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The Coming Struggle.

As the day of Election draws near the excitement amongst all classes runs high, there are but very few who do not feel a strong interest in the present contest for the city, officials who are loth to see any change in a Under these circumstances it is imp system of Government which suits to surmise what will be done with the them admirably, are bestirring them—
selves with an activity worthy of a
better cause; if some few of them
could be induced to put half the energy into the work which they are paid to perform, what a saving there would be to the Colony, but after all we must not expect too much from to the head winds prevailing. The steamers weak human nature, there are very Constantine and Fideliter have left for the few men who do not like to draw as Sound. The former to undergo alterations much pay as possible for doing as and the latter, previous to salling for San little work as possible. We can hard. Francisco. ly look for better things from our Heads of Departments until the sys- known resident of this city, died very sudtem is changed, they will not support took a severe cold from which he power rethe people really have the mastery; flames at the barning of Bunster's brewery. when this time arrives, that is to say, During a fit of soughing he burst a blood when we have real Representative vessel on Saturday night, and from the ex Government, doubtless we shall find cessive hemorrhage produced thereby, die many of our officials useful and ener- in about ten minutes afterwards. The flag mgetics men of business, and when the of the different engine houses were flying a Heads of some of the Departments half-mast yesterday out of respect to his depend upon the confidence of the people for their places, they will on a sudden, awake to the necessity of con- THE Winnipeg Nor'- Wester gives a melan sidering the warts of the people; choly picture of the ravages of the grasshop-what energy will there be displayed pers in the Red River settlement, by which the crops had been destroyed and as a conseroads and repairing and building quence famine stares the population in the bridges, when the office of Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works ceases in relieving the distress, and publishes a much care and economy shall we find in proof of its extent. in the preparation of the budget, Recourse MAINDAND. The steamer when upon its passing hangs the fate Enterprise, arrived on Saturday afternoon of a Ministry. When these changes from New Westminster. She brought down come upon us there will be no speering at the working dress of the voters,
the era of kid gloves and dainty boote
will then be no more. We are however anticipating a little, for the
day or Wednesday on the Sparrowbawk. people have a struggle before them, of which the present contest is but the MUNICIPAL Referring to the notice pub beginning; they have skilled tactici. lished in this paper relative to the ensuing Municipal Election, the attention of voters and united against them, men who is called to clause 15 of the Municipal Or-have enjoyed the sweets of office too dinance, 1867, which requires that all as long to give them up easily, and who seesments due must have been paid previo are so well practised in manouvres to the election in order to obtain a qualifithat they will be most difficult to over cation to vote mrol emos ai gottleogmi come. It is perfectly plain that the havorner Whale. News was brought to official part of the Council were well fown on Saturday that Mr Dawson's party. aware that popular members, who at Saspich had killed another whale, truly represented the feelings of the largest of the season. It is supposed it will people, would in the coming session of yield at least one hundred and ten or twenty the Council be more likely to be united barrels oil. For killing Mr Dawson used in their action in respect of retrench- the bomb rocket. ment than heretofore; the Capital question having been decided, there was unlikely to be any great question before the Council which would take attention away from Retrenchment and Reform in the Government. Hence the efforts of the James Bay party to keep out of the Council the Athambra Hall on Friday evening last. member from whom they had the passed off in the usual nice and satisfactory most to fear- "Only let us keep out manner.

Mr DeCosmos," say the officials, "and DATS. The sloop Harriet discharged on we have another few years power;

people of Victoria, to-morrow they will be called upon to decide whether to the they will have for their members, tried advocates of Reform, or those who have the support of the whole official element: the issue is with the people and it is their own fault if they allow Government influence to win the first

Wa understand that the Belgian Government are proposing to have a tax laid AJudging from the large attendance to hear upon bachelors. Every unmarried man of Messrs Relimcken and Drake at the theatre The impost, the rate to vary according to in the election does not flag. Mr W J Machine Circumstances of the individual. This Donald took the Chair, Mr R Bishop officiate

seems a very fair and righteous proceeding, ed as Secretary, and we observed upon the No class can better afford taxation. None platform, amongst others, Mr Fisher of Equipment of the more generally and selfishly inclined to quimalt, Messrs Stanhope, Farwell, Kearspend their income exclusively for their own pay, A Phillips, T L Wood, R E Jackson, all the care and expense of supporting and educating the rising generation to others; it that they should be made to help the community in other ways. In the future apportionment of taxes at Ottaws we his conduct which had been impugned by rust that the bachelors will not be forgotten the speakers at the meeting on Thursday

Ells, left on Saturday for the wrenk of the pare that gentleman to a political west DelNorte, and returned last night. The obthe real condition of the vessel for the gu ance of her owners, and by which they w be governed as to her final disposal. It is said the vessel can be gotten of the rocks, but the expense of so doing, together with fter repairs, would be little less than that or which a new vessel could be built. She till lies precisely as she was left by Capt Winder but the removal even of her be and machinery would be very expensive feft for San Francisco on Saturday, Up to 5 o'clock last evening none of the vessels ly ing in Royal Roads, laden with lumber for eign ports, were able to go to ees, owing

SUDDEN DEATH .- Mr Magee, a well denly on Saturday night? It Tappearsoche memory, and the firemen amounce a public funeral at two o'clock to-day.

the charity of Ontario and Quebes to assist said and lo bilds ad readanch to be a permanent sinecure. How number of letters from clergymen and others

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practice and drill. Before returning to harbor she will be officially inspected by Admiral Hastings. ad bloom tagarage

Bary .- The first of the series of subsciption hops for the season, was given at the

Saturdaya barge of fine oats about two tons. this is really the issue before the grown on San Juan Island; the coats, were consigned to Lenevue & Co. and others.

THE GEO S WRIGHT. A special to this office states, the steamer Geo S Wright from Portland will leave for this port and ports on Paget Sound on Mon d sy (this) morg.

FOR NANATMO. The steamer Sir James Douglas will not leave for Napaimo before Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Meeting at the Theatre on Saturin tiddily vabed in Victoria

AJudging from the large attendance to hear thirty-five and upwards is to be subject to on Saturday we should say that the interest d indulgence, and if they will leave R Burnaby, G J Findlay, T H Tye, J C Nicbolson, & Leggatt, J Lowe, H O Courtny James Fell.

> Mr Drake was the first to speak, He said that he appeared on the platform to justify night, attacks had been made upon him by

Shipping. The steamer Emms, Capt of the process of ject of the visit was to prepare a report of eight years advocated one continual change. Mr Fisher spoke respecting a secret teague whatever would bring hi maelf to the front he had urged as the best policy for the Cols Helmcken and Drake if they leagued themoby. I Mr Drake said that he had been most selves scorelly to play at parliament, as the unjustly charged with being a momines of other candidates had done. Mr DeCosmos unjustly charged with being a mominee of the Hudson Bay Co and of the Government this he said on a scount of the centional conflict between their interests, was impossible, it did not follow because he had had Government business that es should necess early be a supporter of the Government. He stated that it was incorrect to say that he was in the employ of the Government; he had had one prospention for the Govern-ment in the Police Court and no more, whereas he had conducted several actions against the Government. The speaker went on to say-Mr DeCosmos says that I am bound to support the views of the Hudson Bay Co because I transact their business : if Canada, to be laid before Congress at its come forward in answer to one of the most of the Confederate League. I come forward England States demand that the treaty of as an opponent of Confederation, and I am reciprocal trade shall be renewed. While also opposed to the present system of Government and to the Convention at Yale. Mr Drake concluded by expressing himself in favor of Reciprocity in oil, coal and lumber, but not in agricultural produce. Mr D Cosmos had no such stake in the country as he had himself, he had given hostages to society in the shape of children, whilet Mr DeCosmos was but a bachelor, a waif and stray upon the political horizon. He denied that he was a party to any unboly alliance, the audience might just as well be charged with being members of such an alliance as himself UMr Drake sat down amidst loud. applause, and was succeeded by Dr Helmsken, who was very warmly received, he

I come here to defend myself: I attended the meeting on Thursday night, and was more amused than hurt by the attacks made upon myself. What did I see upon the plats form on that occasion ? Why about a dozen men who cad put off their working dresses and put on their broadcloth for the occasi to make the meeting look respectable. [Sensation, hisses from some parts of the body of the theatre, and vocilerous cheers from the platform | Mr DeCosmos was there to atack, me, and there was an interloper from n favor of Confederation, and now tells you my private character, alone, although I do best passport to public life. Dr Helmeken out at the proceedings of the Convention atapplause by accusing Mr DeCosmos of attempting to sell the Colony at 80 dents her head. I am accused, said he, of not support. rement and also of obeing a meman ber of an unholy alliance, but this was by NAVAL INSPECTION.-H M S Zealous will an interloper who came to solicit, the votes go into Royal Roads to-morrow for gun of the electors of the district. During the advocated a change of Government and Repreceded to quote from the journals of the Council to prove that both he and Mr De Cosmes bad voted for Retrenchment and and undersell him in his market. change in the Government; he explained that before the capital question was settled, he did not think it safe to advocate extreme Cosmos and himself, in their efforts for Re-trenchment and change of Government, had been opposed by Messrs Robson and Barnard great original repealer, a day or two ago, members of the Yale Convention. The speaker concluded by denying that the Hudson Bay Company had ever influenced his polotics in anyway, and denounced the port of his having sold his soul to the Hudson Bay Company, as utterly false.

Mr Burnaby next came forward and said : I appear to justify myself from the attacks of

Mr DeCosmos concerning the unconditional Thing In resolution Upod athis m question I moved a resolution requesting the Gove ernor to disolve the House and let the question go to the people; afterwards, in February, 1865, I told you, standing where I now stand, that if we join British Columbia unonditionally, we should have a sort of hybrid Council two thirds of the members of which would be officials, and they would swamp the popular members. Mr De Oos- the repealers, and hand in hand with its mos went into the House of Assembly on the Union question on the shoulders, of the Hudson Bay Company—the Free Port is a dead and buried question; I have not who lately had an interview with Mr Howe

be of a constitutional character. But let us see what this Constitutional opposition' and asked whether the electors could tenst

said he, is not acquainted with the first first principles of political economy, he can strut the stage but is fit for nothing else.

Mr Macdonald, Chairman, called upon the voters to some early to the coll on Tuesday, and the meeting was brought to a close.

Editorial Correspondence No 18 OTTAWA, CANADA, August 24th, 1868.

Yesterday, a deepatch came to the papers

to the effect that Mr Seward and Mr Thorn-

ton, the British Minister, are arranging the details of a new Reciprocity Treaty with tailor fits Mr DeCosmos with a pair of next session, and I learn to-day that Hon onts, is that tailor bound to support the po- Mr Ross, Minister of Finance of the Domin-Iltical principles of Mr DeCosmos? I am no ion, will proceed soon to Washington to atand guard the interests of the Capadians. umerously signed requisitions that I have There is no doubt the American Government ever seen in the Colony, [Applause] Mr De is heartily sick of its prohibitive policy; so Cosmos has put forward a gentleman who is far, at least, as it applies to Canada, and m favor of Confederation, who is a member that the interests of its border and New passing through New England and the northern portion of New York I did not fail to observe how thoroughly the people are impressed with the idea that reciprocity with their neighbors is necessary to their expansion and prosperity, and how ready they are to promise assistance to either political party that will pledge itself to urge upon Government the passage of a measure somewhat similar to that formerly in force. Some weeks ago I wrote you from New York that known for his connection with the Atlantic a bill providing for the renewal of the treaty and Great Western Railroad, Mr Laing, a had been brought before Congress. This member of Parliament and a great finanmeasure however did not include lumber or coal, among the list of articles exempted and other gentlemen distinguished in the from duty, the duties on which were to con- floancial world and for their connection inue. The bill therefore satisfied the people with grand enterprises, who are now on on neither eide of the line. In proposing to their way to this country, has peenliar sigabut out lumber and coal it aimed a blow at nificance. Mr McHenry's reputation was two of the staple productions of the Domin- not in any respect damaged by the failure of one which the old treaty admitted free of Pete and Betts-it having been shows that duty, and forced the eastern consumer, who the responsibility rested with Sir Morton could do without neither, to pay a heavy tax Peto. Mr McHenry has been received back apon all he required. This bill also provided into financial circles, and represents many that the maritime provinces when admitted millions of capital already invested in the the Confederacy, should be included in the arrangement, but was silent as regarded British Columbia. I believe I then pointed out that without the prespect of reciprocity Confederation would be a hollow thing; and that were I satisfied that in the event of our foining the union, all the privileges enjoyed states of working efficiency. Many of the Powell says of me that I am kind, good by the rest of the Provinces would not be lines have lost and are losing heavily; but it amiable, upright and honest in my private extended to our section, Union would be disable that by judicious management character; gentlemen, I wish he would let vested of its charm. The bill fell through that the interests of British Columbia will be duly guarded by Mr Rose, and that the American Government, in its anxiety to secure our rich Colony, will not be allowed to. make fish of one section and fowl of another. The immense advantage that would accrue to the Colony by the admission of our coal ing Retrenchment for any chang of Gov. and lumber to American markets would more than counterbalance the imaginary disadvantages that would result from the admission of American produce to our Colony free cf charge; I say 'imaginary disadvanwhole of my career at New Westminster I tage,' for no proof has ever been adduced to satisfy me that the American farmer will be trenchment. Is Mr DeCosmos to lay down able to transport his produce to British an issue? I say that Confederation is the Columbia and sell it for less than our farissue you are the judges. Dr Helmeken mers can supply us; or that, should be drive us from our own market, we would not be abundantly able to return the compliment

You will hear of a dark and lowering political sky in the direction of Nova Scotia; but the clouds will soon break and the eduction of salaries, he showed that Mr De atmosphere become clear. The resolutions issued his manifesto to his followers, counselling moderation and the adoption but constitutional means in their efforts to bring about a repeal. This letter was written because some of the more violent gepealers advocated a resort to a 'peaceably if we can, forcibly if we must policy, which Howe discountenances and disavows. Howe is the concentrated body and brains of the whole Anti-Union movement, and it is not probable that any very considerable number of those who swear by him will venture to excel their chief in radicatism. The truth is, the repeal agitation is virtually at an end. The day of the commencement of the Intercole way which is to bring Halifax three days nearer the markets of Europe and China than New York will dawn upon the last of sister provinces, Nova Scotia will press on to a great and glorious future. Sir John A Macdonald and several of his Ministers shanged upon that point. Mr DeCosmos' ad- and other leading men of the repeal party

amounts to: Sir Boundell Palmer, to whom the question was referred by a delegation of the Repealers while in England gives it as his opinion that there is no limit to the power which the Imperial Government holds over a colony constituted as Nova Scotia was before the Union. After this decision even the repealers will hardly discover where the constitutional rights of Nova Scotia were invaded by the Act of Union, even supposing it not to have received the ratification the people of Nova Scotia. It is stated here that the project of uniting Lake Huron and Lake Ontario by means of a ship canal bids fair to be a reality. Able engineers have decided that the work is feasible, and that it will not cost more than \$40,000,000. It is proposed to raise half of this sum in the United States, and half in England—the loans to be secured by a grant of 10 000,000 acres of land by the Canadian Government. Mr Freder Capreol, of Toronto, has undertaken the inancial management of the enterprise Some time ago he succeeded in obtaining guarantees from American capitalists that they would furnish \$20,000,000 if the balance should be subscribed in Europe and the land grant secured. For several months be has been in England, and it is said that his prospects of success in securing the other \$20,000,000 are very satisfactory. When that is secured it will only be necessary to obtain the land grant before work can he commenced. The proposed canal is to extend from Collingwood to Toronto, between which points there is already a line of railway in successful operation throughout a

fertile and growing country. It may be as well to state here that the visit of Mr James McHenry, who is well cier and railroad man; Sir William Russell railways of the United States or awaiting investment should favorable opportunities be presented. The project to be presented by Mr McHenry and his associates I believe, is to effect a union of all the lines in Canada and the United States, and place all in a be better secured at lower rates than now prevail. The project is a grand one, and its conception is in keeping with the pro-

greesive spirit of the age, it jes of said central railway will be shortly comme at this point. Nearly all the Canadian roads are built along the river bank and lake shore. This new road is intended to open up the interior of the Colony and bring into demand the rich and fertile land of central Canada, which has too long lain neglected for want of communication with the great I find the following in the Cleveland Her-

ald: "A few days ago, as an express train on the Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati Railroad was entering Wellington, the engipeer, William Warner, observed a womau stooping beside the rail; and supposed she was picking something up To his astonishment she remained in that position until the engine came near enough for him to see that she was pulling at her clothing, a portion of which had become fastened to the rail as she crossed the road. He whistled down breaks, reversed the engine, shut his eyes, and passed the spot with every hair of his head standing on end. The woman screamed, swooned and fell over away from the engine, and its ponderous wheels severed the tie that bound her to the track-the lower springs of her hoop skirt." Three days ago I witnessed an accident similar in its cause but more terrible in its results at Prescott, 54 miles below here. A train was being slowly backed from the depot, preparatory to starting on its journey. A young man named Bennett placed his hand on the fron railway of he end car, and was about to lean upon the platform, when his foot canght in a section of the track where two lines cross each other and form an X. Before, he could extricate his foot or dia woff his boot the ponderous ore down upon him like a great Oar of Juggernant, attering a wild ary of distress he was drawn under the g and mangled mass on the rails. He was raised quietly and conveyed into the waiting room, where, I afterwards heard, a leg and changed upon that point. Mr DeCosmos' address to the electors does not appear in the weekly edition of the British Colonist and elated by the flattering results of their visit. The whole matter in dispute was talked over calmly and dispassionately, and Mr Howe save the poor fellow were most painful. By Glectric SPECIAL TO THE DAIL Another Earth THE AMERIC Amicable feeling in

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