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NOTICE.

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THE DREDGING SCHEME.

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Taking, therefore, the most favorable view of the work, and accepting Mr. De Cosmos' estimate of the working expenses, we have found the numbers an expenditure of £80,000 during the ensuing seven years.

CELEBRATED CHAMPAGNE. E. THOMAS, Yates street.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

FRIDAY, May 20. Present:—The Hon. Chief Justice, Attorney General, Treasurer, Surveyor General, and the Hon. Donald Fraser.

THE GOVERNOR'S INSTRUCTIONS. A message was received from the Governor enclosing copies of his instructions as Governor of the Colony.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY BILL. And UNENCLOSURE WELLS BILL.

These bills were both received from the Lower House, and on motion of the Hon. D. Fraser, perused by Hon. A. Watson.

BANKING BILL. This bill having been engrossed was brought up, and on motion of Hon. Watson, read a third time and passed.

TELEGRAPH REGULATIONS BILL. The President of the House moved, seconded by Hon. A. Watson, that the consideration of the bill be postponed until another meeting.

Monday, May 23. Council met at 2:30 p.m. Present: Hon. President, Treasurer and Fraser.

REAL ESTATE TAX. Hon. D. Fraser introduced a bill to levy a tax of one-half of one per cent on all real estate in the city of Victoria.

VICTORIA AID BILL. Hon. D. Fraser also introduced for a first reading a bill to enable the Executive to pay the Corporation \$6,000 for civic purposes.

DANGEROUS WELLS. The bill providing for the closing of dangerous wells was laid over on account of an omission.

THE AID BILL AGAIN. The President said the \$6,000 seemed to be a present, not a loan.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS. Hon. D. Fraser said he would move at next meeting for an address to His Excellency for copies of all papers in His Excellency's possession in relation to the subject of the improvement of Victoria harbor.

SUMMARY COURT. (BEFORE HIS HONOR THE CHIEF JUSTICE.) MONDAY, 23rd May.

Scott vs Taylor—This was a suit to recover his commission on sale of a lot, belonging to defendant which plaintiff alleged was sold by him on commission.

DeLeon vs Smith vs Rowland—Suit for balance of contract for clearing land. Verdict plaintiff for \$10.

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