Friday, April 29. three days ago at the Mr. Attridge, on Whidby ces. Mr. Attridge had hose name is unknown, and d the man to observe the 500. Attridge replaced the on the shelf, and after locktinto the woods. The man ortunity forcibly entered the away with the contents of ected his escape and reached where he attempted to leave was agreeted by a serverted by a serverted by the statempted to leave was agreeted by the statempted to leave the statempte here he attempted to leave was arrested by a man who description. He was hand-ched and the whole of the g \$19 was found on his per-parties were counting the parties were counting the ner walked out and made for when our informants left he

HOMISH RIVER. We learn and, who arrived yesterday nd by the sloop Monitor, of in the death of two Ined Smith and Alex Davis, away woman belonging h tribe, they were resisted by d a fight ensued, Smith and and shot several of the In-nom are known to have died, seeded to Port Townsend and Howe, was after the per-

CTURE .- Yesterday Mesers. 70 ft. it is in 4 ft. lengths, so

Sooke -- A Cornish miner opper mines fell down sterday morning, and was ed. The shaft is 60 feet in all was fortunately broken by torty feet down; had he cks at the bottom he would been dashed to pieces. The brought to town in a boat d by Dr. Powell, who found

oo.—By a private letter dated ived by a gentleman in this we learn that the Cariboo ms Creek, expected to botthe next day. The writer of sed \$10 to \$15 out of the e was se much water in the The Welsh Company, im-the Cariboo, had struck a el 7 feet thick, prespecting

MBLY .- A "count-out" tool use of Assembly yesterday, and Messrs, DeCosmos and ennes made their appearance

Portland with Captain to San Francisco. Mr: ing much better health than city in February last. He aks highly of the encouraged in the latter place; but of Vard does not speak in very d Mrs. Leslie, Miss Douglas wasend, Potter, Mortimer, iously gone to San Francisco
ion of leaving for the Eastps and Miss Fanny Mergan
on the 13th instant. Miss
of the Marsh troupe was
19th instant to Tom Thorne, d completed her engage.

She desired Mr. Ward to ind wishes to her numerous is, and to assure them that fail, ander any circumstances, next season. Mr. Ward inhas the refusal of the Victor the season, and fully d the preposterous Civic tax hments he abolished) to come

E WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

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THE BRITISH COLUNIST EVERY MORNING. (Sundays Excepted,

AGENTS.

MR. DeCOSMOS' REPORT.

This gentleman's elaborate report was inoduced into the Crown Lands Committee yesterday. As the debate of that body was strictly private we are unable of course to strictly private we are unable of course to give even a glimpse of the contents of the document. It may, however, he necessary to again urge upon the members the necessity of dispatch. Every day now which is allowed to pass without bringing the matter nearer to an issue, may prove of very serious injury to the colony. It is, in fact, a matter of again urge upon the members the necessity of dispatch. Every day now which is allowed to pass without bringing the matter nearer to an issue, may prove of very serious injury to the colony. It is, in fact, a matter of regret, that a Commission was not appointed morths age; so that the result could have been laid before the House of Commons, before its prerogation in July or August pext. We pointed out in our Saturday's issue the serious instantiar. The seam of \$700,000

by any title anterior to the grant," and in two short years afterwards, he is quite, prepared to sanction any thing and every thing which the Hudson's Bay Company may feel disposed to claim. Her Majesty's Government not only recognize this outrageous and preposterous assumption of the Company in regard to occupied land anterior to the grant, but the Duke of Newcastle in a tone of perfect magnanimity tells Governor Douglas that "the concessions thus made by the Company appear to him to be as great as can be dedemanded from them." Glorious concessions truly, that take the Vanconver Island potato, and generously present the Gross

unworthy motives in allowing the Orown to be so unmercifully despoiled; but we'do think that such simplicity and vacillation shown by the head of the Colonial Decartment in this arrangement with the Pudson's Bay Company, are sufficient to warn the Members of our Assembly from allowing their case to rest entirely in the bands of the noble Duke. Until the whole question is brought before the House of Commons we have no hope whatever of the colony abtaining justice at the hands of the British Government.

Arrival of the Eliza Anderson

LATER PROM THE EAST. PADUCAH, KY., AGAIN THREATENED

Fort Pillow Massacre!

"From on board the bark Yankee—this was dropped on the thirteenth day of Aukust, at 5:30 p. m., civil time—year A. D., 1863; 18 days from Hopolulu bound for San Francisco; in latituce 40 day, 30 min. N., and longitude 146 deg. 50 min. W. All well on

"P. S..—We have had a bead wind almost ever since leaving Honolain, and have now a strong head wind."

ADAM ISAAC

contrary opinions are cortained, has left for the East, after having setted \$36,000 for the fortunate manager who induced her to visit-these shores, at the same time realizing a meanly equal amount for herself. The Golden Era devotes a slump and a quarter

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Braddon's rensation story of "The Outgasts," region already mentioned. The process of the San Francisco theatres. A poem appears in one of the literary perest in the signature of Mrs. R. Cranshaw Wonder, if that doesn't stand for Nettie Sager that "used to was!"

No more at present.

J. L.

To a some serious its surface in summa in the signature of Mrs. R. Cranshaw witter world above; its gelid mass ded into the midst of warm and slopes and greensward, and so net eat to the borders of cultivation."

THE INLET.

On entering Bute inlet, the transition from the low rocky islands of the gulf to the abrupt precipitous snow-capped mountains of the mainland is very marked. But Inlet is about 35 miles long, with an average width of at least three miles. There are no islands or sand-banks, but innumerable bays, affording safe anchorage. Captain Howard told us it bears a very close resemblance to the fiords of Norway. Near the head of the Inlet some Chilecaten Indians paddled out in their cances, and came on board the schooner to get a free ride to the town site. These individuals have rings through their noses, are extensively painted, and are done up in the inevitable blanket. For the rest, there

Bowden, aged about eighteen years, and a native of Sydney. Australia, while sky-larking with some companions, was accidentably struck by a raw potatoe in the pit of the stomach. Putting his hands to his stomach, he exclaimed "On I" and died almost immediately. So slight was the blow, that the examining physician could not detect the slightest mark or braise. It is supposed that death was accasioned by the shock to the nervous system.

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BUTE INLET AND HOMATHCA
RIVER.

The scenery of the river until you reach the ferry is very pleasing, but not so grand as that above it. In many places the river widens considerably, dividing into channels, leaving stony islands, which in summer are covered by its waters. In travelling up, Medonal of the interpretation from the interpretation from the low rocky islands of the gulf to the low rocky islands of the low rocky islands of the form of the river until you reach the ferry is very pleasing, but not of so grand as that above it. In many places the river with the ferry is very pleasing, but not of so grand as that above it. In many places the river with the ferry is very pleasing, but not of so grand as that above it. In many places the river with the ferry is very pleasing

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rear of the town-site there is a magnificent waterfall (of 900 feet), which could be used as motive power for a saw-mill,—although as an artist, I must protest against any such appropriation of it. Round this place there is feed, and on the other side of the river a large meadow, luxuriant with pea-vine. Mules can swim across at most seasons; when the river is swollen a scow might be required.

THE NATIVES.

The Chilcoaten Indians are a dirty, lazy set, and although a few Homathea Indians set, and allhough a few Homatica Indians raise good potatoes at the head of the Inlet, the former prefer half starving in winter to exerting themselves. They disputed with their wretched cayota dogs anything we threw out of the house in the shape of bones, bacon rind, tea leaves, and other such like luxuries. Many of them are, however, willing and able to pack.

A " BLOW UP"-HIS " END" WAS NEAR. Mr. Clarke last winter missed many small things from his house at the town si'e, and could not catch the culprits, who came down the chimney during his absence. At last he got a friend to go into the cabin with a quarter of a pound of gunpowder, and locking the door outside himself, went away a short distance and then crept back to watch the fun. Soon an Indian came stealthily along, an front of the hetel art up; but they hen she arrived she his extremities bare, sans culottes, sans every-thing. He got nearly down the chimney when the man inside threw the powder on the smouldering ashes, and off it went. The Indian went off also, and with a terrific yell, but over the state of his nude portions I must draw a veil, He for months

afterwards afforded a wholesome warning to his tribe, being unable to sit or lie down-MAGNIFICENT GLACIERS.

Leaving the town site the trail is carried Leaving the town site the trail is carried to the ferry (30 miles), in the valley of the Homathia, sometimes following it exactly; often taking a more direct course almost entirely through cedar and alder bottom. Should exertaions at any period be made from Victoria to Bute Inlet, the most interesting feature will undoubtedly be the glaciers—the "rivers of ice," the "frozen torrents," as Prof. Forbes calls them. They are innumerable. One occurs a fittle below the town site; another 11 miles seeve it, and is seen distinctly from the trail and large bridge which crosses its principal stream.

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Leaving the trail I fullowed up some of the minor streams, having frequently to wade them. Though so early in the season they were running strong enough to take the nearly off my legs, or more properly speaking off saith them. It was a fine day, and although the snow on the glacier had not disappeare the blue and green ice beneath appeared through many a crevasse. This is a concome come in the bring bear and come

pearance, and her short pipe old Tellat, who is a "tenass tyhees." good Indian, we made our way through country, to the flat below the The town site, which is situated at the mouth of the Homathea, is a good one, with room enough for a city, and the clearing will be easy. The buildings so far erected, are a store-house, stables, some log houses, &c.; there is also a wharf. Immediately in the rear of the town-site there is a magnificant grit and debris as the lower one before dea-cribed, and the ice (seen from the flat) appears only like a wot mass of rook, though some of the cracks and the dripping under edges perfectly reveal its nature. The falling of the stones is incessant; now a shower of pebbles, now a few hundred weight of boulders, now a few number weight of bouladers, now a thimbleful of sand—but at wayssomething coming over. In advance, and
between some of the streams are islands and
pyramids of large boulders, indicating that
the glacier once extended thus far, these being the debris that then accumulated about its base, forming what geologists call terminal

meraines.

Beyond this point there is less of interest. the country being flatter—e.go, travelling

CRICKET AT NANAINO .- The residents of this flourishing town are evidently determined to maintain in all matters their position as the second place in importance in the colony. They have their literary institute, library, debating society (ahead of us, indeed, in all these) and now a correspondent writes us to say that they have just organized a Cricket Club, under the most favorable suspices, with the title of the Nansimo Cricket Club. Our cricketers had better bestir themselves, as they may look for a challenge some fine day.

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sole this amount which seems of the percon were taken who due out of it appear the face with bayonets and swords, which a Commission formed to-morrow, which is prove to the Imperial authorities that denture of 1862 was obtained by such regresentations as would justify the Government in at once annulling the meet. It can be proved that Mr. Dalatements on which the sage Emigra-Cummissioners—Marcoch and Walcott at the end of the first year from the time they had enlisted in the State service. They did not enter the Federal service till to diment, were uttarly contrary to fact, is also quite enflicient existence of the greater part of the summer came and their celebrated enemorandum of ment, were uttarly contrary to fact, is also quite enflicient existence of the greater part of the summer came part of the first years and the provided possible assertions of the sage Emigra-Cummissioners—Marcoch and Walcott at the end of the first year from the time to their celebrated enemorandum of ment, were uttarly contrary to fact, is also quite enflicient existence with the face that were in the face of the mount accomplish who ever appeared on the face of the mount of five thousand of his meet effecting the mount. So commissions that at the internal revenue bills have been acted internal revenue bills have been acted internal revenue bills have been acted in the Committee. Several and internal revenue bills have been acted to prove the first of the face of valuable land were made over a find the face of valuable land were made over a find coal and the several part of the distribution of the face of valuable land were made over a find the face of valuable land were made over a find the face of valuable land were made over a find the face of valuable land were made over a find the face of valuable land were made over before equalities and internal revenue bills have been acted in the face of valuable land were made over before equalities and internal revenue bills have been acted to the face of valuable land were made over before equalities and the face of valuable land were made over before equalities an false representations as would justify the la.' statements on which the sage Emigra-tion Commissioners—Mardoch and Walcott naly changed bands after the Indenture was

berating the assertions of the Attorney Gea-eral, that a great number of the impaints re-