The Weekly British Galanist

Tuesday, January 16, 1866

THE DISCUSSION ON THE ESTI-MATES.

The House of Assembly yesterday com menced a very disagreeable duty. No man likes the task of turning the willing laborer adrift, or reducing the wages of a faithful servant. We have in the Government of Vancouver Island a number of estimable men, willing enough, we believe, to work, and give the country its money's worth in labor; but on the other hand we have an We are sure there was not a member yesobliged to take away the salary of a single and stern necessity knows no law, The work of retrenchment has commenced and no scruples should interfere with its comples

The estimates so far discussed by the House have undergone a very sweeping reduction. The Governor's private secretary has been struck out; the second clerk of the Colonial Secretary has been struck out, and the chief clerk's salary reduced \$500; the Treasurer has been amalgamated with the Harbormaster, the Assessor with the Assistant Surveyor General, the Clerk of the House with the Auditor, and the Registrar of the Supreme Court with the Registrar of Deeds; a clerk to the Chief Justice was refused, as was also a clerk to the Attorney General. The latter official gets his old salary, but without fees. The reductions so far have amounted to \$21,075, and the number of officials removed to eleven. The following table will give our readers a more succint idea of the "situation":-

Départment.	Estimate.	Voted.	Amount Saved.
Governor	\$2200	\$ 500	\$ 1700
Leg. Council	650	650	and and division
Assembly	2550	2250	,889 m 300
Col. Sécretary	3250	1100	2150
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Chief Justice		5000	1200
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Clerk to do	1000	****	1000
Surveyor General	5325	2900	2425
Post Master,	4505	3855	650
Registrar Gen., Registrar Su- preme Court,	6025	2700	t de careac ;
Clk of Writs,	e skied en Versteleij	2/00	3325
Light House	3478	2978	500
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senger	500	500	
Attorney General.	1455	1455	Fees sav'd
Clerk to do	1000		1000
Sheriff	1000	1000	1000
Total	45,883	\$25,808	\$21,075

We have here a reduction of nearly onehalf the Government estimates. We think this is as far as reasonable retrenchment can go; but we do not believe it is too far. We are firmly convinced that if His Excellency Governor Kennedy accepts the views of the House in good faith, and carries them out, the public service will just be as efficiently performed as ever. If, however, His Excellency does not accept the views of the Assembly; if he thinks the members do not in their retrenchment represent the opinions of the people, there is nothing open to him but a dissolution. It is just possible that the majority who now act together in the House may be supplanted by a class of men very widely differing from them in their ideas of economy. It is just possible that the people of Vancouver Island have been crying for retrenchment as the child cries for the toy, only to fling it away again. All the popular ideas may be day, at 7 a.m., calling at intermediate ports, really phantasies. Instead of taxation being too onerous, it may turn out that our contributions to the general Government are really insignificant compared with our capacity to pay, and that instead of a scheme of economy, we should be launching out into lavish expenditure. All this is quite possible, and if His Excellency has the slightest hope that it is so, we would earnestly advise him to appeal to the people, and ask them, through a general election, to adopt his ideas of ex- be held on Thursday evening next at seven penditure for 1866. There is nothing like a bold course when one is in doubt. We are sure if he took the advice of the minority who voted yesterday against almost every reduction, he would dissolve the House. These gentlemen, and we would call our readers attention to their votes in our report, no doubt feel conscious that to they have done their duty that they have stood up manfully against their constituents, and have endeavored to pile on salary after salary, expense upon expense. It is natural that they should charge the majority with being a clique or club, bound by some mystic tie to cling together. A majority allied to carry out every measure which the interests of the colony demand, allied to reduce the expenditure of the coantry to an amount commensurate with the people's pockets, and to remove as much as possible the irksome character of our taxa-

pathway of economy and of progress.

to a body of men, the thanks of Vancouver left at the same time bound to Big Bend. Island are due to-day to those members of the Assembly who have labored and are laboring to the great sacrifice of their time, in the House and out of it, to carry out those measures, which Vancouver Island since it was a colony has yearned for but in vain. exchequer that is at a very low ebb, and It may suit an obstructive minority in totally unable to maintain the very extendible the Assembly to stigmatise them as a sive official staff which at present draws its clique or a club, but we think the sustenance from an everburdened people. public will adopt the biblical wisdom and judge them by their works. It is possible, terday in the House who, however eager for however, that His Excellency will decree retrenchment, did not feel sorry at being that those works shall be stopped—that two years' legislation shall be destroyed-that all official; but public duty is above sentiment, the bills which the Upper House threw out last session and all the bills which the Lower imprisonment. House has passed and intends to pass this session shall be again thrown into the wastebasket-that in fact the House of Assembly is a mischievous bedy, interfering with the machinery of government, and disgracing the colony by its parsimony, and that the sooner it is terminated the better. All this may be said and done by Her Majesty's re- to R. Brodrick. presentative; but there is a good deal of worldly wisdom in the Shakespearian sentiment that "it is better to bear the ills we have than fly to others that we know not of."

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, Jan. 12. DEBATING CLASS-The question last even-Lorrimer, Mr. Bull, Rev. Mr. Garrett, Mr. Orr and Rev. Dr. Evans, and supported by Mr. Lowe and Mr. Fell. The debate took a finding that they were discovered one of the very wide range, and the action of H.M. ship thieves exclaimed to his companion who Clio and the conduct of Mr. Duncan at Metlakahtla was dwelt largely upon. One of the speakers denounced in strong terms the conduct of the press in speaking of the persons fined by Mr. Duncan as "Victims' before the facts were investigated. The gentleman must have been ignorant of the fact that any person is a victim who is sentenced to a punishment beyond what the law allows. The guilt or innocence of the parties charged could never make Mr. Dunean right, or the prisoners anything short of victims. The Government also came in for a share of condemnation for not having instituted a sound Indian policy. Mr. Rennie closed the debate and the vote showed 14 for and 25 against the resolution.

THE ROUTE TO BIG BEND .- We present our readers elcewhere with a communication from A. C. Anderson, Esq., of Saanich on the relative merits of the only two routes to the new El Dorado on the Columbia. While giving the approach from the American side credit for what advantages it possesses, it will be seen that Mr. Anderson decidedly and unequivocably awards the preference to the route through British Coumbia both for the facility of travel, shortness of distance, time and economy. His practical knowledge of the entire country and well-known impartiality add weight and value to the opinions he expresses.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Captain Clark, arrived from Nanaimo and way ports vesterday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock, having made the run down in eight hours and ten minutes, including an hour and a quarter for stoppages at the various ports-the quickest trip we believe on record. The Douglas brings three passengers from Cowichan, and a small quantity f produce. She will go to Comox next week.

FOR NANAIMO-The steamer Emily Haris, having undergone a thorough overhauling and refitting on Laing's ways, will be launched to-day, and will leave for Nanaimo on Saturif sufficient inducement offers. Her propelling power has been increased, and Captain Frain has made a smart little boat of her.

COAL-The schooner Alpha arrived yesterday from Nanaimo with a cargo of coals to R. Brodrick.

Saturday, Jan. 13. MISSIONARY MEETING .- The annual meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society will o'clock in the Wesleyan Church, on which occasion the Hon. Chief Justice Needham will preside. Addresses will be delivered by Clergymen and others. Preparatory sermons will be preached to-morrow, the 14th inst. at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. by the Rev. E. Robson, of New Westminster, followed by collections in aid of the fund of the Society.

Another " Foul " Act-The premises Mr. Alexander, on the Victoria Arm, near Craigflower, were entered on Thursday evening during his absence in Victoria, and forty-three fowls stolen. The thieves, who entered through a window, are supposed to have been Indians or Chinamen.

Assault and Desertion.—The Police Magistrate yesterday fined Donald McMillan, of the ship Glaramara, \$10 for assaulting Peter Lewis, a seaman, on the high seas, and ordered the latter to be imprisoned for fourteen days for deserting from his ship.

tion, is a body of men, dangerous to the pub- OFF TO BIG BEND-Mr. McKay, of the Per Schr SPRAY, from Port Angelos-30 lic interests, threatening to the House of Hudson Bay Company, left yesterday by the bush potatoes, 7 tons of Hay, 14 hogs, 4 Assembly and papeliarly disagreeable to Enterprise with 25 men en route to Shu- flour kegs, 1 bbl cabbage, 1 keg butter, 1 box those amiable gentlemen, who, borrowing swap Lake to get out the timber for conrick, value \$387. Earl Russell's phrase of "rest and be thank- structing the steamer to be placed on the ful" are only too happy when they are tak- Lakes for the spring trade. The men are ing their repose as stumbling-blocks in the engaged for one month certain with the option of renewing the engagement for another If ever the thanks of a community were due month at \$60 and found. Several miners

FROM BELLINGHAM BAY.—The steamer Diana, Captain Wright, arrived last evening from Bellingham Bay. The captain reports the barks Emily Banning and Amethyst as having sailed for San Francisco with coal. A disturbance had taken place. A woman, whose husband had been dead only a few weeks, got married, and at night some parties assaulted her at her house, and when leaving fired two shots through the window.

Assault-A man named Collins was yesterday charged in the police court by Armstrong with assaulting him at the Adelphi and baby. Saloon, and was, fined \$20 or one menth's

HIGHWAY ROBBERY-William and Francis Ross were vesterday sent up for trial on the charge of robbing a Chinaman on the highway of his boots and \$50 in money.

COAL-The schooner Black Diamond arrived yesterday with 100 tons Nanaimo coal

Monday, Jan. 15. DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY-On Friday evening last shortly after dark some burglars effected an entrance into the office of Messrs- Kavanagh & Co., at James Bay, by means of skeleton keys. Behind the office is a private room in which one of the proprietors sleeps; the thieves entered this ng was "Have the Indians an equal right apartment and attempted to pick the lock of with the whiteman to purchase liquor?" a portmanteau but failed. One of them then shouldered the trunk and was about carrying Mr. Rennie opened the debate with some it off when he was noticed by one of the pertinent remarks. He was opposed by Mr. employes, who however thinking that it was his master, merely made an exclamation and allowed the man to pass. The master happened to arrive about the same time, and on carried the portmanteau "dump it!" article was immediately dropped and the culprits who were apparently well dressed. made off as fast as they could.

> PRESENTATION-Yesterday Mr. T. Burnes, on behalf of the congregation of St. Andrew's Cathedral in this city, presented a handsome gold headed cane to Mr. M. Grunbaum, the organist of the cathedral, as a token of respect for his valuable and efficient services.

THE STEAMER ACTIVE. - By our special telegram it will be seen that this steamer is to leave Portland for this port on Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock; she will therefore be due on Wednesday afternoon.

FROM NANAIMO-The schooner Meg Merrilies and the sloop Alarm arrived on Saturday with cargoes of coal to R. Brodrick.

GONE AWAY-H. Nind, Esq., for many years a Stipendiary Magistrate of this co resigned his commission and took his departure for Australia last week. Mr. Nind was an upright and gentlemanly officer, and endeared himself to a large circle of friends, who will regret his departure-Columbian.

THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN LEGISLATURE WILL meet on Thursday next:

COMMERCIAL VICTORIA MARKETS.

SATURDAY EVENING, Jan. 13. Jobbing rates : FLOUR—Extra, \$8 50@9 50 pbbl.; Superfine 800@8 25; Common, \$7 50@7 do.

OATMEAL—\$9@9 50 p 100 lbs

CORNMEAL—\$7 50@8 p 100 lb.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$8 p 100 lbs.

RICE—6½c@9c p lb p sack

SUGAR—Raw, 8%c@10c p lb p keg: Refined

o, 13c@14c do p keg COFFEE—22c@25c p lb p sack

COFFEE—22c@25c P B P sack
TEA—34@40 P B P chest
CANDLES—\$7 P bx
SOAP—\$2 25@2 75 do do
YEAST POWDERS—40c do
BUTTER—Best 47%c @ 55c do P case; Ordinary 40c@45c do P firkin.
LARD—30c do do
BACON AND HAMS—25c@30c, according to

quality and quantity
WHEAT—2%@3c do p sk OATS-1%c@2c do do BARLEY-1%@2c do do GROUND BARLEY-2%c do. do. MIDDLINGS-2½@2½3 do do BRAN-1½@2c do do. HAY-lc@l%c do p bale. ONIONS-4c@5c do p sk POTATOES-lc@l% do

IMPORTS.

Per Bark ADELAIDE, Cooper, from San Francisco-6cs farina, 2480 qr sks flour, 312 hf do do, 155 do barley, 210 bxs soap, 5 cs bacon, 5 do lard, 11 fks butter, 362 sks beans 20 do coal, 1 cs cigars, 50 kegs sugar, 56 mats rice, 85 bxs candles, 60 bbls crushed sugar; 45 bxs powdered do, 25 kegs syrup, 31 cases boots and shoes, 6 nests trunks, 20 bxs nut oil, 6 doz brooms, 6 coils marlin and sizing, 6 bdls sculls, 5 cs tobacco, 7 do cigars, 10 hhds claret, 4 cs millinery goods, 45 cs coal oil, 8 cs cheese, 3 hf bbls dried apples, 27 cases crackers, 1 truck, 1 box scales, 39 kegs nails. 2 bxs washers, 6 cs handled axes, 2 bxs mdse, 8 do hardware assorted, 3 bbls clay, 2 cs pick handles, 129 hf bbls sugar, 122 sks bran, 109 do middlings, 76 sks malt, 21 stoves, 1 pkg pots, 1 do griddles, 1 do saws, 400 sks oats, 2 pkgs seeds .- Value, \$23,870.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound .- 1 keg beer, 20 bxs apples, 25 sks oysters, 9 head cattle, 1 cow and calf, pkgs, and 1 bx furs.

Per Sch A. J. WESTER, from Port Angelos -1200 bush oats, 2 ton hay, 14 hogs, 4 doz chickens, 60 doz eggs. Consigned to D. Leneve, value \$710.

CONSIGNEES.

Per barque ADELAIDE COOPER, from San Francisco.—McCrea, Hudson Bay Co., Anderson & Co, McQuade, Stewart, Derham, Eugene Thomas, Sutro & Co, Moorehead & Co, Goldstone Bros, Spratt & Kriemler, Cassamayou, Bossi, Yan Wo Sang & Co. Fellows & Roscoe, Waitt, Baker, Dickson, Cunningham Bros, Order, Armstrong, Ladner, Caire & Grancini, Loewy, Jay & Co.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound.—Strahan, Lewis, Brodrick, Reynolds, Hutchinson, H. B. C.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound —Capt. Flemming, wife and boy, Mrs Lichenstein and daughter, GB Wright, Miss J Shelton, Mrs Capt Selby, H J Stevenson, Gyars, G F Whitworth, H Carlton, H George, R Cousin, H S Spalding, J Rue, B Jackson, 3 'hurdy gurdies,' Klootchman

VALUE OF EXPORTS. From Victoria V. I., to American Ports

For the Month ending December 31, 1865.

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		BANCISCO.	
Coal \$	10,060 00	Tobacco, fish	
Liquors	1048 50	and crock-	1 2 1 5 5
ILKS	5269 81		95 00
Wearing Ap.		Calf Skins.	30 00
parel, &c	300 00	Canvas and	
Tin Plate	337 50	Steel	3339 19
Hosiery	1466 03		904 40
Fish, pres'd.	107 60	Silver Ore	20 00
Coffee	4386 87	Household	20 00
Fat, rough	78 50		49 00
Wearing Ap-	a falm en	Trimmings	47 13
parel, &c	150 00	Skins, assor-	#1 T9
Iron tubes	560 00	ted	1886 25
Dry Goods,		Sugar	500 00
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kins	26I 25	Liquors	82 40
Clothing and		Apparel	216 00
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Goods	44 50	and Ale	371 75
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brellas	94 75	Iron	777 85
in and Ale.	124 00	Dog-fish oil.	732 50
Porter	36 75	Beaver Cloth	52 50 .
eeds	6 00	Boiled Oil.	140 00
hoe-thread.	152 50	Clothing	200 00

Silver Ore... 32 00 Oolachan Oil India rubber 50 00 12 50 17 50 1315 14 Clothing, &c ton and Cranberries Sheet-iron .. 211 25 Champagne 401 41 and Salt.. 613 00 Salmon and 24 76 Herring.. 618 75 ron..... 51 30

Total ... \$6,640 35 TO PORT ANGELOS. Lime & Bricks \$ 21 00 Mannfactur'd Groceries and Dry Goods Cavas 140 62 87 93 Iron..... 93 50 Brandy and Saw, circular 32 00 27 12 67 50 Books ... Cask Gin... Soap Sugar Miscellane's.

Total....\$2,315 07 RECAPITULATION. To San Francisco.....\$37,028 08 Grand Total.... \$45,983 50

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED Jan 8-Schr Gazelle, Gollacer, Queen Char-Jan 9-Schr Gazene, Gonacer, Success Charlette Island
Schr Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo
Jan 9-Slp Thornton, Middleton, Saanich
Jan. 10-C Alexander, Alexander, Port

Sch Matilda, Gilbert, New Westminster Bk Adelaide Cooper, Bean, San Francisco

Jan 11-Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cow-Str Enterprise, Mouat, New Westminster Jan 11—Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angelos Jan. 12.—Sch J K Thorndike, Thornton,

San Juan Sch A J Wester, Mills, Port Angelos Slp Foam, Stevenson, Sch Spray, Smalley, do Slp Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo

Jan 13 .- Sch C C Clancy, Robinson, Oreas sland Sch Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, Nanaimo CLEARED.

Jan 8-Slp W B Naylor, Duke, Saanich Jan 9-Stmr Active, Thorn, Astoria Jan. 10-C Alexander, Alexander, Port Angelos

Slp Thorton, Middleton, Salt Spring Island Jan 11-Str Enterprise, Mouat, New West-Sch Industry, Carleton, Saanich

Jan 11—Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo Stmr Eliza Anderson, Finch. Port Angelos Sch J C Thornton, Thornton, San Juan Slp Foam, Stevenson, Port Angelos Sch Indian Maid, McIntosh, Nanaimo Stmr Emily Harris, Frain, Nanaimo Slp Ocean Queen, Watkins, Cowichan Schr Parmiter, Ross, Nanaimo Jan 13.—Bk Adelaide Cooper, Bean, Port Angelos

Sch Annie, Elvin, San Juan Slp Alarm, Hollins, Nanaimo

BIRTHS.

On the 1st instant, in Nanaimo, the wife of Charles S. Nicol, Esq., Manager of the Vancouver Coal Mining Co., of a son. In Nanaimo, on the 27th ult., the wife of Mr. Joseph Randall, of a daughter. On the 31st ult., in Nanaimo, the wife of Mr. George Baker, of a son.

MARRIED.

In this city, on the 8th instant, at St. Andrew's Cathedral, by the Rev. Bishop Demers, Mr. John Finnan to Miss Ellen Theresa Collins. New York and St. John, N. B., papers please

At the residence of the Bride's father, Hon. S. S. Ford, on the 24th ult., Mr. John Sheldon to Miss Angeline Ford; all of Olympia, W. T.

In the Royal Hospital, Jan. 13th, Charles Dupuy, a half-breed, native of Vancouver Island, aged 19 years.

In this city, on the 9th instant, Le S. Kiening, aged 67 years, a native of Paris. aged 67 years, a native of Paris.

On Black River, W. T., Dec. 26th, 1865, Thos.
J. Shotwell, youngest son of John M. and Eleanor Shotwell, aged six years seven months and twenty-three days.

Oct. 16, 1865, at his residence in Washington, Vermont, of a lingering illness of chronic diarrheea Ebenezer P. Parker, Esq., in the 70th year of his age. He was the father of W. W. Parker, Esq., Editor of the Astoria "Marine Gazette."

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS RE-MAINING IN THE POST OFFICE FROM THE 6th TO 13th

UARY, 1866	
TERROLINE STREET	A
Adams, Mr Auchinvole, J S Ashe, R L	Adair, J Adams, Mrs M S
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Ehrenbacher, Mr Evans, J N Fry, Mrs H Fell, J Fleming, R, Miss Furguson, Mrs Fellows, S

Doherty, W

Green, A Grig, J Gribble, H Garrett, Rev Guillod, H George, S

Haggard, M Hicken & Co Hayes, Miss J Harte, F W Halloway, Mr Hunt, F W Hersey, A Harman, Mrs Higginson, T Hedin, J Himen, J Herkimer, Mrs Jackson, Dr

Jennings, T C Jeffree, W J Jack, J Koyho, H Keen, W H Kinmish, R.

Laffont, G, 2 Leclere, A Lamont, A Long, J B Lindig, F Lucas, H

McKee, S Morrison, W McDonald, D Morgan, W H McMillen, J Montgomery, J Malacarne, B Merritt. S Margeson, H H, 2 Mellon, J Martin, J Miles, T May, E McDougald, W

O'Brian, J

Pattrick, T

Pearce, Mrs

Perpeno. C

Russell, J

Penny, T

Orr, R

Pullen, A W Pierce & Co Phillips, E, 2

Pawson & Co Prince, G Ritchie, R Redheffer. A

Robertson, W A Roberts, H Reed, M. B Ross, J L Sestutter, W

Smith, R T Smith, W B Story, J Scott, W. 2 Sullivan, J Soiger, J Spearman, J Spence, J Smith, JC Smith, A Shepard, HS Sharp, C Stevens, R

Smith, W Thomas, E Towns, C Townsend. Miss Turgoose, G Trahey, Mr Taft, H G

Usher, J Varisto, J

Williams, C, 2 Wright, G Willson, J White, E Wilson, J J Woolsey, Miss

HENRY WOOTTON, Postmaster.

Missionary Meeting! THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Will be held in the METHODIST CHUROH. PANDORA STREET,

The HON. CHIEF JUSTICE NEEDHAM will preside, and the meeting will be addressed by several Clergymen and others. Preparatory Sermons will be preached on Sabbath, 14th instant, at 11 a: m., and 6½ p.m., by the REV. E. ROBSON, of New Westminster, B. C.

A COLLECTION will be made at each service in aid of the Society's Fund.

January 12th, 1866.

On Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 7, P. M.

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AGENTS.

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THE NEWS.

In another column we give a report meeting of a number of Victoria citize London, to take into consideration the dition of Vancouver Island and British lumbia. Mr. Dallas, formerly of Vic presided, and gave, considering all the a very correct epitome of events, and a good idea of the condition and wants of colonies. Mr. Selim Franklin, Mr. Bur Mr. Southgate, and other gentlemen the benefit of their observations. It was to be expected that the free port hobby s have been trotted out; but the judicion marks of Mr. Dallas should have taugh Franklin and his equally imprudent panions the wisdom of avoiding subje local difference—subjects on which the I lative Assembly of the Colony had a different view, and had given its deliber opinion to the Secretary for the Cold The language of the chairman ferm marked contrast in this respect to the res Mr. Dallas said-" As regarded the que whether Victoria should continue to be port or otherwise, that, along with the

of government, and other matters of consequent upon union, would afford subject for calm deliberative adjustme representatives from both colonies." result of the meeting cannot, however, do good. We see that several of the tlemen have modified their views conably on the union question, and are anxious for union on any terms that "appear just to the Imperial Governm A resolution to this effect was passed un mously, and a committee appointed to on Mr. Cardwell in reference to the me and its results. If the committee strengthen the hands of the Assemb London, by showing to Mr. Cardwell unprecedented amount of taxation contri by both colonies, and the absolute nece on the ground of economy, to say nothi other advantages, of having one compac cheap government for Vancouver Island

British Columbia, it will do "the State service." Our London newspapers give us ac of still further changes in the Imperial ernment. Mr. Fortescue, formerly Secretary for the Colonies, is replaced b Forster, member for Bradford, one of the unflinching radicals of the House of mons. The colonies will gain immense the change. Mr. Goschen, a very pron young member, who has been scarcely years in the House, is appointed Vice-I dent of the Board of Trade. Various ru are afloat of other changes before the Pa ment meets, which will be on the 1st of ruary. Lord Stanley was offered a pos in the Ministry, but declined, on acc chiefly, it is said, of the necessity of co into political collision with his father, Derby. Sir Robert Peel is about to renegade and join the Conservatives, beno higher position was offered him tha Duchy of Lancaster, without a seat in

Cabinet. The great reform question is at last solved, and that by the manliness and stra forward honesty of the present Mini "It is now ascertained says the s official Observer, that the proposed refor the representation will be a simple mea of enfrauchisement, and a correction of scandal of inequality in the number of vo compared with the increasing popula wealth, and intelligence of the cour Earl Russell declares that the Government will take care to be fortified by facts as as arguments for the proposed change. no secret that inquiries have been goin through the poor law authorities as to