

The Weekly British Colonist
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Another Message.

The extraordinary message from His Excellency to the Assembly yesterday indicates that the Governor is not at all in favor of Retrenchment. He says, almost in as many words, that, notwithstanding the general depression that exists, and the inability of the people to meet the charge, the salaries must all be voted. The threat to close the Post Office is part and parcel of the coercive policy the Governor has lately adopted toward the Assembly, but it will fall short of its mark, and if carried out should not force that body into a disgraceful submission. The allusion to the Auditor is claptrap—there is no necessity for the office, while the amount of revenue and expenditure remains so small. Two hundred dollars annually would suffice for the purpose. The complaints with regard to Nanaimo and the non-supply of the lighthouses we consider the only just ones in the whole message. The Governor should understand that the salaries cannot be paid if they are voted, and that it is idle to point out the wants of the public service with this patent fact staring him in the face. The Assembly are surely to blame for not having voted the supplies many months ago; but they appear to have gone to work in earnest at last, and if they will but continue on to the end as they have begun they will merit and receive the thanks of their constituents.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, July 6.

The School Examinations—Central School—Girls Department.

The examination of the girls at the above School took place yesterday, between 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., in the presence of a number of visitors, among whom were the Rev. Dr. Evans, Right Rev. Archdeacon Gilson, Rev. Mr. Garrett, Rev. Mr. Somerville, Rev. Mr. Gribbell, Dr. Tolmie, J. J. Cochran, Esq., W. J. Macdonald, Esq., J. Wright, Esq., and Dr. Powell, Members of the Board of Education; Alfred Waddington, Esq., Superintendent of Education, and Messrs Jessop and Nicholson, Teachers, and a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen, chiefly parents of the children.

The examination of the junior classes was conducted by the Superintendent, and the others by the Revs. Garrett, Somerville, Gribbell, and Mr. Nicholson, relieved occasionally by some excellent singing, which elicited loud and well merited applause. The examinations were truly praiseworthy in every branch, the reading especially so, affording the greatest satisfaction to all present. The pupils who were proclaimed as most deserving of mention, were: First Class—Miss Sarah Todd, E. Latham, M. Latham, M. Fox, M. Watson, M. Norris, E. Eyre, J. Freeman, J. Phelps. Second Class—B. Cameron, J. Eyre, J. Watson, M. Overstone, J. Kinsman. Third Class—L. Wilcox, A. Barry, J. Jamieson, E. Siddell.

After addresses from the Superintendent, Rev. Mr. Garrett, Rev. Mr. Somerville, Rev. Mr. Gribbell and Mr. W. J. Macdonald, the proceedings closed with the National Anthem in full chorus. The greatest credit is accorded, both by the Members of the Board and visitors, to Mrs. Fisher, who was for two months the sole instructor of the scholars, and who has only had the valuable assistance of Miss Macdonald for two months.

VICTORIA ARM.—The scene presented at the "Gorge" on Wednesday evening was most animated and interesting. Some twenty boats containing Fourth of July pleasure parties congregated at night fall at the Rapids, unable to stem the rushing torrent. The females and children disembarked and congregated on the banks, while the gentlemen exhibited their muscle in forcing the boats through the narrow passage. The hum of applause that greeted the gallant young watermen whose efforts were successful, and the laughter that awaited those who failed—the variety of orders and counter orders, intermingled with the hissing of sky rockets and the distant sounds of vocal and instrumental music lent excitement to the occasion and exceeded anything ever before witnessed at that romantic spot.

CHARGE OF RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY.—J. G. Lyons appeared before the Police Magistrate yesterday to answer a charge of having received a revolver, valued at \$15, the property of John Morgan, knowing the same to have been stolen. The accused was ably defended by Mr. Ring, and after a great deal of evidence had been taken, the case was postponed for ten days.

TELEGRAPH EXPEDITION.—Mr. Butler, of the Collins' Telegraph Company, with 20 men, left yesterday for the Northwest Coast of British Columbia, in the steamer "Mumford." The party design exploring the Skeena River and opening a route for carrying supplies into the interior. They will afterwards land at Stikine River and ascend that stream to the level land at its head waters.

CRICKET.—A match will be played on Saturday at Colwood, between eleven of H. M. S. Scout and eleven of H. M. S. Suttler. The players are evenly matched, and an interesting game is therefore expected.

THE ALLEGED MURDER OF AN INDIAN.—John Taylor, a respectable looking colored man, who was accused of having beaten and kicked a Northern Indian to death, was brought before Mr. Pemberton yesterday and discharged, the Coroner's Jury having found that the deceased died from natural causes. The medical testimony was strongly in the accused's favor.

PROBATE COURT.—Mr. Lewis, administrator of the estate of Benjamin Jenkins, handed in the accounts in the estate, which were approved and passed, and his administration was ordered to be discharged.

Re Estate of Geo. Roberts.—Peter McQuade, the administrator, also presented the accounts in this estate, which were approved and passed, and the administrator discharged.

BOYS DEPARTMENT.—In our notice of the examination of the Boys' Department of the Central School we omitted to mention among the best scholars of the first class, the name of S. Ehrenbacher. We have been requested also to make the following corrections. For F. Robinson, V. Robinson; for Dodd, Todd; for Flottis brothers, Fletts; and for Fleame, Flewin.

FOURTH OF JULY FESTIVITIES.—On Wednesday the American national holiday was observed in a most enthusiastic manner by the settlers at Swinomish. The Declaration of Independence was read by Mr. N. D. Hill, and an oration was delivered by Mr. J. K. Kennedy. A ball took place in the evening at Alexander's Hotel.

THE WEEKLYAN PICT-NIC. on Wednesday, was largely attended. The scholars and teachers formed in line at the church, where they were photographed by Mr. Shakespeare, after which they proceeded to the picnic grounds, and were regaled with edibles provided by their parents and friends.

DEPARTURE OF THE "FIDELITER."—The steamer Fideliter sailed at 10½ o'clock yesterday morning for Portland. She had 40 passengers and about 60 tons of freight, comprising pig, rod and scrap iron, ale, liquors and linen. She will return to this port in about nine days.

THE EXCURSION TO SAN JUAN.—The net proceeds of the Fourth of July excursion, on the steamer Alexandra, will amount, we are told, to the sum of \$300, or thereabouts—a handsome addition to the funds of the Mechanics' Institute.

WATER CONTRACT.—Mr. R. Brodrick has been awarded the contract for supplying Her Majesty's Ships at Esquimalt with water. The contract holds good for six months. The supply is obtained from Spring Vale.

"CLICK-LAMS."—The Fideliter, yesterday, carried away a quantity of these bivalves for the Portland market, where they are not so plentiful as here, and consequently more highly appreciated as an article of food.

ASSAULTING AN OFFICER.—James Turner, arrested by Officer Ferrell for assaulting him while in the discharge of his duties, was yesterday fined \$10—in default, to suffer 14 days imprisonment.

NEW TRIAL.—His Honor the Chief Justice yesterday granted a *règle nisi* for a new trial in the matter of Frankel vs. Assignees of Malowanski—notice of all points raised to be given to the opposite parties.

FIRES IN THE MOUNTAINS.—The woods for many miles north and south of this place are a-blaze and the "smoke of their torment" ascendeth in great clouds.

NAVAL INSPECTION.—Admiral Denman yesterday inspected H. M. S. Scout and found everything connected with the ship in excellent order.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL.—The examination of the pupils of the Victoria District School, under the management of Mr. Burr, will take place this morning at 9½ o'clock.

THE "SIERRA NEVADA."—This steamship arrived at San Francisco on Saturday evening, last, and will leave to-morrow on her return trip to this port.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.—Re Macdonald's Estate.—The assignees' costs, \$170 95, were allowed yesterday by the Chief Justice.

Saturday, July 7.

Victoria District School Examination.

The examination of the scholars of this institution commenced yesterday, at 10 a. m., and concluded at 3 p. m. Among the visitors present were: His Lordship the Bishop of Columbia; Rev. Mr. Garrett; Rev. Mr. Somerville; Rev. Mr. Gribbell; Dr. Tolmie, President, and Mr. W. J. Macdonald, Member of the Board of Education; Mr. C. B. Young, M. L. A.; Mr. Williams, the Principal of the Collegiate School; Registrar General Alston; Superintendent of Education Waddington; Messrs. Jessop and Nicholson, teachers of Central School, and several others. The number of children present was 41, and the examination was very satisfactory. The pupils, though generally young, returned ready and correct answers. The exercises in Reading and Arithmetic were excellent. In Physical Geography and Composition, great aptitude was shown. Book-keeping was remarkably good, while Grammar and History were passable. The following is a list of the most deserving boys: 1st Class—Louis Bowman and Joseph B. Barr. 2d Class—James Peers, Frederick Carne, Frederick McCreedy. 3d Class—Mary Ann Marks, John Charles, Charles Jenkinson. 4th Class—Donald Manson; William Marks. A few encouraging words were addressed to the school by the Superintendent and by the rev. gentlemen

present, when the children dispersed for the holidays. The Superintendent and the examiners pronounced the examination most satisfactory, as showing that the children had been well grounded in their studies, owing to the assiduous attention bestowed upon them by Mr. Burr, the worthy Principal. The Superintendent of Education takes this opportunity of thanking the examiners for their kind assistance during the late examinations, and the visitors, for the interest they have manifested in the welfare of the rising generation.

"AUNT SALLY" presents her compliments to her numerous relations and friends, and will be most happy to see them at Colwood to-day (July 7th), when she will protect her suit against all comers. "Aunt Sally," being of a retiring and modest disposition, particularly requests the attendance of all her female relations. Having on several occasions sustained serious injuries, which may have detracted somewhat from her former beautiful appearance, and highly appreciating the benefits which the Female Hospital confers on parties not moving in the same aristocratic circle as herself, she became on her arrival here a Lady Patroness of that charitable institution. She now begs that her visitors will assist her in raising a subscription for its support. "Aunt Sally" having been, in her younger days, a great cricketer, and being still fond of the game, proposes to attend at all matches played in future at Colwood ground.—Com.

ILLIBERALITY.—A telegram received from Portland yesterday states that the Customs authorities will not permit the steamer Fideliter to ascend Columbia River higher than the port of entry—Astoria. This is a most illiberal proceeding. The Fideliter is an English bottom, but she is owned by an American and commanded by an American. Her only business is at Portland, which properly should be a port of entry as well as Astoria. It is to the interest of Portland, as well as to that of Victoria, that the trips of this boat should continue, and yet the American authorities decline to permit her visits. Can there be a more unjust or inequitable statute in existence than the United States Navigation Law?

BOOT STEALING.—Three hard-looking white men and an Indian were brought before Mr. Pemberton yesterday on suspicion of having been concerned in the robbery from Mr. H. Schultz's store, on Government street, of a number of pairs of boots and shoes. The storekeeper was not aware of his loss until one of the white men entered the store and asked him to exchange a pair that would fit his feet. The prisoners were all remanded for further examination.

THE POLICE INQUIRY.—The Committee sat yesterday and examined Messieurs Bakes and Bourne. The witnesses corroborated the evidence of McEwan with regard to Mr. Hankin's arbitrary course towards officers and prisoners, and also with regard to the use of servants and prisoners for Mr. Hankin's private purposes.

REAL ESTATE TAX SALES.—The Committee of the House, appointed to inquire into the recent tax sales, were yesterday assured by the Governor that he was ready and willing to further their object by every means in his power.

CRICKET.—The return match between Eleven of Her Majesty's ship Scout and Eleven of Her Majesty's ship Suttler, will be played at Colwood to day. An exciting match is anticipated, and "Aunt Sally" will attend. Wickets pitched at 10 a. m.

PUGET SOUND MAIL.—The sloop Narcissa, with the Puget Sound mails, arrived yesterday. Nothing has been heard of the Josie McNear, the new mail steamer, now twelve days out from San Francisco.

THE PIANO IN USE AT THE EXAMINATION OF THE CENTRAL SCHOOL (Girls' Department) was one of Collard & Collard's best make, which was kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. J. Bagnall, the Agent.

THE DIANA, with a number of ladies and gentlemen aboard, went to Sooke harbor on a picnic excursion yesterday morning, returning in the evening.

SAILED.—The bark Camden, Mitchell, sailed yesterday for Puget Sound to load with lumber for San Francisco.

THE BARK A. A. Eldridge, from Honolulu, S. I., recently landed 3000 kegs of sugar at Portland, Oregon.

THE ALEXANDRA, for New Westminster, yesterday took 30 passengers and 40 tons of freight.

THE PLANT OF THE NANAIMO GAZETTE will be sold by Mr. McCreedy to-day.

THE SIERRA NEVADA will be due here on Tuesday.

LICENSING COURT.—This Court will hold its annual sitting on the 12th inst.

The Police Enquiry.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the management of the Police Department, consisting of Messrs. McClure (Chairman), Trimble and Pidwell, sat yesterday at 11 o'clock, a. m., with open doors, for the purpose of taking evidence and enquiring into the condition and management of the Police Department. As the proceedings of the two previous sittings have not yet been made public, we can at present only present our readers with yesterday's *ex parte* evidence.

Ex-Constable McEwan.—(Examination continued.) I recollect distinctly an order being given that no person was to be admitted within the gaol except officers connected with the force; recollect mention being made of Mr. Pemberton as one of the number of persons prohibited from entering, except by special authority of the Superintendent or Mr. Welch; or in the event of

neither of them being in, a blank form, signed by Mr. Hankin, was left to be filled up by one of the Sergeants on duty; there was a direct order to include Mr. Pemberton, and the Magistrate's clerk, Mr. Theakstone, in the general prohibition; I was under sick certificates of Dr. Helmcken for about a fortnight while I was in the force; Mr. Hankin never came to see me, nor did he ever send me any wine; the order given to men on beats to remain on one side of the street and not to speak to any person, interfered materially with the proper performance of our duties; I can give an example of the way in which Mr. Hankin has sometimes spoken to the officers of the force; one of the Constables, in January last, refused to take the feet of a drunken man upon his shoulders, because they were covered with dirt; Mr. Hankin told us on parade on Sunday morning, "that if he were to tell us to put a prisoner's feet down our throat, he would let us know that we had to do it;" he told us that we were a "lazy, idle lot; that we came into the force hungry and ragged and were getting fat and saucy;" the town duties were much more efficiently performed under Mr. Smith than Mr. Hankin's time; there were fewer robberies and more of the detected; now there are nothing but a round of robberies night after night; without alluding to his private affairs, I consider that Mr. Smith was a very good officer; it requires only a plain, practical man to superintend the Police; the Police have not as comfortable quarters as they had formerly; Mr. Hankin and Mr. Hill occupy more of the upstairs apartments than Mr. Smith did; Mr. Smith had no constable to perform the duties performed by Mr. Hill; he did them himself, but sometimes when very busy he had an officer to assist him; Mr. Hill keeps Mr. Hankin's books and the accounts of the Police Department; he has nothing to do with clothing or the jail; the Jailor, I believe, keeps the jail accounts; Mr. Hankin could very easily keep the accounts himself; Mr. Welch does little or nothing—in fact one does little, the other less; whatever might happen, we never saw Mr. Welch in the prison before 10 a. m., unless sent for; Mr. Hankin gave orders that no one was to go up stairs for him on business before 10 a. m. and after 6 p. m.; I never remember meeting Mr. Welch on my beat after 1 o'clock in the morning, but once or twice; I don't see why one man could not perform the duties of the two superior officers; Mr. Welch does most of what Mr. Hankin has to do; while Mr. Pemberton was Commissioner, Mr. Smith did the duties now performed by Mr. Hankin and Mr. Welch; if Mr. Welch did duty as Sergeant, he would take his watch and be up as long as the men; the way the force is now constituted, I think the detective system would be the best means of detecting crime; the officers during my time were perfectly willing and anxious to do their duty if encouraged; Mr. Hankin, I believe, arrested John Butts once, but I do not know of any other arrests made by him; he went out with officers Wilmer and Taylor, when the Chinamen were arrested for the Copland robbery, but I don't know who arrested them; the police were several times sent out in plain clothes to entrap public houses; I have known money to pass indirectly from the police to enable Indians to purchase liquor; it has been a general practice sanctioned by the heads of department for some years.

The Committee here adjourned till Friday, at 11 a. m.

BUSHRANGING.—Bushranging is not yet "stamped out" of New South Wales. The *Western Examiner* has the following statement:—Yesterday about noon, as four quartz miners were leaving one of the machines at the little town of Ironbarks, with a cake of gold worth about £100, which they had just had amalgamated, two armed horsemen, disguised, rode up to the party and ordered them to give up the gold at once. They refused, when one of the robbers fired at the man carrying the gold wounding him very severely in both legs. The man fell, and the bushranger, springing off his horse, seized the gold, and galloped off with it towards the ridges. A butcher, who had seen the whole of the affray just across the road, ran inside, snatching up his gun, and fired at the retreating robber, who was already 200 yards away, putting a ball through his body into the head of the horse he was riding. When the horse got near the ridge the man fell dead and the horse galloped away. The comrade of the dead man immediately secured the gold and re-joined two others of his party who had been on the look out on the ridge, when the three galloped off with their booty, leaving the dead comrade behind them. Upon the dead man's features being seen they were found to be those of a well-known innkeeper, formerly carrying on business in Bathurst.

History of Pickwick.

In a letter in the *Athenaeum* Mr. Charles Dickens notices a statement which has gained publicity respecting the supposed share of the late Mr. Seymour in the "Pickwick Papers." Mr. Dickens says—"Mr. Seymour the artist never originated, suggested, or in any way had to do with, save as illustrator of what I devised, an incident, a character (excepting the sporting taste of Mr. Winkle), a name, a phrase, or a word to be found in the 'Pickwick Papers.' I never saw Mr. Seymour's handwriting, I believe, in my life. I never even saw Mr. Seymour but once in my life, and that was within eight and forty hours of his untimely death. Two persons' both still living, were present on that short occasion. Mr. Seymour died when only the first twenty-four printed pages of the 'Pickwick Papers' were published; I think before the next three or four pages were completely written; I am sure before one subsequent line of the book was invented. In July 1849 some incoherent assertions made by the widow of Mr. Seymour, in the course of certain endeavours of hers to raise money, induced me to address a letter to Mr. Edward Chapman, then the only surviving business partner in the original firm of Chapman and Hall, who first published the 'Pickwick Papers,' requesting him to inform me in writing whether the foregoing statement was correct. In Mr. Chapman's confirmatory answer, immediately written, he reminded me that I had given Mr. Seymour more credit than was his due. 'As this letter is to be historical,' he wrote, 'I may as well claim what little belongs to me in the matter, and that is, the

figure of Pickwick. Seymour's first sketch, made from the proof of my first chapter, was of a long thin man. The present immortal one he made from my description of a friend of mine at Richmond."

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