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The Seat of Government.

fair and honorable one. Of all the popular members only one—the representation of the popular members only one—the representation of the popular members of the country. One centralized system must be carried out; there must not be two take their own course. But the people to fight manfully for the interests of things he would counsel unanimity. It had been too much the habit here to let matters be carried out; there must not be two take their own course. But the people of the people of things he would counsel unanimity. It had been too much the habit here to let matters be carried out; there must not be two takes their own course. But the people of things he would counsel unanimity. moval of the seat of Government to a place so admirably adapted by nature and vice a for the capital of the United Colonies as Victoria. And the official members, law about a cow. The man who lost it apmake more American citizens than British. if unfettered in their action, must de-pealed, and won it in a higher court; it was cide, quite as unanimously, in favor of Victoria. From Cariboo to Yale, was sold for costs [laughter]. A very to Victoria, on the Island, the decase; there were the two men-one pulling at the tail, and the other at the head of the ment here. Can the Governor turn the colony would be the cow, and Brother a deaf ear to the petitions that will Jonathan would milk it: [great laughter] soon reach him from every quarter? If the business of the Colony was to be Can he torget his pledge to govern we have them here and they have none at the matter before the Council at its lative Councillors. There is no time to be lost. The Council will meet on the should express their opinion that the matter should be left to the free and open voice of what was there in New Westminster to attract 24th instant, and, in the meantime, the reople-that it should be left to the un- people? there were no amusements, no drives, the question should be brought pro- councillors. If that were done he was stre rolling river. The people, if they wanted minently to the notice of the Gove that the intelligence of the people would

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. THE CAPITAL!

MASS MEETING AT THE THEATRE!

The theatre was filled to its utmost capacity last evening, upon the call of the second the resolution, saying that he conthe question of a change of the Seat Government.

Hon. Amor DeCosmos, Hon Dr Helmcken, mo), Mr Cochrane, Mr Drake, Mr Burnaby. Mr Robertson, Councillors Gowen, Lewis. Lazelle, Hebbard and Gibbs.

The meeting having been called to order. Mr Wm. Leigh was appointed Secretary. Hon. Mr Finlayson moved the first resolu

tion, which read as follows: be located where it will meet with the concurrence of, and afford the greatest accomo-

Government should be here (cheers).

best men he had ever met [applause]. Let entire confidence in the Government, and the people say where the capital should be, said that in weighing the rights of Victoria and let us abide by the consequences. If and New Westminster in the scale, the the majority of the people outside of Victo-ria chose New Westminster as the capital, than a feather shaken from the linnet's wing." Victoria was chosen, the choice would be plause. celebrated in a proper manner. Let the

Burnaby moved the second

resolution, as follows: meeting, Victoria is the most suitable place fine harbors and her position as the head of that can be selected for the Seat of Gov- navigation, would always give her the adernment, and that its selection for that pure vantage, and the Governor could never overpose would meet with the concurrence of the ride the voice of the majority, when that voice majority of the inhabitants of the Colony, was brought to bear [applause]. whether they reside on the mainland, or on

be governed by the well understood when he returned from New Westminster he was sure that the voice of the whole people [laughter.] Before proceeding farther, he from Cariboo to Victoria would be brought would wish one and all a happy new year to bear upon this question. The discussions [laughter and cheers.] But that happiness should be temperate but forcible. He was was in the people's own hands [hear.] He the capital shall be at Victoria, and only a

in a determined and forcible manner. Capital had been invested here because it was believed that Victoria was the natural place for the capital, and the place at which the commerce of the country would virtually centre. He maintained that all whom he saw around him had invested their The meeting last evening at the means here with that understanding. (aptheatre was one of the largest and plause) Every interest-mercantile, manufacturing and church-had centered here as most respectable gatherings ever held the natural point for commerce and the seat were generally well-timed and temperate, but forcible and resolute. The of Victoria and Vancouver Island that must proposition to leave the question for be studied and preserved, even at some loss on the mainland, and from Cape Mudge funcy print was got out to illustrate the cision is already given in favor of animal, and a lawyer sitting down milk-establishing the seat of Governaccording to the "well-understood New Westminster. The colony could not wishes of the people?" We think note should not be allowed to let the buildings We believe that His Excellency will here go to rack and ruin and expend accede to the demand of the popular money in erecting others elsewhere. It had been said that the capital was fixed by law voice, and that, if it be properly at New Westminster. But it was located brought to his attention, he will lay there when a different state of affairs existed. Before Union it was necessary that a place for the capital, it was like the handle of a first sitting. This action would re- on the mainland; but there was no engagelieve him of responsibility in the ment or obligation given that it should repremises, and would place the at that point the policy would be unjust, weight on the shoulders of the Legis-

ceived it to be the bounden duty of every Mayor by the citizens of Vancouver Island, citizen to do what he could to advance the and residents from Cariboo and other parts interests of his adopted country. He beof the mainland, who had gathered to discuss lieved His Excellency would act in accordpeople [applause]. He drew this belief from the letters and expressions of Governor Sey-His Worship Mayor Macdonald, took the mour since his return to the Colony. Boldly chair at 8:15 o'clock. Among the gentlemen and deliberately, the speaker said, he would on the platform were: Hon. R. Finlayson, assert, that with the exception of the few who had interests in New Westminster, the miners to a man were in favor of Victoria as Mr Franklin, Mr Ring, Dr Carrall (of Napaithere could be too large cities; and if we wished to build up one we must concentrate our exertions to build up Victoria [renewed applause]. The Americans had shown at Big Bend what they could do towards supplying the Colony. If they could do this with a section, what would they not do if the whole trade of the Colony lay at their command? Resolved-That in the opinion of this And the Americans could place the whole meeting, the seat of Government should Colony under tribute to them if the merchants of Victoria were driven to seek a location elsewhere. The speaker alluded to dation to the majority of the inhabitants of the want of capital to carry on mining operations, and applying that want to our present Mr Finlayson said that Victoria was the position, said that the only way we could inmost eligible place for the location of the spire the English public and capitalists with Capital, and that it would be a waste of confidence was by building up Victoria. The money to erect buildings elsewhere now. best test of the prosperity of the country When the Colony was more advanced, the would be for the Government to show one Capital might be removed to some part in prosperous, thriving city. [Applause] If the interior, but at present the requirements New Westminster were made the capital. of the Colony demanded that the seat of another blow would be struck at Victoria without doing any permanent good for New Dr Carrall, of Nanaimo, had great pleasure Westminster. The naval station was here in seconding the resolution. He had no in- and must remain here. Capt Richards terests in Victoria or in New Westminster. gave it as his opinion that the head of His interests were in Nanaimo, but he had navigation was at Victoria. It was practino jealousy in favor of that town as the cable to take sea-going vessels to New capital. He would lay aside all personal in- Westminster, but it was not a passage that terest, and could truthfully pronounce Vic- a man who cared much for his vessel or his toria to be the handsomest place he had seen reputation would care about making. [Apon the continent, and contained some of the plause.] Mr Robertson again expressed his Victoria would bow to the decision; and if Mr Robertson retired amid much ap-

speak as to the feeling on the mainland.

Mr A. R. Robertson came forward to

(prolonged applause)

Mr Pidwell here spoke from the body of people, through their representatives, say the theatre, but was required to mount the where the capital shall be [applause]. platform. He merely wished to say that, The resolution was carried with only one although an act of Parliament might place the capital at New Westminster, it could not remove the commercial supremacy of Victoria. He thought that the advantages which Resolved—That in the opinion of this nature had lavished upon Victoria, with her

Hon. Dr Helmcken, M. L. C., was loudly called forward and was warmly cheered. He Mr Burnaby continued that His Ex- said he thanked the meeting for the flattering cellency had stated that he could only reception accorded him, and trusted that wishes of the people, and he [Mr Burnaby] might be received with the same warmth

opposed to political agitation—it had been the curse of the Colony in the past. But popular views should always be expressed use in the representatives going to New should always be expressed or what we want [hear.] There was little use in the representatives going to New alone would lose its effect; but the whole of Westminster unless they were backed by the voice of the people. He knew nothing about the views and intentions of the Government, but he knew that the constitution of the Government was despotic, and it was, perhaps, natural that it should make use of that power. He should, himself, like to have the opportunity of being a tyrant for a year or two. laughter.] The people must not regard this is a local question, as a contest between New Westminster and Victoria, but as a question here. The remarks of the speakers of government. Of course the capital could between Vancouver Island and the United States. It was a question that affected the whole country, and its salvation depended on it. He was as friendly to an American as to an Englishman, but while he was an or interests should weigh for a moment-no the Council to settle we consider a to the smaller communities elsewhere. Englishman he would fight for the interests consideration save one having the public of the Island, and it was the duty of all the good at heart. (Applause) Above all sentative of New Westminster—would sation be made to the people complaining, if custom-houses, ports of entry, and so on, should follow the example of John Bright vote against a proposition for the religious. There was scarcely room for two large the capital is placed at New Westminster, agitation alone could we expect to be heard; commerce will depart from the country. New Westminster will not be benefited [Loud applause] The people will not go to New Westminster, and if not there they must go somewhere else, and where would they go to? He again urged upon the meeting to regard the question in its proper light, and with prompt and vigorous action ne felt confident that Victoria and Esquimalt

must be the capital of the Colony. Hon A DeCosmos, M L C. was next called forward amid applause. He joined with his colleague in the hope that he might receive the approbation of the people when he returned from New Westminster, pledging himself to devote his best energies while in the Council to advancing the interests of his resolution was the broad one acknowledged in every well regulated community that the and wherever they willed it he would say let it go, whether to Clinton, Nanaimo of should be chosen for the seat of government jug all on one side. The merchants and people of Cariboo sympathised with Victoria in this movement, and was the country to run main there after Union. If it was continued into debt and the people's money to be expended in building public offices when we had them already? It was a question of econsections to grief. (applause) The people omy and retrenchment. The public offices trammelled and unfettered authority of the nothing around but pine, pine, and the same Victoria to be the capital, must come forbe satisfied and their sense of justice also, ward to a man, it was the interest at the (applause) He called on Mr Robertson to present time of the whole Colony, and petiions should pour in from every quarter of Let the people hold together firm and fast. Trust the government as long as they will the Island and join with the voice of the Upper Country in asking His Excellency carry out the wishes of the people. If they make Victoria the capital. He believed that the white population of this Island does not fail, let the people unite and oppose them. now exceed 3000 (?) people and British Columbia 2000 (?); as the greatest consumers we had a right to claim the principal voice in the determination of this important matter.

The resolution was put and carried unanimously with acclamation. pointed to frame and circulate a petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor. of Victoria." He thought the resolution a very proper and modest one, as it was for the purpose of asking for what already belong to us. [hear] Mr Franklin concluded

assured the meeting that from Vancouver Isand to Cariboo, outside of New Westminster, the feeling was universally in favor of Vic toria being the capital; and when the petitions that were circulating up country came n, no Governor would ever have received anything so unanimous [applause.] Mr Gowen concluded by a humorous allusion to his first visit to Langley and the navigation of the Franer river sand heads.

Mr Gibbs was loudly demanded, and was ed to the platform by Dr Helmcken, amid loud applause. He thanked the meeting for the honor done him, expressed his sympathy with the object in view, urged unity in its accomplishment, and made a few general remarks couched in choice and flowery language which met with great and deserved

applaue.

Mr Ring came forward and made a few pertinent remarks, urging upon the meeting o unite-union being strength-and send forward a monster petition to advance the object for which they had been called together. The learned gentleman's brief address was well received.

The third resolution was carried unanima Mr Cochrane came forward and moved the ourth resolution, viz. :

Resolved .- That Cowichan, Nanaimo, and Comox be solicited to join in petitioning His Excellency the Governor to make Victoria the seat of Government.

Mr Cochrane said it was perfectly evident that the feeling to night was unanimously in favor of Victoria as the capital of the United Colonies. Was it not Victoria capital and enterprise that built the roads in the interior? aye, and cleared the site of New Westminster itself? |applause|. He held in his hand a Government Gazette of 1859, which contained a list of purchasers of lots at Queensborough, by far the largest number of whom were Victorians who invested Victoria capital there. Mr Cochrane alluded to the arguments of the papers at New Westminster in favor of the capital being maintained there. One of the editors claimed the seat of Government because New Westminster had organised a rifle corps to repel the Fenians [a augh], and another editor claimed that the capital had been permanently located there by law [laughter]. Why, by that rule of reasoning, the defunct town of Langley had he best right to the capital, as it was first fixed there lery of 'good']. The majority of children taxpayers at New Westminster prefer that district.

Vancouver Island and the greater part of British Columbia would join in asking for the change, and such a petition should carry weight with the Governor and Council: but if it failed there, its weight would be felt

Mr Drake seconded the motion made by Mr. Cochrene. New Westminster had grown from a place of stumps to one of open ground-nothing more. [A laugh] The capital question was not a mercenar one-it was one which involved the public convenience-the public good. Pro bond publico is the motto which should govern all in a Colony like this. No private feelings and after the capital had been settled, we must agitate for popular representation. [Applause] The resolution was carried unanimously.

The committee on petition was appointed by the Mayor as follows: Messrs Rhodes, Burnaby, Shepherd, Drake and K McKen-

Hon Dr Helmcken proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for the able manner in which he had presided over the meeting. The doctor took occasion to say that the Governor could not feel otherwise than proud at having so fine a city as Victoria placed at his disposal. He would no doubt encourage and cherish it. [Laughter] Whichever way Victoria went so went the country, and the ruler who wished to stand well with the country must stand well with Victoria. Allusion was made to the fact that Vanconstituents. The principle involved in the couver Island was only granted seven members instead of eight, as was originally intended, and the people were called on to "majority should prevail." It was for the organize, and en masse present a solid front people to say where the capital should go in support of their rights. The people of Victoria would never be cowed, and if an inside Parliament did not answer they elsewhere. New Westminster was no place would combine with the up country and see what an outside Parliament could do. [Applause] Let the people of Victoria and the mainland unite and they could get any mortal thing. Let them be polite, even they had to cut off a few heads. [A laugh. In concluding the Doctor again proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, Hon A. DeCosmos seconded, and the vote

was carried by acclamation. As the meeting adjourned, Dr Helmcken advised all to attend the theatre to-morrow evening, and give Mr Marsh-whose charity in times gone by had been unboundedbumping house. [Cheers.]

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .- At the regular monthly meeting of this body yesterday, a committee was appointed to draft a modified tariff, to be forwarded to Governor Seymour, agreeable to the suggestion of His Excellency. James Lowe, Esq., who for twelve months past has ably filled the office of President of the Chamber, thanked the members for the warm support they had extended him, and announced his intention of pro-Mr L Franklin having been called forward ceeding to the Sandwich Islands in quest of health. On motion of Mr Burnaby, seconded by Mr J. R. Stewart, the thanks of the praying that the question of the seat of Chamber were tendered, by acclamation, to government be immediately settled in favor Mr Lowe for the able and impartial manner in which he had discharged the duties of

THE SHIP ROBBERY-Robert Hicks and with a few appropriate remarks on the ques-John Smith appeared yesterday on remand, Mr C. Gowen seconded the resolution, and charged on suspicion of stealing \$470 and a deposit receipt for \$800, the property of Geo. Atkinson, Joseph Middleton was charged as an accessory after the fact. Mr Bishop, on behalf of the prosecutor, asked for a remand until Wednesday, as he believed he had a clue to the robbery. The magistrate required some evidence to implicate Middleton, and a witness was called who said he heard the accused say that Hicks and Smith boasted of having enough money to buy the sloop Leonede with, and \$40 to go on the spree with. The prisoners were remanded. THE SHOOTING AFFAIR AT COMOX -

Harrup, it is thought, will recover. He is lying at the hospital under medical treatment. Holder (who claims to have been laboring under temporary insanity from excessive drinking) remembers nothing of the affair, and is apparently greatly distressed at the position in which he fieds himself. He is out on sureties of \$1000, accepted by Justice Franklin, at Nanaimo. Harrup has made a statement, exonerating Holder from intentionally wounding him. He (Harrup) it appears was sober when the accident oc-

VANCOUVER CLUB-A meeting of this organization was held yesterday at the Club Rooms, in the Colonial Hotel. A large number of members attended and the following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: President-Hon E Stamp; Governing Committee-Hon J J Southgate: Hon W J Macdonald, Mayor; John Wikie, Esq.; George Pearkes, Esq.; John Wark, Esq. Hon Secretary-N Jacob, Esq. The knighted. Club is said to be in a flourishing state.

CEDAR HILL SCHOOL has been closed, the average attendance of scholars being less than twelve-the number required by taw to authorize the Board of Education in maintaining a separate establishment. The loss will be severely felt, both by the deserving teacher and by those parents whose children are now "running at large" in the

DROWNED .- Two men, named James Laughlin (ferryman) and Patrick Tierney, were drowned at Oregon city on the last day of the year by approaching in a frail boat too close to the falls to watch some fishing nets, The boat was drawn into the eddy and went down head first. The Senator, Capt. Kellogg, which had just arrived, steered into the stream, in the hope of saving the men, but they had disappaared from view.

THE CAPITAL QUESTION SETTLED .- The Examiner finds the only weighty argument yet advanced in favor of New Westminster becoming the capital of the united colony: read: "And shall the brave hearts who sprang to arms in defence of their home here and the country's honor, be rewarded with the removal of the vice-regal presence and munificence from their midst?"

A FEATUER-BED Row-Julia, a dusky nymph fresh from the forest, was the envied owner of a feather-bed which Kitty, a maid of town education and manners, took upon herself to rip to pieces. Julia preferred a charge against Kitty yesterday, for the destruction of her downy couch, and the latter was fined \$10 or one month's imprison-

APPOINTMENT-We are informed on good authority that Mr Auditor Wakeford has received notice by telegraph of his appointment to the office of Chief Commissioner of Cons victs in Western Australia vice Captain News lands, R.N. The salary attached to the office is £800 a year, with £200 for allowances and a comfortable house.

LARCENY-Cock-Eye, an Indian, pleaded guilty yesterday in the police court to stealing a silver watch; and other articles of value. the property of Mr Charles Brown, of Parson's bridge, and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard laber. Cock-Eye had only recently been in the chain-gang for an offence committed at Nanaimo.

CHILD DESERTED .- The Oregonian says that a heartless couple, who took their dem parture from Portland on the Oriflamme, left their child at the hotel where they had been staying. The landlord, on discovering the fact, burried down to the wharf, but the steamer was already underweigh with the recreant parents on board.

THEATRE TO-NIGHT-The numerous friends of Mr Marsh, and the public generally, will not forget that the talented Pixley Sisters, assisted by the always popular Marsh family, will appear for the last time in Victoria this evening, in song, dance and comedy. For full particulars of the entertainment, see programmes.

Towed Across-The steamer Isabel towed the ship Nicholas Biddle to Port Blakely. W.T., yesterday, where the ship will load with lumber for San Francisco. The Isabel will return on Wednesday with spars for the distressed ship Vortigern, now lying in Ess quimalt harbor.

CHICAGO-Thirty years ago the population of Chicago was 4,000, now it is 264,000 and rapidly increasing, and in spite of the prophecy that after the war was over the city would stop growing, there have been nine thousand buildings put up there the past

RUMOURED DISASTER.—It is reported that the schooner Crosby, loaded with San Juan lime, which left the Sound over a month ago for Portland, has put in at Port Townsend, W: Ti, to refit, having lost all her sails: The Captain came over on the Anderson

THE AMATEUR PERFORMANCE in aid of the the funds of the Fire Department, will take place to-morrow week. The first rehearsal of the pieces will take place in the theatre, to-morrow, commencing at 11 o'clock a. mi, with 'Time Tries All'; the farce at noon,

QUARTZ SPECIMEN-In the show window of Mr Jungerman, jeweller, Government street, may be seen a large piece of quartz, weighing 37% . ounces, and more than half gold. This rich piece of boulder was found on Lowhee Creek.

DULL TIMES IN PORTLAND-We learn that the general depression in Portland equals, if it does not exceed, that of Victoria. This is attributed to the low fares of the opposition steamers having depleted the population of the city and neighborl ood.

MR ALSTON, Registrar-General, has received notification of his continuance in office, with a salary reduced from £500 to £400, and permission granted to attend to the practice of his profession.

GOVERNOR KENNEDY, his admirers say, United these Colonies. As a reward for his services in that respect he will probably Be

ARRIVED HOME.-We understand that word has been received of the arrival of ex Governor Kennedy and family in England. The Fideliter, with her Portland freight, sailed for New Westminster yester-

The Enterprise will go up on Thursday, should the Active arrive to-morrow. THE Eliza Anderson arrived from Puget Sound at midnight.

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The Fenian Bubble. There never was an orga

principles, and inspired by the centives of justice and patriotic has cut so ridiculous a figure in of the world as the unfortuna ciation styling themselves Feni may be said that "nothing like success;" and that had Stephens and his beguiled for accomplished the liberation an pendence of Ireland they won been the idols of hero wors We will accept the aphorism. gainsay the force of its appl But it has been too palpable f ontset that those who assume the leaders and directors of the tious movement were neither in by love for their native so desire to redress wrongs and ances, imaginary or real, but and purely by a penchant for riety and prospective What has been the record of honey and its other self-cons executive officers? Has it not record of the most barefaced tion? We are speaking of the can continent, for it is there, an alone, that Fenianism has any t existence. Brotherhoods were lished everywhere, and throu medium of inflated addresses, talse and sensational telegraph nouncements, the hearts of Ir were fired and their purse opened. Contributions poure the central treasury, the Head and their subordinates became ly enriched, built expensive ma and only withdrew from office the empty coffers indicated an of trust." Where so conveni opportunity for handling the presented itself it was, of cours natural that other Richards appear on the field, and Ste Roberts and Sweeney asserte pretensions to the chief directhe Brotherhood. The miseral ure of the Roberts and Sween on the Canadian borders cause downfall, and Stephens, fi the horrors of a British di stepped into favor, with th of Chief Organizer. Steph course, deprecated the cours sued by the Roberts party nounced in strong terms the sion of the peaceful homes of un ing Canadians, declared that th must be bearded in his den, that tl must be struck in Ireland hers that the dawn of the year would f with the green flag floating tr antly over him, fighting side h with thousands, aye, millions o men for Irish independence bait took, Stephens carried the of his gullible hearers by storn constipated treasury again healthy and vigorous, as do poured in to aid the cause noble patriot. The cards ha played, James Stephens dissar from the stage to work the springs of his country's rede while to complete the bill of th the correspondents of the Nev Herald and other reliable sheet instructed to flash sensational graphs across the ocean, so the Brotherhood might be assure the people of Ireland were on of rising en masse. And what sequel to this farce? The inte despatches published in anoth umn inform us. Stephens ins proceeding, according to his to the scene of action, has been in New York. The treasury i ound to be leaking badly, f pretender ' is deposed and bra a coward. Surely this last must open the eyes of those w been so egregiously and abou duped! They must see that ism has, and can have no sub foothold so long as nine-tenthe people of Ireland 1emain loyal flag that waves over them, ar by devoting their substance

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profess to work out the indep of their fatherland they are be tering pearls before swine.