

The Weekly British Colonist and Chronicle.

Saturday, May 16 1868.

The leading London and Provincial papers all unite in expressing regret at the retirement of Mr Adams, the American Minister, to England. In the delicate and difficult controversy of the Alabama claims, and other minor national questions, where the greatest prudence and conciliation were required to keep the two countries within friendly relations, it is said, Mr Adams deserves the gratitude of the English people. While he never for a moment forgot the dignity of his own country, and even sometimes urged the Alabama affair with a pertinacity which in other men might have been deemed offensive; he never at the same time for a moment lost sight of the necessity of remaining at peace with ours, and at the critical moment when exasperation threatened to overtake prudence, he would restore the understanding in the most graceful and cordial manner. The Evening Mail says, "There were times during the last seven years when we could have liked him better had he been occasionally less rigid and inflexible. It is natural, though perhaps not reasonable altogether, that we should have wished him to look at the questions between us with English rather than American eyes. But Mr Adams had his duty to his own government to perform, and the nicest ingenuity could not have enabled him to render that duty especially attractive to us. He invariably, however, exhibited a wise discretion and cool judgment." It was the violent speeches of the American Congress and people, delivered at times during the period referred to, upon the questions at issue between the two countries, it is easy to comprehend the embarrassments and dangers into which both would have been plunged had Mr Adams been a less capable, cautious or conscientious man. Mr Adams is the representative of a family which has taken the most prominent position in American affairs since the creation of the American nation, and his own public life extends over a quarter of a century. He is a man of great natural ability, solid reading and scholastic attainments, a statesman in fact in every way. When we recollect that the questions it was his duty to press upon England so long were deemed by her people as somewhat strained and unjust, and the course he had to pursue could under no circumstances be other than distasteful, we may be assured he has accomplished no common success in retiring from his responsible position with the earnest regard of our Government and the gratitude of our people. Let us hope his successor will pursue the same policy and retire with the same honor.

The exciting and important trial of Pigott and Sullivan the writers of seditions libels in the Irishman, Weekly News and Tribune, has been brought to an end, and both men severely punished. Mr Justice Fitzgerald passed sentence on Sullivan and Baron Deasy on Pigott. Sullivan was sentenced to six calendar months imprisonment and at the end of that time to find two sureties in £500 each besides his own recognizance for the same amount, to be of good behaviour for two years, and in default of such sureties to be further imprisoned for a second period of six months. Pigott was sentenced to twelve calendar months imprisonment at the end of which he was to find the same sureties as Sullivan. The sentence is considered by the public press generally as severe, but necessary as a precaution to put an end to the vile character of such writings, as the Government had in these cases to deal with. The removal of the prisoners to goal caused no manifestations of feeling from the populace except a partial cheering. Sullivan expressed himself satisfied before leaving Court with the obsequious conduct of the Judge and Crown officers, but not with the jury. He is represented as a most gifted man—one of those brilliant Irishmen who have so often flashed across the page of

history, only, as it were, to fill a felon's cell. It is a sad thing to see such men misled by the false theory of regenerating Ireland by rebellion; and the judge in passing sentence freely regretted the necessity of withdrawing him from society for a time, especially as he had long devoted his eminent abilities to the public service, to advance the cause of education and promote the claims of charity. It is much to be hoped that Sullivan and all men of his class, like Charles Gavin Duffy, will follow a life of wisdom in the future, and attain thereby the honors which he secured in the past.

Death of Lord Brougham.

By telegraph last night we are informed of the demise of this distinguished nobleman. The account received is very meagre, simply stating that his lordship fell into a pleasant stupor, from which he never recovered. From the contradictory reports lately received about his health, and the advanced age to which he had arrived, however much we may regret to announce his death, we cannot be surprised at it, for he must at least have reached his ninetieth year. Of course his remains will receive a public funeral. The nation cannot honor too much in death the man who in life shed such glory on its name, as a writer, orator, statesman, philosopher, lawyer, judge and philanthropist. What living name can we now recall of that mighty roll of men belonging to the last generation who at the bar, in the forum, and on the battle field shed undying lustre on our country? All gone now, and centuries may pass before their equal is seen again.

Niagara Falls.

From the following paragraph taken from a recent number of Public Opinion there seems to be no hope for these mighty waters which for so many years were the pride and wonder of American continent. Geologically speaking, it is stated the water has really got a passage between the limestone and shale, the downfall cannot be long delayed. "A speedy and mighty change in the character of the great Niagara Falls is looked for. It has long been known that beneath the hard limestone shelf over which the vast body of water passes there is a soft stratum of shale. The slow wearing away of the limestone gave a long lease of existence to the falls, but the lease is now threatened with a sudden termination by the certain indications in the currents about 300 yards above the Canadian falls, which show the water has got under the sub-laying shale, and is rapidly eating it away. It has been ascertained that a subterranean stream of water is now pouring into the gulf below the falls, and everything goes to prove that the great limestone shelf known as the "Horseshoe" will soon be completely undermined and destroyed. The effects are anticipated—the conversion of the falls into a rapid, thereby rendering the "shooting of Niagara" practicable, and secondly, the diverting of the entire body of water to the Canadian side, the United States being thus robbed of their share of the mighty cataract by the Britishers."

Doa Poisoning.

Some two weeks since we recorded one of these disgraceful occurrences taking place at Esquimaux, when Mr Howard, a well known citizen of that town, had a valuable animal killed by this means. On Saturday last the act was repeated, and another of the same kind, the best and only one in the colony (a thorough-bred rat-terrier) was poisoned. This iniquitous act compels Mr Howard to distribute the litter, about a month old, amongst his friends in Victoria to preserve them from the depraved instincts and vengeance of this vile dog poisoner. Mr Howard offers \$50 for information that will lead to the conviction of the wretch. To our knowledge the practice has been followed up for eighteen months, and the man capable of such acts is not fit to live in a white community. It is much to be hoped he will be found out.

Volunteer Force of England.

Some alarm is felt at home as to the possibility of sustaining the enormous expense of our present militia force, which lately has assumed proportions few people living in the colonies realize. In 1848, it is said, England could not bring together more than twelve or fifteen thousand regulars to repel invasion, and that unsupported by any kind of reserve to be relied upon. In 1868, at least forty thousand regulars are available at notice, supported by a hundred thousand militia, a hundred and fifty thousand volunteers, with an artillery of unusual strength. The expense, however, to sustain this magnificent army at home is increasing so fearfully that many of the leading journals are urging Parliament to take the matter up on the score of economy.

George Francis Train. This eccentric and erratic individual has topped completely over, adding another name to the already long list of miserable failures in life. That Train had abilities, which if properly applied, would have made him useful in many ways, there can be no doubt, but an over-estimating vanity and egotistical self-conceit have ruined him for ever. His regeneration of Ireland has turned out as big a failure as himself. A grand lecture to be given in a room especially selected because it would hold 4000 persons, he had only 100 present, and refused to speak for that reason. He tried it again the next night but met with no better success.

Tax Office.

The Tax Office calls this morning for San Francisco direct, taking a small cargo, except her coal, and a considerable number of passengers. Over two-thirds of the latter however, come back to us as soon as they get the business completed which takes them away. A few leave us for good, and out of that few, one or two it is to be hoped will never return. Amongst the passengers we notice the names of O. B. Young, Miss Marshall and others.

Death of an old Pioneer.

W. E. Carmack Esq., Librarian at New Westminster, and one of the earliest settlers in the colony died on the 2nd instant. The illness which terminated fatally was short but very severe; and towards the last he suffered great pain. The British Columbian of Saturday last contains a lengthy and complimentary account of Mr Carmack's life and death.

The English papers.

speak of a serious stagnation of business since the beginning of the year, in most of the principal manufacturing towns. But accounts up to the last week of dates in our possession are more favorable, and an increased activity prevails at Wolverhampton, Sheffield, Nottingham, Newcastle on Tyne, Middlesboro, Manchester, Leeds, Huddersfield, Halifax, Dundee, Birmingham and Barnsley.

Courts.

A Court of General Assize and Gaol Delivery will be held at each of the following places: Yale, Monday, May 18; Lillooet, Wednesday, May 27; Quesnelmouth, Saturday, June 13; Richmond, Friday, June 19. The Court will sit on the days mentioned at 11 a.m.; on subsequent days, if any assize, at 10 a.m.

The steamer Polikofsky.

sailed for San Francisco yesterday morning, where, as already stated, she will undergo a thorough repair. From the appearance of the weather on leaving it is probable she will not encounter anything very severe during the trip, and it is hoped she will not. The captain expects to reach San Francisco in six days.

Brewer's Brewery.

The public will be glad to find that they are not to be forever deprived of Brewster's ale, in spite of the late fire. Men were at work yesterday morning clearing away the ruins preparatory to putting up the new building.

Queen's Birthday.

In another column will be found the advertisement of the Regatta. It contains a goodly list of races and other fun, which will no doubt make the day pass pleasantly. Pic-nic parties are forming already.

The report of the cricket match.

of Mr Drake in the second innings is wrong; instead of 'one' it ought to be 'nineten'.

The Victoria Directory.

Mr Mallandaine's work is progressing as rapidly as possible, and will be issued in a short time.

G. SUTRO & CO.

Corner of Yates and Wharf Streets, IMPORTERS OF CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

INSURANCE AGENCY.

MARINE—Pacific Insurance Company, San Francisco. FIRE—Imperial Insurance Company, London. LIFE—City of Glasgow Assurance Company, Glasgow.

Lytton Hotel

LYTTON, B.C. THE PUBLIC ARE RESPECTFULLY informed that the above Hotel is now open for the accommodation of travellers. One of the best Cooks in the country is retained at this establishment, and the Bar is supplied with a choice assortment of Wines and Liquors.

FINDLAY & DURHAM,

IMPORTERS General Commission Merchants Wharf Street, Victoria, T.J.

AGENCY OF SAINSEVAIN'S WINE AND WINE BITTERS, HOSSETTER'S BITTERS, BOKER'S BITTERS, BANEROFF'S CIDER.

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The great secret of attaining happiness is to secure good health, without which life is stripped of its pleasures. The first irregularity of any function should be checked, and the right by appropriate doses of these Pills, which strengthen the system by purifying the blood, and all impurities. They balance disordered action, remove the cause of disturbance and restore its normal and natural power of every organ, without inconvenience, pain or any other drawback.

Whiskies, SCOTCH, IRISH, BOURBON.

CLARET WINES, G. PRELLER & CO., ST. JULIEN, CHATEAU MARGAUX, CHATEAU PERSAN, ST. EMILION, CHATEAU De Portets Lognac, ST. LAUBES, LAROSE.

Champagne Wines, NAPOLEON'S CABINET, BOUCHE, E. CLICQUOT, GRAPE LEAF, JULES MUMM, MOSELE, MUSCATTEL MOSELE, JACKETAS, Etc., Etc.

White Wines, HAUT SAU R N, RUDESHEIME, SCHARLBERGER, C. HER.

Ciders, OREGON and BANCROFT, PORTER, BLOOD, WOLFE & CO, BYASS.

Liqueurs, CURACOA, MARASCHINO, CASSIS, ANNETTE, CHERRY CORDIAL, ASSORTED LIQUEURS, Fancy Bottles.

Jamaica Ginger and Peppermint, Rums, JAMAICA, DEMARARA, NEW ENGLAND, APPLE JACK.

Gins, S.B. & CO. OLD TOM, in Bulk and Case, PURE SCHIEDAM HOLLAND GIN, J.K. & Co. in Bulk and Case.

Sherry & Port Wines, Bitters, BOKER'S, HOSTETTER, ORANGE, COCKTAIL, STOUGHTON.

Absinthe, PERNOD, BERGER, SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS.

Legislative Council

TAURDAY EVENING, The Council met at 8 p.m. Hon. Crease, Spalding, Wood, Smith, Cox, Hamley, Ball, Trutch, O'Reilly, Young.

LOAN SOCIETIES. The Committee of the resumed. Hon Cox in the Hon Crease said the bill large financial association whose transactions would in of money, and the safeguard were perfectly inefficient for intended. He had con authorities on Building ties, and he could not them admitting of the scope this bill. It was extraordinary in a bill of such magnitude, the session. It would make action in the law of parts could not be permitted. would create a sort of force Had its objects been confine Societies, it would have co support. It dealt with personal securities, and one signs was in direct oppositio that forbids advances by a on their own shares. The b be divided into several parts per heads.

Hon DeCosmos thought should be passed on its own tendency of the age was to restrictions, and the most em on political economy had ab this view of the matter. liability law was a step in th tion, but had been taken a deal of hesitation. All th quired was that as few im possible should be placed in business. Let the public whether the measure was g Are banks not the gigantic cers to which the learned g alluded; and they were vi the checks which he thought He was prepared with an Or to remove the objectio Attorney General. It was principle that companies m as they liked. As to the cing advances on their own s only the ordinary system pu banks, where the shares w collateral security. Any o into financial transactions, had any right to question l The association proposed to by this bill would make per Such an association would b the country. He believed l sion of labor, but in small this principle could not b The privileges granted by clearly defined, when the p creased in the colony, the business would make the sep different branches advisable.

Hon Wood thought the General had been treated w est possible courtesy. It res now, to propose such an would protect the public. N was intended by the bill th the means of incorporation, vantages of limited liability persons should be protecte, tected by the bill. He coul any objection to the principl a question of detail. It wou great want in this colony, t investment for small funds.

Hon Robson could not help strange that the hon gentlem in favor of such a bill, partic last evening of the session, h evidently not so clear as usual they would, there was no getting the bill through.

Hon Young was sorry to s little trifling opportunity was in order to harass the pati House. It was not the man such a measure, but really w sent difficulties in view, he sh mend the hon proposer to measure till next session.

Hon DeCosmos was not defer the bill, thought the numerous short and easi of.

Hon Wood as seconder was not in a position to w bill. There was no solid gro tion. It was a mere factio in which frivolous objections in order to speak against tim most unfair treatment, aft amount of time and expens bill had cost the parties inter

Hon Robson thought the who had last spoken, had a grumble about speaking a The hon gentleman had be against time during the w He would move that the C now rise.

The Committee then ro progress, and asked leave to The House then went into on the Anatomy Bill. Hon chair.

Hon Ball said the bill w with satisfaction anywhere lary in country districts. It human bill (great laughter), laughing subject (renewed really it was no laughing an of laughter) to be cut up for that clause should be struck

NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE LATE James Murray Reid must be presented for payment to the Executors, Robert Finlayson and John S. Helmecken, Esquires, on or before the First day of June next, after which date no claims will be acknowledged; and all persons indebted to the late James Murray Reid are requested to pay forthwith.

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