steamer *Sacramento* sailed for Panama this morning, with 413 passengers. Arrived, April 14.—Bark *Caroline* read from Seattle. Sailed, April 13.—Steamer *Oriflamme*, for Victoria, St. Michaels and Alaska; bark *Oakland*, Barrard Inlet; ship *Isaac Jeanes*, Nainaiho. The sailing of the steamer *George S Wright* for Portland has been unavoidably postponed until to-morrow. The steamship *Ajax* will sail for Portland next Saturday. The Pacific has been withdrawn.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—ARRIVED—Bark W. H. Gawley, from Port Discovery; bark *Legal Tender*, from Port Madison.

Sailed—Bark *Fremont*, Seabeck.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The North American Steamship Co.'s agent received instructions to despatch no more passengers by Nicaragua, but to place all vessels on Panama route. In consequence of this order the Opposition Company will be enabled to make two trips a month each way. At half-past 12 to-day an earthquake shook down a portion of the old American theatre.

ARRIVED, April 15.—Bark *Amethyst*, Beltingham Bay. April 16.—Steamer *John L. Stephens*, Portland.

Sailed, April 15.—Steamer *George S. Wright*, Portland. April 16.—Bark *Brontes*, Seabeck.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—The steamship *Pacific* is advertised to sail for Victoria and Portland on Tuesday next.

Fatal Mining Difficulty in Idaho.

UNIONVILLE, April 1.—The *Owyhee Avalanche* of the 28th says the *Ida Elmore* and *Golden Chariot* Companies, that have been strongly fortified and closely watching each other for some time, came to a fight on the 26th ult. The *Golden Chariot* Company charged on the *Ida Elmore* under ground; in the charge, J. C. Holgate, of the *Golden Chariot*, was killed. Firing was kept up all night; Meyer Frank, of the *Ida Elmore*, was mortally wounded, and died on the 27th. On the afternoon of the 27th, James Howard, an *Ida Elmore* man, had his

arm broken by a bullet, and others have received slight wounds. There has been no fighting outside the mine yet, but probably will be, as both parties have positions well fortified, and within gunshot of the two mines. There are fifty men, armed to the teeth, on each side. Judge Curtis, the District Attorney, has come over from Boise to try and prevent further bloodshed.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED. April 13.—Sip *Harriet*, McKensie, San Juan Sip Forest, Butler, Port Townsend. Sitr *Elizabeth*, Swanson, New Westminster. April 14.—Sip *Somerset*, Greenleaf, San Francisco Sitr *Eliza Anderson*, Finch, Pt Townsend. April 15.—None.

CLEARED. April 13.—Sitr *Elizabeth*, Swanson, New Westminster Sitr *Eliza*, Middleton, Sanich. Slip *Lady Franklin*, Pritchard, San Juan. Slip *Forest*, Butler, San Juan. April 14.—Sip *Riglander*, Hewit, Nanaimo. Slip *Regis*, Graham, Port Townsend.

PASSENGERS.

Per ship *SOMASER* from San Francisco—Geo. Watson, Sharp, W. Han, Thos. Sinclair, D. Stron, Alex. Grant. Per Sitr *ELIZA ANDERSON* from Puget Sound—Mrs B. F. Beaulieu, Mrs Parker, Miss Clara Meyers, Miss Belle Summers, Mr Giddings, Capt Townsend, Capt Barfling, Mr Fallon, Mr C. Wallace, Mrs A. Lindner, Bro. n, Finn, Owen, Gillette, Beard, Connel, Cook, Tubler, Walmer, Gultenberg.

IMPORTS.

Per ship *SOMASER* from San Francisco—10 pkgs agric' imp'ls, 12 cs axle grease, 3 do axes, 50 pos axes, 12 pkgs brood, 1 cs backing, 979 ass barley, 10 doz brooms, 16 ass beans, 8 cs boots and shoes, 107 coils cordage, 40 pkgs do, 310 bxs candles, 100 cs case goods, 30 ass coffee, 1 bale clothing, 1 do dry goods, 1 cs do, 3 bales duck, 1 cs furniture, dried fruit—10 cs prunes, 20 lb figs, 50 kgs do, 30 kgs currants, 10 cs do, 8 bbls peaches, 8 bbs do, 150 bbs raisins, 1 cs figs, 2 0 hf ass flour, 3 cs glassware, 3 bbls do, 5 bbs do, 215 cs groceries, 10 cs hawane, 158 pkgs do, 40 kgs do, 50 bales Hay, 5 cs honey, 12 Iron Tubes, 4 cs lime juice, 20 pkgs Chinese Midee, 60 bbs Macaroni, 55 bbs meal, 20 do nuts, 11 kgs nails, 5 cs olive oil, 10 coils pitch, 10 cs Canvas provisions, 15 cs lard, 8 kgs butter, 71 cs do, 4 bales paper, 10 lbs pearl barley, 20 lbs plaster, 2 lbs quicksilver, 250 mals rice, 4 do soap, 25 lbs starch, 10 cs sal soda, 50 kgs syrup, 37 pkgs shovels, 36 lb tins sugar, 100 kgs do, 6 cs do, 18 bbs starch, 23 cs sardines, 20 bbs salt, 13 stoves, 11 cs tobacco, 1 bbl twine, 12 pkgs woodensaw, 1 bbl wine. Wine—127 bbls Champagne, 120 cs claret, 601 kgs wheat, 4 cs yeast powder. Value, \$32,574.

DIED.

In this City, on the 15th inst., Ralph Tait Patterson, aged 31 years, a native of Northumberland, England, late of Nanaimo. In this City, April 10th, Frank, infant son of James and Mary Hatcher, aged 10 months. In this City, Mabel Harriet James, aged 2 years 9 months, third daughter of George Elmes Nas.

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FRAUD

On the 27th June, 1886, MOTHERWALLAH, a Printer, was convicted at the Supreme Court, Calcutta, of counterfeiting the labels of the *JOHN A. BROWN* brand of Whisky.

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, SHAKE BATHOO was sentenced, by the Suburban Magistrate at Sealdah, to

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