

WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

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Saturday, April 30.

A Remarkable Case. — Yesterday a case of whisky selling, heard before Lieut. Verney, J. P., who occupied the Magistrate's Bench, Mr. Bishop, addressing the Court on behalf of the prisoner, proceeded to say the whole transaction and it would in his (Mr. Bishop's) opinion, be better that the officers should be told to prevent and not encourage transgressions of the law. The Sergeant should have cautioned Fisher.

Lieut. Verney.—The Bench does not require your advice, Mr. Bishop.

Mr. Bishop again advanced the same opinion.

Lieut. Verney.—The remarks you have addressed to the Bench are out of place and uncalled for.

Mr. Bishop.—Your Worship, I merely wish to express an opinion.

Lieut. Verney.—You have already done so and that is sufficient. I don't want to hear any more of this kind of remarks.

The Magistrate having found the prisoner guilty, passed sentence.

Mr. Bishop exclaimed:—I submit that you have no power to inflict hard labor for the first offence.

Lieut. Verney.—Please hold your tongue; I don't care for your remarks.

Mr. Bishop.—I call your Worship's attention to it respectfully, you have exceeded the law.

Lieut. Verney.—Call on the next case.

On Pointing the Prisoners.—

**VALUABLE DISCOVERY AT VAL-  
DEZ INLET, COMOX DISTRICT.**

An American prospector, having had large practical experience in the States among the coal mines, I was convinced from my first settlement at Comox, that that district was the vast coal field, as I could see its indications everywhere, across the sea; and throughout the opposite islands; but by appearance at first, it appeared otherwise. Although so long isolated, and surrounded by water, why I find at length succeeded, by persevering, in sinking a shaft where the greatest height of eastern stratification was visible, at the depth of over 100 feet, in finding coal highly bituminous, and of very superior quality. It will supply an area far more long greatly needed on the Pacific, as the same has been thoroughly made brilliant gas, and acarcn specific, well adapted for smelting purposes, forged steel, &c. It will prove of incalculable benefit to the whole mineral and metalliferous regions on the Pacific coast; will rank our Island one of the richest coal-bearing districts of the world; and will give us an "emancipant to thousands and ages after Caribbees and its associations have become matters of history."

This discovery has the advantage of being situated near the sea, on the only deep and well sheltered bay and channel between Nanaimo and Comox; situated also on the banks of a river of rapid flow, where water power or great extent of navigation can be obtained. The Nanaimo coal measures broken up by faultly ridges and dykes, these strata present distinctly defined, continuous, unbroken planes for miles, with a gentle dip to the eastern horizon, or what geologists would call an extensive level field, found in the normal or extension position.

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lyer magistrate, is too ill to attend to his duties. Mr. Pemberton has, ever since his appointment to the office, maintained his residence in the city, and is, we conceive, entitled to leave of absence sufficient to enable him to visit his father, who is now in the subject we may again advert to the necessity of granting Commissions of the Peace to two or more competent gentlemen residing in the interior of the county, to perform the duties of a Justice with ability and impartiality, but he was invested by the late Governor with Magisterial powers more with a view to exercise those powers while visiting the law activities of the county than to reside in the Police Court. Mr. Pemberton, moreover, with his naval duties to attend to, cannot be expected to occupy this Bench whenever required to do so by the illness or absence of the present incumbent. We are, therefore, of opinion that it would be found we assert without hesitation. To the meantime it has become necessary that the acting Stipendiary Magistrate should be appointed at once to relieve Mr. Pemberton for

having entirely different characters than Naianim, and the latter is a more intelligent man, and, after if the whole were, or (no doubt) seemed to be, thoroughly explored, give the same results as the specimens I had the honor to present yesterday, to Governor Kenned.

It is, however, a very important discovery, and must therefore take place in the coal trade.

We have formed a small company to develop this discovery, and the government has kindly reserved a large tract of the public lands for our special use.

W. F.

**POLICE COURT.**

The following cases were disposed of, yesterday.

Charley, alias Kidda Chuona, a Hyal Indian, fined \$15 or two months imprisonment, for assaulting officer Bound and tearing his clothes.

John Nashew, another Hyal, fined \$10, or two months for the same offense.

Jinny, a Hyal woman, was fined \$5, or 14 days, for attempting to rescue the above named parties.

Charley alias Onhiu, a Flathead, was

**BOILER DANCERS.**—The sons of La

Brande gave a *Sobree Danzante* at the Lyceum on Thursday evening; the company were chiefly ladies; and gentlemen of their own country, but several of their Anglo-Saxon friends enjoyed their hospitality. Though the hall was not so crowded as it has been on previous similar occasions, yet it was one of the liveliest and most enjoyable gatherings we have witnessed. The guests gave their personal compliments and all seemed to have hearts light and gay on pleasure being Everybody danced, everybody laughed, everybody was pleased, and with the characteristic politeness of the nation everybody wants were well attended to. The music discoursed by Messrs. Sandrie, Palmer & Co. was of the description that has been so moving even when the lights shone their side. The tripping of the light fantastic was kept up until long after the hour which usually closes the bright eyes that graced the room, in fact the watchful chamberlaine had long proclaimed the silvery dawns of day ere they were any dispensed to their respective homes.

**VICTORIA RIFLES.**—This Rifle Corps held a meeting last night for the election of non-commissioned officers. Before proceeding to election, a letter from the Colonial Secretary to Capt. Laing was read, stating that His Excellency the Governor cordially approved of the organization, and would give it his support by every means in his power; also announced the names of the appointments of commissioned officers, which had been made, and of Mr. J. G. Vinter, an adjutant with the rank of Lieutenant. The letter also stated that the corps would be furnished with arms immediately. The following gentlemen were elected by ballot as non-commissioned officers: Quartermaster, Sergeant James Macdonald; Sergeant, A. C. Waddington; Sergeants, W. S. Borchers, A. W. Adamson, Thos. Irvine, C. Roberts, A. E. Siffken, J. R. Turner, Wm. Ward. The regular drill nights have been fixed for Mondays and Thursdays, at 6 o'clock. The corps will probably be supplied with arms on Monday next.

William Fisher remained for one day of a charge of supplying spirits to Indians.

A boy named William Sweetear pleaded guilty to having stolen a photographic case the property of Mr. Vaughan, and was sentenced to the chain-gang.

There were other charges against the lad which were not gone into.

Kim Wah and Sam Hing, the Chinese, were charged with throwing vitriol in a certain establishment were further remanded for one day in consequence of the counsel, who had been engaged being unable to attend.

**COWHILLAN SCHOOL GRANT.**

Editor BARRISTER:—The laborer and really lengthy exordium of "The Laborer," G. Garrett, in reply to "Justice" and "Fair-play," far from destroying and making void the three assertions of issue, rather acknowledges and corroborates them. That the grant of money had been made for a school at Cowhillan? "And that we would have been taken in the end?" "And that we would have been crowded, mistreated, and that we would have been mistreated," etc., will after the settlers had assisted in squaring the logs for the Sisters' School—and one of the settlers by request of some others called on Bishop Demere and asked of him to grant the school at Cowhillan was going to be conducted on the same principle as the same principle as in Victoria, and he replied that they were satisfied, and were willing to render all the assistance they could.

3rd, that the motive proceeded from a spirit of opposition? We learn in addition that the school is a *denominational* school, and that the Rev. A. C. Garrett, in denying the statement of the school, on being at King James' version of the Bible is used in it, so long as Catholic children, just in color, be white or black, red or tawny, be excluded from it. Such being the case, we cannot allow him to weave up a conspiracy against us, after he has so kindly said for our support and defense, and we are revealed that of others.

The government may be as considerate as one, and the House of Assembly also; but I certainly doubt their justice in granting aid to one section and refusing it to another.

**a lot of work**—oxen on board the steamer.

Enterprise yesterday, destined for British Columbia. They were the finest and best conditioned animals taking them through the route which have probably been in this place. The looked the best head of ewes and ewes in the country. We understand the cattle, 24 in number, are the property of Messrs. E. T. Dodge & Co. and are intended for work on the main line of the Great Northern railway. The sheep were brought up here on the Sierra Nevada on the last trip and appear to have been well taken care of.

**Smiling Smears.**—Charles Fisher was yesterday charged in the Police Court before Judge Vaux, R. N. P., with supplying a bottle of spirits to an Indian. Mr. Bishop appeared for the prisoner, and cross-examined Sergeant Hill and officer Page, who witnessed the offence, but failed to shake their testimony. The Indian identified the prisoner, and the judge found him guilty. Mr. Bishop, having been held in reply the magistrate fined the prisoner £20; or paid, on bail to go to the informants. To attend, six months imprisonment.

their title to the same was not recognized by government. But as regards the Rev. A. C. Garrett, who has been set apart by his ecclesiastical chief, exclusively for his mission, and has all his means carefully attended to, he is not likely here and at home, to think, from the fact that he is an abolitionist and ball-broader, as being of little account, that he himself is not very "considerate," and that his policy is calculated to produce on their minds a feeling akin to that which would be "made" to excite in the minds of the "white" men, to "give me from my friends."

I hope, equally, with the Rev. gentleman, that bigotry will cease and harmony prevail, and that some of the "white settlers" will even avoid getting an "Indian boy into a liquor den," thus giving him drink some spirit, and using the means of his ruin, as he is to christen the boy "Jeff Davis."

Yours, &c.,  
JOHN W. WHITWORTH, A QUOTE OBSERVER.

His name was at the Waco Arsenal, about the middle of March, the gun which he has managed to compete with those already delivered to the Government, and to be the most important article which is to pass between the principles of the two eminent artillerymen.

