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The Governor's Speech.

When we consider that the reputation of His Excellency the Governor acted as wisely, they would to-day "cannot comprehend" the amount is at stake at the Colonial Office, no one can doubt that he is fully alive to at their gates a supplicant for admisthe responsibility of bringing together sion to their family circle on "any be a more forcible argument advanced in close communion two sections until terms that they may have seen fit to by the advocates for the removal of fore you, and I think you will agree with to Captain Porcher and the officers and men lately bitterly antagonistic to each grant." The statement that the esother's interests. The earnestness of timates of revenue and expenditure Governor of this "magnificent terri-His Excellency is not doubted; his ability to perform the task he has undertaken remains to be proven. It is undeniable that the Colonies have worked badly in single harness; can the Governor manage them when hitched together as a team? The question is one that a few weeks' time will determine; and, while the coun- the Council, it will be seen that the and invokes the blessing of the sum than has for some years past been voted try is preparing to watch the political events of the session, it is essential of expenditure for public improve- about to make to promote the welfare shall presently refer), all the salaries have that we should direct public attention to the most prominent topics discussed and salaries. However, we are not helps those who help themselves; and bility or expenditure diminished by the in the Speech. After assuring the disposed to pick holes in His Excel-Council that he is aware of the respon- lency's Retrenchment policy. Taken sibility resting upon him, and calling all and all, it is wise and just; and the test than that of mere words, it may attention to the Standing Orders, Governor Seymour proposes to introduce indemnity measures for money reduction of salaries that we must look Speech is a well written documentexpended both by his own and Gov- for our future economy," is very senernor Kennedy's administrations with. out the authority of the Appropriation battalion of underpaid, ill-dressed, hun paper; displaying considerable thought compelled to make, 1 must place on record Acts. Nothing is said, however, as to gry and thirsty-looking officials, with and ability, and causing the reader to the exigencies that called for this over- not enough work on hand to keep exclaim, almost involuntarily, " if Mr expenditure; but it is to be presumed them out of mischief, and not sufficient Seymour can govern as well as he can that satisfactory explanations will be pay to permit of their cutting a figure furnished at the proper time. If no of respectability in the public eye. satisfactory explanation be given, then Some of the official salaries on the not one line of indemnity should be mainland were, however, out of all extended. If the Council is to have proportion to the resources of the a voice in the expenditure of the pub. Colony to pay ; these, we are glad to lic monies, that voice should be listened learn, have been cut down-His to and respected ; but if the Govern- Excellency's among the number-and ment is to have the power to expend the holders of offices furnished the public monies after a fashion of its with extra work. The public work own, the labor devoted to considering of "secondary importance," to which the Estimates will be simply lost, for His Excellency rather flippantly rewhile the Council is employed in tying fers, cost \$50,000, and is a monument a stout string around the mouth of the to the generosity of the Islanders tobag, the Government is as indus- wards their late ruler. As such, it triously engaged in letting the cash was entitled to something more than a out through a great hole in the bottom. passing notice from Mr Seymour-an Nothing will justify an over-expendi- inscription, perhaps. The dredger and ture save an unlooked-for emergency, tug ought to be consigned to a and it lies with the Governor to state Knight of the Hammer for disposal. when, where and how an emergency The first is anything but an ornament arose. The indemnity for the surpen- to our harbor; the last enters into sion of the Vancouver Import Acts competition with citizens for the as Governor under the present distribution of will, no doubt, be readily granted; carrying trade of the East Coast. The power. but His Excellency does not deign to Assay Office, we hope, will be closed. ask an indemnity for illegally collect- It is a losing concern, and is of the Colony. There are conflicting intering at New Westminster duties upon destructive to private enterprise. The ests which time alone can reconcile. goods shipped from Victoria, when the same fate should attend the Printing English Customs Consolidation Act Office-of which His Excellency care- ecutive Government to state the reasons why distinctly says that no duties can be fully avoids mention-but which may levied upon goods bound from one form the subject of one of the promised But first it is well that I should lay before port of the Kingdom to another. The messages. The abrogation of direct recommendation to extend certain taxes and a revision of the Tariff are Acts of each section over the United urgently demanded, and promised : Colony is excellent, with the excep- but why is Mr Wylly confirmed as tion of that relating to the sale of Assessor if his occupation, is so soon lignor to Indians. This Act, experi- to be gone? The Speech leaves the ence has taught, can never be enforced. Colony in suspense as to whether The Indian gets all the rot-gut he re- New Westminster has been permaquires, notwithstanding the stringent nently selected for the Capital, or law in force; whereas, were the traffic whether the location will be left to thrown open to licensed dealers, he the Council to decide. The Governor, I have no doubt but you will recognize the would drink the same quality of it will be observed, says that " probaliquor as the whites. The effect of the bly " he will furnish a message " as to prohibitory law is thus more destruc- the cause of the selection made for Vancouver Island Stock Act, 1865, and the tive to the life and morality of the In- the seat of Government." This may dian than if it were not in existence. mean that the Capital is irrevocably Its presence on our statute books fixed at New Westminster; or it may offers a premium to low scoundrels to mean that the Governor feels that an engage in an illicit traffic; while the apology is due to the Council for callvery risks they run to dispose of their ing them together at the City of stock to the "untutored savage" Stumps, when there are many more serves-not to prevent its sale-but to desirable and suitable locations that increase the price of the commodity. might easily have been fixed upon. Indian liquor laws have failed His Excellency does not say that the everywhere, and in no section of the 'question is closed, nor does he promise continent more completely than this. to lay it before the Council for their In referring to the finances of both action; but as he has over and over sections of the Colony, Governor Sey- again pledged himself to govern acmour regrets that they are in a " most cording to the " well understood unsatisfactory state," and gives it as wishes of the people," he designs, we his deliberate conviction that "Union think, to leave it eventually to the came none too late." These admise people's representatives to determine. sions support what the opponents of But is it not a little extraordinary Unconditional Union always main that His Excellency only heard of the tained-that the mainland was in a agitation about the Capital a "few it seems to me that we might beneficially greater state of financial distress than hours" before he sallied forth to meet extend their operations. A bill or bills for the Island. Since Union we have the Council? Is it not strange that found that this assertion was too a question that has agitated every of Vancouver Island under the control of the true. But while Vancouver politicians (s)electoral district from Victoria to suitable provision has been made for the were going about wringing their Cariboo-that has been embodied in public service, I shall lay before you a bill hands in despair, proclaiming their the address of every aspiring candi- authorizing the Governor to extend by proc-lamation the provisions of the present Bitish

diate Union, as the only escape from paper discussion than any political utter ruin, the politicians on the main- question that has agitated the Colony land kept a "stiff upper lip" and of late-is it not strange, we ask, that maintained a shabby-genteel appear- His Excellency should have remained ance to the very last day of their se- so completely in the dark as to the parate existence. Had the Islanders agitation that was going on that he have seen the mainland on her knees are lighter for the United Colony than has been voted for the service of the mainland alone, furnishes a grain of comfort; but further down we find him that he did not know until that the Government does "not pro. Thursday last that an agitation pose to undertake any public work of existed on a vital public question ! welfare. magnitude during the year ." When the details shall have been laid before great saving lies more in the absence Almighty upon the efforts we (he) is ments than in the reduction of offices of the country. But Providence only been reduced-from my own downwards; admission that it is to "the amalga- be sure that the divine inspiration mation of offices rather than to the sible. Nothing looks sadder than a tences, but a very respectable State

of interest felt in it? What marvelous simplicity! Could there the Capital than the fact that the tory," seated in his office at New Westminster, is so profoundly In conclusion, Governor Seymour speaks hopefully of future prospects, found in the aggregate to apply for a smaller except the Administration proves its Union of the Colonies. Other public officers, bility to rule by some more practical whose salaries are guaranteed to them by law. will be withheld. As a whole, the rather dictatorial in one or two senwrite, there is little fear but we shall "local depression" in which we are plunged to a condition of comparative prosperity." We shall see !



THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH I

NEW WESTMINSTER, Jan. 24. The Legislative Council opened at 1:30. The following is THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

I by no means under-estimate the importance of the duty which devolves on me today of practically giving effect to the Legis-Union of the two British Colonies of ment Assay Office? On this latter question the North Pacific; nor can I avoid feeling I cannot act without the sanction of the Sethe grave responsibility which rests upon me There is considerable, though I trust, temporary depression existing in several portions In all legislative bodies on the English model it is the duty of the head of the Exsuch legislative body has been convened into session, and this I shall proceed to do. you the Standing Orders for the conduct of public business. They are prepared in obedience to Her Majesty's command, and vary but little from those previously in force. In deference, however, to the wishes of several members of the Council, I have struck out the order fining members for non-attendance. I place prominently in the list of measures which I wish you to pass, bills of indemnity to my predecessor in office in Vancouver Island and myselt, for money expended without an A propriation Act. The circumstances of the case are sufficiently familiar to all, and supreme necessity. I shall likewise lay before you a bill to indemnify me for having measures which can be deferred. omitted to enforce certain provisions of the standing orders, however, provide for the initiation of bills by any member of the schedule of the Harbour Dues Act, 1866. It will be obviously desirable that the laws Council who may be desirous of doing so. of the two sections of the Colony should be assimilated with as little delay as possible. I do not feel competent at present to propose One of these will probably be as to the cause this complete amalgamation-that may be of the selection made for the seat of Govleft to the next session ; at present I will endeavour to induce you to select from either. section such laws as may be best suited to the immediate wants of the community at large. The Vancouver Island Bankruptcy Law and that respecting the registration of titles to land might, I think with advantage be extended over the whole Colony. ject by message. And now before leaving you let me ex-From the British Columbia ordinances I would select for general adoption those enabling Indian evidence to be received in Courts of Justice; the law for the prevention of the sale of spirituous liquors to the aborigines, and that for the protection of their graves. Then I would further favorably recommend on our gold creeks. for your consideration the Mining Laws as existing on the mainland ; the Postal ; Joint Stock ; Trustees Relief ; Currency, and Game Protection ordinances ; and that for the distribution of the estate of intestates. These have worked well in British Columbia, and the purpose shall be laid before you. As it is proposed to place the Crown lands liberation. Legislature of the United Colony, as soon as poverty and wretchedness, and pray- date for Council honors, and that has Columbia land ordinances over the entire committee of eight was named to frame recently appointed Attomog Depend is the The New York papers represent the nobby in cond appendix to the Chief Justiceship of the Coin- weather being remarkably fine and the sea And Sold by Francisca and cortectors throughout the o the tarill to be large, and untormane sheld to up when wentered i Chiel Jus- growth she will doubtless have a spleadid Gaurie Ki- ask tor "trassroom's Maureas, controls are beset in their bed-rooms, and mon Pless apon the refitement i Chiel Jus- growth she will doubtless have a spleadid unit Disselored is Co. is calcier, fourthe and tab

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ing Her Majesty to grant them imme- created a greater amount of news- Colory, as soon as a satisfactory reconvey- reply to the speech, and the House adjourned ance of the Island from the Hudson Bay until Wednesday next, when the question of Company to the Crown shall have been made. the legality of the Constitution of the Lega A bill shall be laid before you to amend islature by reason of Vancouver Island havthe Act giving certain powers to the Muni- ing 7 instead of 8 members comes up for concipality of Victoria. sideration, on motion of Dr Helmcken, The estimates of revenue and expenditure when Mr Crease will explain.

Respectfully, D. ROBINSON,

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Victoria, V.I., Jan. 26, 1867.

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are prepared and shall be laid before you at A notice of motion by Mr DeCosmos to an early date. suspend the collection of duties on goods from I deeply regret to have to state, what, Victoria, was refused till after the reply has

however, is well known to you, that the been voted. finances of both sections of the Colony were in a very unsatisfactory condition at the

The Loss of the Mauna Kea. time that Union took place. Full informa-MESSRS. EDITORS :- On behalf of curselves tion as to our exact position shall be laid beme-without examining into the question as of H.M.S. Sparrowbawk for the kindness we to which of the two late Colonies most re- experienced while on board that vessel, quired the support of the other-that Union Everything that could be done for us was and the consequent larger reduction of expenditure came none too soon. But gloomy when we remember the noble and disinter. done, and our hearts overflow with gratitude as our present position may be, I think we ested treatment which we received while on ignorant of what is going on around can look to the future with confidence if we hoard the Sparrowhawk. We are also under work faithfully together for the public good, deep obligations to Mr Charles Carlton, of merging as far as may be all sectional or Nettle Island, without whose unbounded genlocal interests in a desire to promote general erosity most of our number must have perished ; and to the Klaskino Indians, who

The estimates are prepared to meet the present condition of things. They will be stock of provisions was exhausted. for the service of the mainland alone. As a general rule, with one exception (to which I have cheerfully consented to submit to a temporary deprivation in the desire to help the Colony in its present emergency.

The exception to which I refer is that of the judicial department. It is obviously desirable to avoid any discussion between the Executive Government and the Judges in regard to the emoluments of the latter. While deeply regretting the reductions that I am in the most public manner my opinion that the great majority of the public servants who now suffer are fully entitled to salaries such as they drew last year. I trust, that we may regard the present one as of exceptional embarrassment, and that better times may ultimately emerge from the state of soon lead to a more satisfactory appropriation acts. It is to the amalgamation of offices rather than to the reduction of salaries that we must look for our future economy; and I shall earnestly recommend to the Secretary of State the removal to other Colonies of some of our public officers. The case of those gentlemen who, through no fault of their own, lost office on the day of Union, shall likewise be brought under the same consideration. You will find from the estimates that I do

not propose to undertake any public works of magnitude during the year: None are in progress on the mainland ; one of secondary importance and moderate expense on the island approaches completion. The more pleasing task of improvement must be left for another year. It will be sufficient if for the present we keep our great road system in repair

I shall be glad if you will express an opinion on two points of importance: What is to be done with the dredging machine

now lying in Victoria barbor, and the steam vessel built in connection with it? Do yon consider it desirable to known of the steam? Per stmr ELIZA ANDERSON from Wren, Order, Brodrick. consider it desirable to keep up a Govern-

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Council, being in a large majority, appear disposed they please with the co its inhabitants, regardles consequences. They appe to set at naught com as well as common to mock at the solemn pr the Constitution, and to lo the perpetuation of their and the complete enslaven people. We have arrived conclusions after carefully late debates in the Council the popular side have be with singular moderation, good sense, while the op characterized the emanat Government members. W the farce of framing a Governor's speech as be

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cretary of State. The department was constituted in England at the request of the Colony, and has principally been managed by directions from the Lords of Her Majes- sheep, 7 cattle, 16 hogs, 50 doz eggs. ty's Treasury. I must further await a decis-----ion as to the disposal of the public officers

home, and proceeding to the Colony on the faith of permanent employment. Having always admirably conducted the barry Having who conduct the department, selected at always admirably conducted the business of the office, I cannot imagine that they will be PICKLES, SAUCES, JAMS

losers by any opinion you may express. Great as is the present temporary financial embarrassment, justice requires the abolition of some of the taxation still existing in the late Colony of Vancouver Island. The Real Estate Tax must be repealed, and the whole taxation assimilated throughout the Colony. Bills having these objects in view shall be laid before you early in the session. The SOHOSGJARE, LONDON

Customs Acts require consideration. A bill to amend it shall be laid before you. Such are the principal measures which the G v-every dealer in the Colony. Purchasers should ernment proposes to introduce during the present session. I feel that I have called you together some I feel that I have called you together some-

what late in the season, and as there are many similar in quality to those supplied by them for matters of vital importance to be dealt with, use at I will not impede your progress by any Her Majesty's Table.

The

C. & B. invite attention to the following-Pick les, Tart Fruits, Sauces of all kinds, Jams, Potted Meats, Durham Mustard, Orange Marmalade, Essence of Coffee, Calf's Foot, and other Table I shall address you by message on the sub-ject of Education, and a few other topics of the articles, all of which are of the highest importance during the course of the session. quality, and are prepared with the most complete One of these will probably be as to the cause of the selection made for the seat of Gov. Salad Oil is the finest imported.

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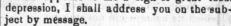
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of the selection made for the seat of Gov-ernment of the United Colony. Up to within a few hours of meeting you, I had not the in-tention of touching upon it, but as I am in-formed that the question creates an amount of interest which I cannot comprehend, but which appears to me a sign of great local which appears to me a sign of great local



DRUGS, press my confidence that better days are ye in store for us. The heavy cloud of adversity Pharmaceutical Preparations, which hangs over the south lightens as we proceed northward, and no winter has yet Surgical Instruments, seen a more numerous and contented mining

population than that which is now working Perfumery. I shall watch with much interest your pro-Drugs, Paints,

ceedings in this session I open to-day. Grave and important duties are confided to Glass Ware, our hands, and I firmly believe that they will Medicine Chests. be fairly dealt with.

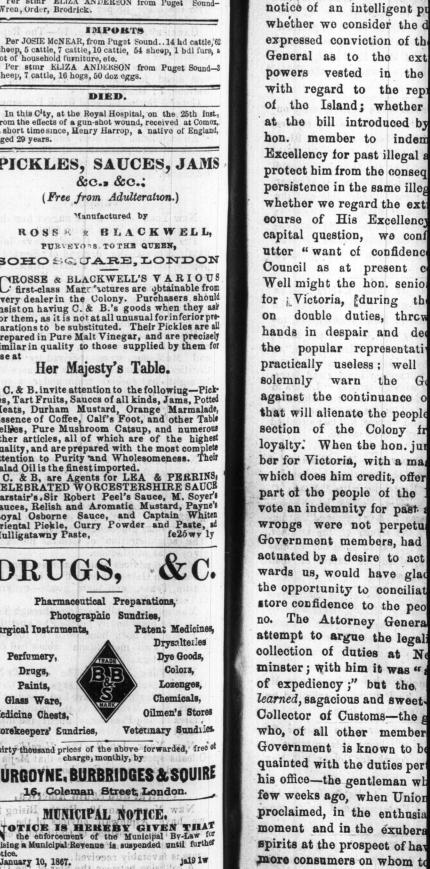
Trusting that the blessing of the Almighty Storekeepers' Sundries, may rest upon the efforts we are about to Thirty thousand prices of the above forwarded, free of make to promote the welfare of the magnifi-

sent territory he has temporarily confided to our charge, I now leave you to your de-BURGOYNE, BURBRIDGES & SOUIRE

His Excellency here withdrew. Council Proceedings.

Colonial Secretary Birch presiding.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the enforcement of the Municipal By-Law for raising a Municipal Revenue is suspended until further notice. January 10, 1867. The New York papers represent the Jobby liteion between the the British bars Simon, off Cape He oported. The latter vessel was such, bu dinger table. .beves 9798 07610



scale of duties, actually that the Victorians had been