AND CHRONICLE. Tuesday, January 28, 1868

We are glad to see that the agitation n regard to the delay of the Government in taking steps to secure the admission of this Colony into the Canadian Confederacy has at last taken a practical turn, and that a meeting is to be held on an early day next week to consider the most expedient course to pursue in regard thereto. Some months ago we urged the necessity of a public meeting in the matter; not that we had any doubts in regard to the minds of the people in this city in favor of Confederation, but that we felt convinced the Canadian Government was only waiting for action on our part in order that the union might be consummated during the present year, and the cause of delay was altogether attributable to our own Government. At the great public meeting held last spring to consider for the first time this matter, the scheme was to many quite new, and few had given it any study, and althoug there was almost an entire unanimity in the desire to get rid of our present burthensome and inefficient Government, yet there was a hesitation on the part of some to commit themselves blindly to a political change so important upon bare abstract statements that our condition would be materially improved. Since that time, however, the Imperial Act of Union has been published and much information has been obtained, and these who are like. ly to take part in the meeting now proposed will be able to answer definately many important inquiries that have hitherto been unanswered, for the information of those who have not felt sufficient interest to inform themselves by consulting the Act itself, or jesty the Queen,' which was drank with three by reading the reports of the press in regard thereto. We have no doubt there will be sufficient facts elicited to remove the last remaining doubt from every honest minded man, not only of the great good that will accrue to this Colony through Confederation, but of the necessity of prompt and energetic dtank with enthusiasm and loud obsering. action being taken on the part of the people, in order to make those benefits immediate. As we have remarked in a previous article, we do not think it strange that opposition to the Confederation of the British North Ame Colonies should be manifested by that Society; may universal brotherhood ever portion of the American people who exist between that Society and the Caledoare impressed with the 'no pent up nia Benevolent Society! (Cheers) Mr. Utica' idea, but we do wonder that Shepherd, President of St. Andrew's Society, there should be any doubt or hesita- thanked the company for the cordial manner tion on the part of the English people love for the institutions of their country, for in no other way could they do made to Robby Burn's birth-place, and con-England more bonor, or perform a cluded by recommending that the two Sociegreater service to their country than ties be merged in one for the benefit of sufby using the opportunity, fortunately fering fellow-countrymen. The President of or providentially thrown in their way. in giving all their influence in consum. mating a scheme which has been fostered and matured in the British Parliament, and which is looked upon by the intelligent portion of that nation as adding materially to the strength in response to the toast, and was frequently and stability of the Throne and the applauded, especially when he alluded to perpetuity of the best and wisest gov. ernment upon the earth, the germ of which England alone can claim the honor of possessing in its entirety. In short, by the consolidation of Brit-1sh North America, on the terms of the 'British North American Act.' Canada becomes more nearly a part bered only 14, now has on its roll the names and parcel of England than it ever of over 80 members. Mr D. B. Reid prowas before; if any persons entertain posed 'The New Officers'; responded to by the idea that Confederation is a step Vice-President Robertson. Dr Comrie protoward severance from England, just preed 'The Memory of Burns,' in approprilet them read the following sections

of the Union Act: "Article 3, Section 1. The Executive Government and authority of Canada is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the

Section 11. That there shall be a Council to aid and advise the Government of Canada. to be called the Queen's Privy Council for Canada.

Section 15. 'The Command-in-Chief of the land and raval militia, and of all the proposed by Mr J. Deans, responded to by naval and military torces of and in Canada is hereby declared to continue and be vested in the Queen.'

We did not intend to discuss in this article the merits of the Union Act, but merely to call attention to that feature of it which bears the unmistakable evidence society.

of British permanency, in order that The Weekly British Columnst. Englishmen in this Colony should be more ardent in their desires for its speedy accomplishment. We believe in Confederation, nor have we adopted the scheme from any hasty impulse, but after calm, cautious and mature deliberation. Having studied well the matter, we are convinced that it is the only means left for the political and commercial salvation of our Colony. It will give to us a liberal and economical government; it will unite us to a stirring, nergetic and sagacious people, who will make common cause with us in opening up the latent resources of the country, and in protecting us against that commercial upremacy of a foreign country on the Pacific coast, which has almost forced the mercantile portion of our community to see in annexation the only remedy for our commercial depression.

Saturday, January 25.

CALEDONIAN BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION .-About 80 gentlemen sat down at the Anniversary Dinner of this Association last evenwas served in Holden's best style, and, grace having been said, ample justice was done to the repast-two of the dishes being the famous Scotch haggis and leek-pudding The head of the table was occupied by J. K. Suter, Esq., President of the Association who was ably supported by Vice-Presidents Russell and Robertson. Upon the right of the President we observed Rev. Mr. Somerville. Dr. Comrie, R. N., Dr. Tolmie, Hop. A. De-Cosmos and Hon. W. Cox. Upon the left, J. G. Shepherd, Esq., President of the St. Andrew's Society, His Worship Mayor Trimble, Hon. F. J. Barnard, and R. Finlayson, J. Wilkie, J. G. McKay, J. P. Davies and T. Spence, Esquires. The assembly was a highly convivial one, and was rendered still more agreeable by the presence of the bagpipes, which were played with great skill by Mr. Conlan. Mr. Haynes led the masic. The President read a note from Sir James Douglas, the Patron of the Society excusing bimself for non-attendance at the dinner, and proposed the health of ' Her Matimes three. Vice-President Russell proposed the health of Governor Seymour, which was drank standing. The President proposed the health of the 'Caledonian Benevolent Association, and stated that the members and friends of the Society were increasing rapids ly. Vice-President Russell proposed the toast of 'The Army and Navy,' which was Dr. Comrie, R. N., responded in appropriate terms, and in speaking of Colonial matters drew attention to the want of a graving dock at Esquimalt. He referred to the services of Scotchmen in all branches of the public service, and sat down amid much applause Mr. Rutherford proposed the 'St. Andrew in which the toest had been drank, and boped the good feeling expressed to night would the Caledonian Society replied that the St. Andrew's would be received as Caledonians with open arms at any time. Rev. Mr. Somerville proposed 'The Legislative Council.' coupling with the toset the names of Hons. DeCosmos, Cox and Barnard, and eulogising Confederation. Mr. DeCosmos spoke eloquently the scheme of Confederation. Responses were also made by Hons. Cox and Barnard His Worship the Mayor and Town Council,' proposed by Mr J. R. Robertson, was responded to by his Worship the Mayor Mr Semple proposed . The Retiring Officers, responded to by Mr Robertson, who said that the association, which one year ago numate and feeling terms. The speaker rapidly sketched the life and works of the poetlaureate of Scotland, quoted some of the great bard's most beautiful lines, and was warmly applauded. The toast was drank standing and in silence, the bagpipes playing the beautiful air of 'Burns' Farewell' in most effective style. Dr Tolmie proposed 'The Land we Live in, which was replied to by Mr John Wilkie. 'Caledonia.' Mr Barron. 'The Press,' by V ce-President Bissell, responded to by Mr Suter, closed the regular toast list. A number of volunteer toasts and songs fullowed, and we left the Caledonians at a late hour, after having sassed a most agreeable evening in their

Supreme Court.

[Before His Lordship Chief Justice Needham.] January 24th, 1868.

matter of the application of the United States Consul for Letters of Administration to the effects of the deceased. Mr Ring. instructed by Mr Pearkes, appeared for the U.S. Conesi; Mr Walkem, on behalf of the Crown; and Mr Wood, instructed by Mr Copeland, on behalf of the Official Admia-

asked for a postponement of the hearing to enable further affidavits to be filed.

Re Baskie, deceased-In this estate Letters of Administration de bonis non were ordered to issue in lien of the letters formerly granted to the official administrator.

NEARLY FATAL RESULT OF CARRLESSNESS On Thursday evening, Charles Morgan, of Petaluma, applied at the Russ House office for accommodation. He took a room and retired forthwith for the night. In the morning he did not make his appearance at the botel, and on going to look for him he was ing, at the St. George Hotel. The dinner found lying on the bed in his room, insensible from the inhalation of gas, with which the room was completely filled. It was found that he had either blown out the gar, or turned it off, and in letting go of the thumb piece carelessly let it swing around, so as to turn it on again, for the deadly vapor was ru ing at full head, and death must have soon ensued had the discovery been long delayed. The services of two able physicians were immediately procured, and every effort at resuscitation made. The man

> FROM THE MAINLAND. - The steamer En terprise arrived from Burrard Inlet at five o'clock vesterday afternoon, bringing 13 passengers and Barnard's Cariboo Express. The river continues blocked with ice. From the upper country we learn that the Minnehaha Co., on Mosquito Gulch, divided \$320 to the share for two weeks' work. The Columbian has a long and scurrilous article upon Victoris. Victorians and the Hudson Bay Company, and winds up by intimating that the Legislative Council will not sit at Victoria above stated. this session. The same article also says that the Duke of Buckingham has declined to interfere with the question of the removal of the Seat of Government to Victoria. The authority is exceedingly dubious.

PUBLIC MEETING .- A requisition to the Mayor to call a public meeting in the Theatre on an early day, respecting Confederation, is in circulation and is being numerously signed. We are glad to see an interest manifested by the people is a matter which most peculiarly pertains to their province to act upon, for we are well assured, from the experience had in the Confederation of the Eastern Provinces, that no terms of union will cceptable to Canada that does not either emanate from the people or be by them con-

GREAT ATTRACTION AT THE THEATRE-Professor Martin, the renowned Wizard, with whom our citizens have passed many pleasant evenings, will give a last performance at the theatre this evening, and in order of this Colony, who profess such strong long be maintained. Mr. Shepherd gave a that all may have as opportunity of attendhighly interesting account of a visit which he ling has reduced the prices of admission to 50 and 25 cents. This is a praiseworthy movement on the part of the professor, and one which we hope will meet with encour-

> RATES-Mr Marsh announces an entertainment for Tuesday evening at the theatre, with Mrs Jenny Arnot Fowlis, Miss Lizzie Yeoman, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Musgrave Anderson and George W. and R. G. Marsh. The comedy of the 'Rough Piamond; or, Cousin Joe,' and the farce of ' 2450; or, the Lottery Ticket,' will be produced. The prices of admission have been fixed at 50 and 25 cents.

> RIDING SCHOOL.—There was a good attendmoe yesterday at Bartholomew's classes, including several ladies, and all expressed hemselves highly gratified with the manner n which the instruction was given. The school is open every day, and a large number of young folks are being instructed by Mr. Bartholomew, whose extreme care and attention have already won for him the confilence of the entire community.

duced by the shock from falling into the cold water.—S. F. Alta 21st.

SAILED -- The H. B. Co.'s bark Prince of England. She carred considerable freight out with a fair breeze.

THE mail steamer Del Norte is due to-

Re Isaac Humphreys, deceased-In the

Mr Walkem, on the part of the Crown.

Postponement granted till Friday, 31st inst., at 11 o'clock.

recovered .- S. F. Alta, 10th.

PERFORMANCE AT THE THEATRE-REDUCED

SINGULAR DEATH-On Friday evening, Silas Veral, mate of the bark Huntaville. while getting into a boat, on Steuart street wharf, to go on board his vessel, missed his footing and fell into the bay. He was caught in an instant and taken into the boat, but he died in a few moments, as was supposed, from apoplexy, probably immediately pro-

Wates sailed yesterday morning for London, but no passengers. The steamer Otter towed the bark into the Straits, and left her to run

SKATING-Harris' Pond and Elk Lake were crowded yesterday with skaters of both sexes and all ages and conditions. The ice was generally smooth, and the sport seemed to be appreciated by those who indulged in

ister Resident at Japan, was married at Yedo, November 25, to Miss Anna Schoyer by Rev J. N. Ballagh, assisted by Rev. D. Thompson

THE report that the mail steamer was rounding Race Rocks yesterday was incorrect. The vessel seen was the steamer Otter, returning to this port from the Straits.

THE Isabel started for Burrard Inlet last evening, having in tow the British ship Dorchester, chartered to load there with lumber.

THE brig W. D. Rice, formerly a regular packet sailing from this port to California has been totally lost on the Southern Coast of California.

The Oldest Odd Fellow in the United

States still Living. No 61 CLINTON PLACE, NEW YORK,

November 25th, 1867 To the Editor of the New York Ex press :- I notice in the Evening Express of last Friday an article taken from the Columbus (Miss.) Index, announcing the death of Rev. Thomas Wostenholms, at the age of 73, and stating that he was the oldest Odd Fellow in America at the time of his death, having belonged to the Order fifty years. I beg leave to state that the oldest living Odd Fellow in the United States is Past Grand Brother Benjamin Downing, of Newport, Rhode Island' and at present residing in this city, hale and hearty, at the age of 83, who has belonged to the Order 60 years he having joined the Duke of York's FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS. Lodge, No. 1, at Harwich, England, in 1807-and is the only living member of the formation of the first Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and the only surviving member of the Institution of Columbia Lodge No. 1, of this city. Bro. Downing was born in Stamford, Conn, the 10th day of March, 1784, and following the sea in his younger days, found himself in England during the long embargo, where he joined the lodge as

J. W .D. Respectfully yours.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA. Sip Lettia, 2 Sip Hamiey Sip Sagie, Gr Sir Enterpris Jan 21—19 i Sip Mist, Wo Sebr Discover Jan 22—Bk I Schr Codfish, Schr Codfish, Schr Black D

CLEARED. Jan 20—Slp Hamley, Hollins, Napalmo Slp Lady Franklin, Pritchard, San Juan

Jan 21—Stp Harrist, Smith, San Juan
Schr Industry, Smith, Nanaimo
Behr Gazolle, Baromovitch, Pt Townsend
Schr Bliza Anderson, Finch, Pt Townsend
Schr Discovery, Rudlin, Nanaimo
Jan 23—Stp Lettila, Adams, Port Townsend
Smr Enterprise, Swansen, New Westminster
Schr Black Diamond, McCulloch, Nanaimo
Bip Mist, Woods, San Juan
Sip Kagie, Graham, San Juan
Ship Prince of Wales, Adamson, London
Jan 23—Schr Juventa, Willoughby, Pt Townsend

PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W.T.

Jan 17 - Br schr Discovery Jan 19 - Br schr Alpha January 22-San Salvador ship Marie Conradi, Sa francisco, loads at Pt Blakely CLEARED

Jan 14—Ship Rivere, San Francisco
Jan 16—Bk venen, Hilo, S I.
Jan 18—Schr Alakka, San Francisco
Jan 20—Italian bark Vittoria. Ciliao
Br schouner Disc very, Victoria, hay
Br schr Alpha, Victoria, coal

PASSENGERS.

Per stmr DEL NORIE, from San Franci-co-A N Rich ards, U Dechaute, Mr Sutto and wife, Mrs Sutro and in fant and servant, C C Pende grast, Colonel Gray, U S.A. Lewis McQuade, G Greenbaum, S B Brockett, lewis Lewis, H Wallace, W H Oliver, S P Moody, a Packschner wite and 2 children, Mrs Perry and Seivant, Mr Alex. Watson wife, 3 children and servant. Per star ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound— Capt Fleming, Mrs Myors, Mys C Myers, Mrs Kate Smitt and child, Miss A Mc ordy, Mr Rich ard Stark. J Ferdue J Spurlock, J G Mu ray, McKinley, Lombard, J Watson B Burry, J Brown, J L Buckley, 5 Ind. 3ns, 2 Chicamen.

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coff.ee, 20 pkgs drugs 45 pkgs dry goots, 17 pkgs fancy
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pkgs meat, 12 pkgs nuss, 7 bxs opimm, 1 bel rosin, 2 pkgs
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handed a stone. T

Thus it follows that we fi thousand times worse off w we were without it. We it was wise to put ours Cardwell's hands and as us into any shape he pl we now know that the mo impolitic one But 'by by-gones," and it is not b the fires of resentment and ical bunders and sins the accomplished in the presel only by uniting in a final out our political regenera favorable result can be b It is not because this man advocates a certain line o should be applauded or not because a very griev made upon one occasion th in trying to rectify it-or one change brought us de content and misery, anoth not secure us liberty, hap perity. No man more would deprecate haste and the present movement. pends upon the exercise in arranging the preliming ing negotiations with Government: but in the tion there is nothing Union being brought to summation. We have evidence before us that th ment have taken no steps before the Government ation-that they have

perhaps criminally so, in ried out the wishes of Council. We therefore man every true lover whether he conscientious as any hope to be expecte ter ?: We take it all Confederation is inevita News, yesterday, says ! is impossible, and that will gobble us up, quie

forcibly if they must," How important, then, is