

The Weekly British Colonist. Tuesday, January 16, 1866

THE DISCUSSION ON THE ESTIMATES.

The House of Assembly yesterday commenced a very disagreeable duty. No man likes the task of turning the willing laborer adrift, or reducing the wages of a faithful servant.

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;

Table with columns: Department, Gov. Estimate, Amount Saved, Amount Voted. Rows include Governor, Leg. Council, Assembly, Col. Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Chief Justice, Clerk, Surveyor General, Harbor Master, Post Master, Registrar Gen., Registrar Supreme Court, Clerk of Write, Light House, Sup. Court Messenger, Attorney General, Sheriff.

We have here a reduction of nearly one-half 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.

tion, is a body of men, dangerous to the public interests, threatening to the House of Assembly and peculiarly disagreeable to those amiable gentlemen, who, borrowing Earl Russell's phrase of "rest and be thankful" are only too happy when they are taking their repose as stumbling-blocks in the pathway of economy and of progress.

If ever the thanks of a community were due to a body of men, the thanks of Vancouver 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.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, Jan. 12. DEBATING CLASS.—The question last evening was "Have the Indians an equal right with the whiteman to purchase liquor?"

THE ROUTE TO BIG BEND.—We present our readers elsewhere with a communication from A. O. Anderson, Esq., of Saanich, on the relative merits of the only two routes to the new El Dorado on the Columbia.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Captain Clark, arrived from Nanaimo and way ports yesterday 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.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris, having undergone a thorough overhauling and refitting on Laing's ways, will be launched to-day, and will leave for Nanaimo on Saturday, at 7 a.m., calling at intermediate ports, if 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 be held on Thursday evening next at seven o'clock in the Wesleyan Church, on which occasion the Hon. Chief Justice Needham will preside.

ANOTHER "FOUL" ACT.—The premises of 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 DESTRUCTION.—The Police Magistrate yesterday fined Donald McMillan, of the ship Glamara, \$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.

OFF TO BIG BEND.—Mr. McKay, of the Hudson Bay Company, left yesterday by the Enterprise with 25 men en route to Shuswap Lake to get out the timber for constructing the steamer to be placed on the Lakes for the spring trade. The men are engaged for one month certain with the option of renewing the engagement for another month at \$60 and found. Several miners left at the same time bound to Big Bend.

FROM BELLINGHAM BAY.—The steamer Diana, Captain Wright, arrived last evening from Bellingham Bay. The captain reports the bark 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 Saloon, and was, fined \$20 or one month's imprisonment.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—William and Francis Ross were yesterday 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 to R. Brodrick.

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 apartment and attempted to pick the lock of a portmanteau but failed.

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 colony, 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 per bbl.; Superior 8 00 @ 8 25; Common, \$7 50 @ 7 75. OATMEAL—\$9 50 @ 10 00 per 100 lbs. CORNMEAL—\$7 50 @ 8 00 per 100 lbs. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—\$8 50 @ 9 00 per 100 lbs. RICE—\$1 00 @ 1 25 per sack. SUGAR—Raw, \$12 00 @ 13 00 per 100 lbs. COFFEE—\$22 00 @ 25 00 per sack. TEA—\$4 00 @ 5 00 per chest. CANDLES—\$7 50 @ 8 00 per box. SOAP—\$2 25 @ 2 50 per 100 lbs. YEAST POWDERS—40c do. BUTTER—Best 47 1/2c @ 55c do per case; Ordinary 40c @ 45c do per firkin. LARD—30c do do. BACON AND HAM—25c @ 30c, according to quality and quantity. WHEAT—2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c do per sk. OATS—1 1/2c @ 2c do do. BARLEY—1 1/2c @ 2c do do. MIDDINGS—2 1/2c @ 2 3/4c do do. BRAN—1 1/2c @ 2c do do. HAY—1c @ 1 1/2c do per bale. ONIONS—4c @ 5c do per sack. POTATOES—1c @ 1 1/2c do.

IMPORTS. Per bark ADELAIDE, Cooper, from San Francisco—6cs farina, 2480 qr sks flour, 312 lb 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 rypup, 31 cases boots and shoes, 6 nests trunks, 20 bxs nut oil, 6 doz brooms, 6 coils marlin and sizing, 6 bbls sculls, 5 cs tobacco, 7 do cigars, 10 hds 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 mds, 8 do hardware assorted, 3 bbls clay, 2 cs pick handles, 129 hf bbls sugar, 122 sks bran, 109 do middlings, 7C sks malt, 21 stoves, 1 pkg pots, 1 do griddles, 1 do saws, 400 sks oats, 2 pks seeds.—Value, \$23,870.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—1 keg beer, 20 bxs apples, 25 cs oysters, 9 head cattle, 1 cow and calf, 7 pks, and 1 bx furs. Per Sch A. J. WESTER, from Port Angeles—1200 bush oats, 2 ton hay, 14 hogs, 4 doz chickens, 60 doz eggs. Consigned to D. Leneve, value \$710.

Per Schr SPRAY, from Port Angeles—30 bush potatoes, 7 tons of Hay, 14 hogs, 4 flour kegs, 1 bbl cabbage, 1 keg butter, 1 box eggs, 6 bbls hides. Consigned to R. Brodrick, value \$387.

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, Cassanayou, Bossi, Yan Wo Sang & Co, Fellows & Roscoe, Waitt, Baker, Dickinson, Cunningham Bros, Ordier, Armstrong, Ladner, Caire & Graciani, Lowry, 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, G B 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 and baby.

VALUE OF EXPORTS. From Victoria V. I. to American Ports For the Month ending December 31, 1865.

Table with columns: TO SAN FRANCISCO, TO ASTORIA, TO PORT ANGELOS. Lists various goods like Coal, Liquors, Skins, etc. with values.

RECAPITULATION. To San Francisco \$37,028 08, To Astoria 6,640 35, Port Angeles 2,315 07, Grand Total \$45,983 50.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED. Jan 8—Schr Gaselle, Gollacer, Queen Charlotte Island. Schr Industry, Carleton, Nanaimo. Jan 9—Slp Thornton, Middleton, Saanich. Jan 10—C Alexander, Alexander, Port Angeles.

CLEARED. Jan 8—Slp W B Naylor, Duke, Saanich. Jan 9—Schr Active, Thorn, Astoria. Jan 10—C Alexander, Alexander, Port Angeles.

BIRTHS. On the 1st instant, in Nanaimo, the wife of Charles S. Nicol, Esq., Manager of the Vancouver Coal Mining Co., 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.

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

LIST OF UNCLAIMED LETTERS REMAINING IN THE POST OFFICE FROM THE 6th TO 13th JANUARY, 1866.

Table with columns: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z. Lists names and addresses of unclaimed letters.

Missionary Meeting!

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESLEYAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Will be held in the METHODIST CHURCH, PANDORA STREET, On Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 7 P. M.

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THE NEWS.

In another column we give a report meeting of a number of Victoria citizens London, to take into consideration the petition of Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

Our London newspapers give us account of still further changes in the Imperial Government. Mr. Fortescue, formerly Secretary for the Colonies, is replaced by Forster, member for Bradford, one of the unflinching radicals of the House of Commons.

The great reform question is at last solved, and that by the manliness and straightforward honesty of the present Minister. It is now ascertained says the official Observer, that the proposed reform of the representation will be a simple matter of enfranchisement, and a correction of scandal of inequality in the number of voters compared with the increasing population, and intelligence of the country.