## Weekly British Colonist. AND CHRONICLE.

Saturday, June 19, 1869

The British Highway to the Pacific.

[From the London Standard, May 17.] The announcement of the completion of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad through the territory of the United States is probably an event of greater significance and ir portance than the opening bring matters to an issue. If we are, it of any other undertaking from the first Roman aqueduct down to the great suba marine cable between Great Britain and America. It has also left this country far behind in the great "go-ahead" race of mercantile enterprise. America may score one in the game, and the importance of that score is matter of deep re flection. Our Special Correspondent, who has given an account of this route "across the new world" has told us that 'although the Pacific Railroad scheme was not fairly launched till the year 1865, the United States Government had been long before alive to the importance of such a highway between the Atlantic and Pacific." An American "blue book" in black cloth binding, was, he informed us, issued from Washington in 1858-54 under Jefferson Davis, then Secretary of War. How it fell to the office of that department he has not explained. Probably it was issued in alleged relation the subjection of the wild tribes of Indians occupying a portion of the territory which it was proposed to cross. He fails not, however to enumerate the principal American promoters and explorers of the solitary of the Rosalia and towed the Rosalia line. But he does not say, probably her beyond the sands of the Fraser, where the American promoters and explorers of the line. But he does not say, probably ber cause he is not conscious of the fact, that the real promoters were those who in this country laboured hard to inaugurate a similar enterprise only on British territory, between Halifax and Vaacouver Island; a scheme far more practicable and much less costly, and fraught with immense advantages, if not absolute necessity, to the welfare and supremacy of Great Britain. In the beginning of 1850, a work, bearing the somewhat peculiar and perhaps ill-chosen title of "Britain Redeemed and Canada Preservred," was published by Messrs. Longman and Co., advocating a plan "to extend the broad belt of England in the temperate zone round the world," by a supplied to the sands of the Rosalia and to the Rosalia alone, they would have abel, Pamphlett offered to let the Rosalia off for the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the round and the world," by a supplied of the sands of the range of the Rosalia off for the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the range of the Rosalia off for the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the range of the Rosalia off for the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the day before the departure of the ship, the temperate zone round the world," by a supplied to the range of the ship the sands of the range of the Rosalia of the ship, the ship the sands of the range of the Rosalia and the reserve the sands of the range of the Rosalia and the reserve the sands of the range of the Rosalia and the reserve the sands of the range of the Rosalia of the ran man and Co., advocating a plan "to ex-tend the broad belt of England in the tend the broad belt of England in the temperate zone round the world," by a railroad through Canada, the Red River Settlement, and the hunting grounds of Hudson's Bay Company, to the Pacific. This railroad would have been 1500 miles shorter than the American route. The work we have mentioned, upwards of 500 pages long, and with a plan of the railway and other illustrations, excited a great deal of attention in the United States, a'though it fell dead in England. It was the production of two authors, Colonel A. B. Richards and Captain Wilson, It was attributed by the American journals to the British Government. The Home Journal of New York, with what must have seemed like bitter is the departure of the ship, Pamphlett offered to let the Rosalia off for two hundred dollars if he would set the agreed two hundred dollars if he would set the agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed to brow hundred dollars if he would set the agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed to brow hundred dollars if he would set the agreed ment aside, probably because he had agreed to be what had agreed. The defendants admitted ownership of the Rosalia. On his Lordship asking if any arrangement could be come to he was answered in the negative.

The evidence of Capt. E deiza, of the Rosalia, was partially, and that of Capt. Artture, of the Fanny, was wholly taken, when the Court adjourned until to-day at 10 o's clock, precisely. The evidence (which the crowded state of our columns prevents our giving in extenso) went to show that the tug Isabel attempted to tow both ships, and that a blow sprang up. At the command of the Captain (Pamphlett) of the tug, the Fanny mean long the partial partia with what must have seemed like bitte irony to these gentlemen, observed that the book was "got up with too muth" labour, ontlay, and ability, not to have the Government pocket for its paymaster and a Government project for its aim." "It remains to be seen," observed the National Inielligencer, "whether Great Britain or the United States will be first in the field, and which will win this great prize." The New York Herald briefly remarked, with characteristic familiarity of style, "Jonathan will see about it!" Cascades at about 12:30 on Tuesday, and Jonathan has seen about it. "The As most of our readers are aware, these idea is a bold one," wrote the Daily rapids are entered by a gateway known Times, U. S, "and may some day result as the "Split Rock." Here, the "Grein the accomplishment of a vast enterin the accomplishment of a vast enterprise." Some of our journals were not instead of gliding through the narrow less emphatic in their recommendations channel, dashed bodily on the solid and warnings. But on the whole the rock, which fringes it on either side. idea did not take in this country. The shock was tremendous, and so loud ies emphatic in their recommendations and warnings. But on the work to not he whole the rock, which fringes it on either side. It is country. The shock was tremendous, and so loud a senator of the United States, paid a visit to England in order to find out whether the project had really taken any root here, and had an interview on his arrival with one of the authors of the autho

part of our "Transatlantic kinsmen." Fortune in the Rough—A \$300,000 Diamond. But surely none save statesmen of the chool of Mr. Bright would pause to consider this. If we did abstain from makng use of our own, let it be remembered that no policy of abstention or forbear nce, no weak and timid gifts of conciliation, will muffle insult or disarm aggres-The question really resolves itself to this. Are we to retain our North American possessions or not? If not, the inception of such a scheme will but is an Imperial and national duty to mining districts of Nova Scotia, and also make the best use of the wide wealth of stated that he had found one or two small possession which we can still boast of as

#### Supreme Court

Before His Honor Chief Justice Needham.

Owner bark Rosalia vs. B. C. & V. I Spar & Lumber Co.

The damages were laid at \$50,000. Mr. Wood, instructed by Messrs. Drake, ackson & Aikman for the plaintiff; Mr. McCreight and Mr. Robertson, instructed by lessrs. Pearkes & Davie, for the defendants

The following special jurors were empannelled—J Rassell, foreman; Emile Sutro, A. McLean, M. W. Waitt, J. H. Turner, Thomas Wilson, G. J. Findlay, A. R. Greeo. Mr. Wood stat edthe case. Gustav Dussol is the plaintiff, and asserts that he was owner of the ship Rosalie, and maintained that owing to the negligence of the B. C. & Pamphlett offered to let the Rosalia off for

ubsequently the Fanny's hawser parted both ships went ashore and were lost; the Captain the of Isabel had agreed to tow the Rosalia and subsequently picked up the Fanny and took her in tow as well.

#### Wreck of a St. Lawrence River Steamer.

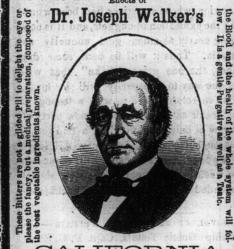
[From the Hamilton Spectator,] The "Grecian" left Hamilton on

Monday, with a battery of the Royal Artillery, and reached the head of the

(From the Rock Island, Ill., Argus, May 24th) A few days ago a gentleman came up the iver on the steamer New Boston, who pripacket a diamond in the rough, which, in itunpo ished state, is supposed to be worth somewhere in the vici i y of \$300,000. It is further supposed to be the second or third diamond in size in the world. It is about the size of a walnut, is perfectly transparent, and has the power of magnifying to the same extent as a first-quality glass. The lucky possessor found it at his home, in the gold ones, one of which he sold for \$12,000 in its rough state. To convince the officers of the poat, he produced files of the Nova Scotia papers containing accounts of the finding of he diamond, minute descriptions of the ame, descriptions of the finder, and other vidence too indisputable to be questioned. He also showed letters from prominent New York jewelers, who had examined the prize one of which was from the house of Ball Black & Co. He is going to Iowa to see about landed investments, with a view of some day locating there. He proposes to have the diamond polished, and sell it to me crowned head, if possible. For the penefit of the ladies we will state that we do not know whether he is married or not. There is no "cave" in this story.

THE LAST BIG DIAMOND .- Advices received in London from the Cape announce the finding of another diamond much larger than any yet met with in the colony. The follow ing particulars are from a letter received by Mesers Goodliffe & Smart, from their correspondents at Cape Town, dated 31st March .-The news will reach you by this opportunity of the finding of the large diamond-our Cape "Koh-i-nor" -- valued at £32,000. There is no delusion in this as in the gold fields, so you may believe it implicitly. This diamond was found near the Orange River, in the diamond territory, was bought of a native doctor for 500 sheep and a few cattle, by Mr Niekirk, a Dutchman, who again resold it to Messrs Lillienteld, of Hope Town, for £11,200, and it is now on the way to Algoa We need bardly say that this news, onfirmed by the Civil Commissioner to our Colonial Secretary, has caused great exciteent here, as there can be no doubt of the mmense wealth of this diamond country. What would a systematic search effect, when ver forty diamonds have now been found, chiefly by natives?

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m tted—
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Balance-Sheet of the Company's affairs, certified by the content of the Discounts and the content of the Discounts of the Disco Additor and three of the Directors, in accordance with a Acts of Parliament constituting the Company.

A General and Comparative Statement explanatory the Progress of the Business from 1825 to 1868.

The following results were communicated in the I

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STATEMENT SHOWING THE INVESTMENT OF THE FUNDS

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the derangements, take Ayer's Pills, and see how directly they restore the natural action of the system, and with it the buoyant feeling of health again. What is true and so apparent in this trivial and common complaint, is also true in many of the deepseated and dangerous distempers. The same purgative effect expels them. Caused by similar obstructions and derangements of the natural functions of the body, they are rapidly, and many of them surely, cured by the same means. None who know the virtues of these Pills, will neglect to employ them when suffering from the disorders they cure.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Washington, D. C., 7th Feb., 1856.

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ing, an article from the ard, a very ably condu al. which represents a tion of the monied cl The facts therein st quite new to the peopl they have hitherto be cupied wi h local poli cissitudes f commerce relating to localities within the circle famili pass unnoticed; it is short time that events long exercise a won upon the destinies of beginning to receive of attention. Matte trivial and local natur lowed to engross th leading men, when such magnitude to B has been very slightly importance does not se pressed itself to any vi their calculations for t it seems to some of wild chimera, such as the Atlantic, or a trai riages to fly from her And yet, it has been ca and shown to be practi the inception of the which has been comple cumstances offering mi pect of success; over more serious than any on the Canadian line; least one-half more and thing like the certainty undoubtedly distinguish these facts are now Americans themselves, hope of neutralising built, or deterring cap vesting in the enterpris hurrying on the constru ond line, the North Pac skirt the Canadian throughout its entire to bouch on Puget Sound. posed to carry a bran lower Fraser in order t merce at that point were, rende supererog through our territory. feetly American and expect from a people such a spirit of enterpr off-the spirit of prude equally valuable. Not much eagerness to fo shall complete our line deal of business can be rendering the North Pa useless; it will not pay ent century, the cost o So far as the stockhold ed the promoters of line have shown consid in making out a case, b for them, it speaks volt the Canadi n line. W report of the Northern published in our issue As our readers may no hand, we republish th tract;-"The line extends throu wonderful regions in the

soil, vast mineral wealth, and the character of the te prove unmistakably that that has been marked out In the first place it is seven shorter from lake to ocean Pacific. It encounters no over 5000 ft, in height while there are no ewer than eight of over 7000 eet. Instead the Central Pacific, throt of barren country, which traffic to a road, there is n which it passes which is either for the fertility of its wealth. Its advantages atic influences are still if From the Red river vall its course lies wholly wit region, where there will from snow."

We could hardly have writ appropriate as a description inter-oceanic railway; but a stream of immigration i Red River, not only of the induced to go there by fr tled, or who have proceed as a future home in prefere also the dischaged artizans yards who have been carri ment expense, and who most successful in finding