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Governor Seymour on Education. There is no good thing in the world

representation be held up as an evil; but it does not follow that because of that misrepresentation the good thing has lost its excellence. Just so it is the Government." with our system of education. It is as admirable to-day as it ever was; if

for this Colony that exists in the of the Government, and that he who is not to be mitigated," and Govsemi-barbaric Colony of British Hon- has half-a-dozen mouths to feed con- ernment has decided not to "deterduras. Fancy the Governor of this tributes far more than the man who mine authoratively the number of the "magnificent territory," with the has only himself to look after. How, sacraments." After these comforting bright examples of what free educa- then, could it be possible for any resi- assurances of theological non-interfer, tion has done and is doing for the ada dent of the Colony to have his children ence, the mind of the reader is somevancement of the British Provinces educated without a pecuniary sacrifice what prepared for the following: and the United States before him, "on his own part?" The fear expressed "Wherefore the Government is of gravely asserting that "in Vancouver that if the parent be relieved of his own opinion that when the time comes for the authority of his predecessor, that evidently thinks that the son of a me. matter, in which all Christians (leav and that other objects besides the in-tellectual advancement of the children born, and he would prefer to see him do what the whole religious wisdom, feelwere sometimes allowed entrance into remain without any education than to ing and affection of the world has not the consideration of the Board of Edu- run the risk of becoming a "half- yet done." cation." What the latter half of this educated politician or a needy hanger. If there be a grain of sense contain sentence means we leave for the mem- on of Government." In sneering at ed in the above elegant morceaux, we bers of the Board to explain; but we the efforts of people in the humbler take it that His Excellency means to say deny that the system of education on walks of life to elevate their young, that when the time comes (it will not has been in the highest degree success- of illustrious men who sprang from is quite evident), for the establishment ful. The establishment of the schools the people, and whose deeds adorn the of a Common School system, it must we have to thank Governor Kennedy The present Lord St Leonards com- Christians ("leaving out the Jews," who down towards the last; and as for Chanceller of England; Lord Lynd- educating their young; but that a no until 6.30 o'clock on Monday evening. their being a "burden on the Colony," hurst's father was a painter; Sir man picked up at random, allured by this is a stretch of imagination on the Robert Peel owed the foundation of a trifling salary," (if the amount of a part of the Governor. The people his greatness to mechanism; Cardinal man's salary be any test of his wis-Again the message says:

"The Governor is of cpinion nor would be wish, under the present constitution, to press his own views apon the Legislature, though he has hanger-on of the Government." The no desire to conceal them.

conferred upon a people, pray will mind that the hair-educated cormor- ism which may locally be named after the Governor Seymour tell as when it will ants that are feeding upon the vitals schoolmaster who performs it." be old enough? One year, ten years, of the Colony are of his own importation, and were not bred from colonial have given up in despair. The only point of the young in either Colony as pre. stock. The Governor proceeds to say clear in the sentence is that the Governor any more prepared a number a num- knowledge of education, will only your \$20,000 gen bor of years hence than it is now?

first two generations of men bred in battle of life. It is vain for the State it," is too de for an ordinary morta able to come to the front in the in. Presbyterians each one-all in the enjoy-"He (the Governor) thinks that any tellectual struggle with their fellow- ment of Governmental support, where man who respects himself would not de men."

sire to have his children instructed without some pecuniary sacrifice on emanation so utterly devoid of common wards the support of the Government that the Messian had arrived. The sense that even the writer would be where the man without a family conpuzzled to explain the meaning of one tributes a dollar? Fie, Gover may still live and die happy in the enpaper-to state that the Governor is system of taxation every man, rich or that he will not give it special sup- the Government. in favor of the adoption of a similar poor, must pay his share towards de- port;" "the acidity(?) of the Calvinistic system of denominational education traying the expense of every branch doctrines of some Protestant believers

"half-educated politicians or needy following original style: "The paring down of all excresences Governor speaks feelingly on this point, which one man on a hundred and fifty

the Colony have grown up in ignorance and vice, and the expense incurred in the punishment of wrong-doing by its ignorant citizens has cost the State quadruple the sum that it would have required to enlighten and educate them? The next sentence in the message is of an equally extraordinary character;

battle of life. It is vaid for the State to attempt to drive on in an even line to understand. The message concludes by expressing what might have been done in ten lines—that His Excellency is in favor of abolishing the Free School system deavoring to master the simplest problems. The Governor conceives it to be the duty of the governing power to assist in the giving to all elementary instruction and then to offer an inducement to those who are able to come to the front in the in-

the schoolmaster will be privileged to It would "confuse and pain the open to the children "any of the sacred mys his own part. The State may aid the brain of any boy" or man of "ready teries." (what are they?) the schools, parent, but ought not to relieve him aptitude" to "master the simple supported by Government, will be free from so perfect that it may not by mis- of his own natural responsibility, else problem" laid down in the above exit may happen that the promising me. tract. It is pretty evident, though, do in British Honduras! Does His Exchanic may be marred, and the country that the brain of our Governor must cellency imagine that the payment of halfsional politicians, or needy hangers on of have been both "pained and confused" adollar per month will increase the "aptiwhen he penned this remarkably stupid tude" of the pupils, that it will better fit Governor Saymour insults the com message; and we fear that the them for the "battle of life," or that it will mon sense of the country when he as- statement that it is the cleverest who prepare the country any the sooner for a fostered, as it ought to be, it will con- serts that "any man who respects always come to the front in the intel- common school system? Taken as a whole, tinue to produce admirable results; himself would not desire to have his lectual struggle," has not held good in stupid, unargumentative or impracticable and no true well-wisher of the Colony children instructed without some pecus his case. His Excellency leaves the State paper than this message. It is incan read, save with a mingled feeling niary sacrifice on his own part." Is problem unsolved, and branches off tended as a bid for popularity with all deof disappointment and pain, the Gover- not every man of family called on upon the question of "religious tolera- nominations, and is a feeble effort to explain nor's message on the subject to the daily to make great pecuniary sacri- tion." "The Government or its why the Government wishes to break down Legislative Council. The document is fices in order to clothe and feed his saleried officers," he says, "will not the Common Schools of the Island, and subone of the most silly that ever aspired family? Take a man with a wife and interfere with the religious belief of stitute a system that will give rise to bickerto rank as a State paper, and where- two, four or six children to support: anyone." He assures the Jew that he ings, jealousies and hatreds between the ever read it will be regarded as a does he not contribute five dollars towas not sent to the Colony to prove various religious sects. The Sabbath school that the Massack Sad arrived The religious instruction should be imparted to

the young, and any attempt made to use half of its sentences. It is a stringing nor Seymour! who paid for your joyment of the belief of the "merciful lishments should meet with a firm and digpublic money in support of sectarian estabtogether of words without point or education in the school of politics that intercession of the Blessed Virgin;" nified protest from the taxpayers, and place reason-a mere waste of ink and you are ignorant of the fact that by our the Church of England is told an additional load of infamy upon the back of

Island an attempt has been made to matural responsibility a "promising the establishment of a large common of the Whole on the Rental and Insurance 237 tons for Sitka, and the remainder for the make the education of the youth a mechanic may be marred," is a piece burden on the Colony," and adding man of insuling a promising school, religious teaching ought not to be allowed to intrude. It is vain to solution offered by Councillor Hebbard, as burden on the Colony," and adding, upon of insulting snobbery. The Governor say that there are certain elementary follows, was carried: "That the clerk be inthe system has not been successful, chanic has no right to raise himself ing out the Jews) must agree. It is and that other objects besides the in- above the grade into which he was merely calling upon a man picked up at

pared to drink in knowledge as it is that "the Government having assis'- thinks that the man who accepts a salary of the stoker, and Primer the shipkeeper, as to in England or Canada? and will it be ed the child to obtain an elementary \$750 per annum can know nothing. It is who should bale the boat

Saturday, March. 2d. 1867 CITY COUNCIL-IMPORTANT BUSINESS .-This body met last evening. Present-Councillors Trahey, Gibbs, Gowen, Layzelle, Councillor Gowen in the chair. The Committee appointed to examine the copy of the Government Assessment Roll, reported that the same was correct. Received and adopted. The Council then went into Committee structed to notify the Insurance Companies that the Council, in accepting these returns and levying an annual rate of onetenth of one per cent. upon the amount thereof, do so without prejudice to any investigation that may hereafter be deemed necessary relative to said returns." On motion the clerk received instructions to notify the public that the rate levied on real estate is onethe Island has been unsuccessful. It the Governor levels a shaft at the roll be in Governor Seymour's time, that upon Fire Insurance Companies, that the rate is one-tenth of one per cent. per annum rate is one-tenth of one per cent. per annum haps inform you, that "this most important upon the amount of business transacted as proper system," besides being in action in was about the only good thing that brightest pages of English history, be secular in its management; that all per returns. All of these rates to be payable for, although that gentleman appears menced life as a barber's apprentice, we never before knew believed in the Council Chambers, between the hours of 10 quarterly, and that the first instalment is now to have done his best to break them in his father's shop, and rose to be divinity of our Saviour) agree in a. m. and 4 p. m. Council then adjourned word "sectarian." Of all systems, the De-

CASUALTY AT ESQUIMALT. - About o'clock on Thursday night, a boat belonging never felt it a burden, because the Wolsey was the son of a butcher; dom, what a giant in intellect our four men, left the wharf at Esquimalt to expense was borne equally by all Abraham Lincoln was a reilsplitter, Governor must be), should be allowed board H. M. S. Sparrowbawk, but on the classes—the poor man with half a and Andrew Johnson a tailor—yet to mix religious with secular instruct way the vessel was capsized, and two out of dozen children to educate paid no both have risen to be rulers of a great tion. This is our translation of this in. the four occupants were drowned. The remore than a man without a family nation. Education enabled these il- comprehensible paragraph. Perhaps maining two clung to the boat and were All contributed alike to the develop- lustrious characters, with thousands of some of our readers may turnish a different saved by boats that put out almost namement of the minds of the young. others who emerged from similar definition. His Excellency next-with all the diately from the gunboat Forward. One of surroundings, to write their names on loquacity and glibness of an experienced the drowned men was the ship-keeper of the the roll of fame, although in their chiropodist, talks of "the paring down of all Grappler, and the other, chief stoker of the that the Colony is not yet old case "promising mechanics were enough for any regular system marred." The Colony can afford to at the idea of a man on a low salary posing that a diligent search was made all day smile at the allusion made towards sessing a modicum of common sense, in the by the comrades of the unfortunate men.

PETITION-The millmen and others at Burrard lolet yesterday sent a petition to town If the Colony is not old enough for one of the greatest blessings that can be either class. But he must bear in NO. 17

THE BOAT ACCIDENT AT ESQUIMALT. Neither of the bodies of the sailors lost by the unsetting of the boat in Esquimalt harbor on Thursday have been recovered. The accident arose from a quarrel between Dawson;

HOW IT MAKES ONE SHIVER to hear of the thermometer being down to 36 degrees below zero, at the Junction; to read of the establishment of skating rinks and the pres ence of twelve inches of snow, affording good sleighing, at New Westminster, while at Victoria down to last night, there was neither snow nor ice, and one could go out of doors at all hours without an overcoat.

THE "NICHOLAS BIDDLE."-This ship was towed to Port Townsend on Saturday by the Fideliter and Diana, beyond which point. they were prevented from proceeding, owing to their being British bottoms. The ship will, therefore, have to lie at Port Townsend. until an American steamer can be had to tow her into Port Madison.

THE Caledonian Society on Friday held their monthly meeting at their new hall, corner of Gevernment and Broughton streets, A name ber of new members were enrolled and several officers installed. A considerable amount of very interesting business was got through, and a committee appointed to revise the by-laws of

THE ENTERPRISE arrived at 4 o'clock Satarday afternoon with a few passengers from New Westminster. The news is unimportant. The Cariboo express left Hope at four o'clock vesterday morning for New Westminterprise sailed for this port. Governor Seymour is said to be quite seriously ill. His passed a bad night on Friday, but was a trifle better yesterday morning.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE .- Capt. Williams came up by the Enterprise for the purpose of obtaining a renewal of the contract to carry our mails; but as the result of the deliberations o the Legislative Council (with closed doors) has not transpired we are not in a position to announce it. It is understood that the only tender was from the old company .- Columbian.

CROWN REVENUE AND CROWN OFFICERS SALARIES - The Crown revenue received on the mainland during the past three years was as follows :-1864-\$77.192 : 1865-\$52.960 1866-\$57,496; total, \$187,468. The salaries paid under the Crown Salaries' Act for the same period were :- 1864-\$42,275; 1865-\$47,045; 1866-\$47,045; total, \$136,365.

COAL EXPORTS .- The coal exported last month from Nanaimo reached a total of 2626 tons-of which amount, 453 tons were for Victoria : 1675 tons for San Francisco: use of naval and other steamers.

RAISING THE PRICES .- We hear that it is in contemplation by the Hudson Bay Company to raise the prices of freight and passage, per steamer Enterprise. If the change is decided on, the price of passage will shortly be \$5 and \$4 per ton for freight.—Examiner.

A Plea for Denominational Schools.

MESSES EDITORS :- In your article this morning in reference to the Governor's message, on the subject of Education, you say quarter of one per cent. for the year; that that his Excellency "is in favor of doing the rate poor replace is three per cent.; and away with secular schools and substituting sectarian establishments, a most improper system." Permit me to remind you, or per-British Honduras, is also in existence in the large and important Colony, of which Melbourne is the Capital, and, I have no doubt. in all the other Colonies of Australia. Benominational is that which is really nonsectarian, since all denominations are equally assisted. It seems to me, however, that the present system has been so petted and patted by the press, that most persons seem afraid of opening their mouths against it, and so imagine that it is the thing to do, topet it and pat it further. In point of fact, the Denominational system is that which would give most satisfaction, if it were once inaugurated. Besides, I fully agree with the notion that parents should do something to-wards the instruction of their children. Of course, there would be and always bave been proper exceptions in the case of orphans. In Melbourne, the amount paid is one shilling, or ninepence per week, according to age; so that half-a dollar per month here would be cheaper than that. This payment ought only to include instruction in reading, writeing, arithmeric, grammer and history. Should any pupil wish to proceed to geometrical or analytical mathematics, the ancient or modern langeages, the fees, of course, would be higher. I. for one, sincerely hope the Hon Council will allow nothing to prevent them from fully coinciding with the views of the Governor.

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