Saturday, June 27 1868,

We took occasion a few days since to state that Confederation was neithose obstacles, however formidable we had neither over-rated our information nor the sound sense of our nation. Before two days have passed we learn that much that can stand in the way of Confederation has disappeared in a much shorter time than dation stone laid of that mighty Empire which shall retain the Dominion in the hands of England for time immemorial, but with a liberality and expansion of idea never yet known in her history. We were aware from sources that could not be questioned there at all impaired, but on the contrary, the was no particular danger to Confe- Bishop thought the progress was more satisderation likely to arise from the negotiations referred to, and now all doubt upon the question is put an end to, by the following announcement. " The transfer of the Territories of the Hudson Bay Company to the Government has been agreed to by the Chairman, Lord Kimberley. A measure to that effect will be introduced into Parliament in the course of a few days." Here then the friends of Confederation, and through Confederation the friends of England have great reason to rejoice, because those who in heart are opposed to both, have always maintained that it was in the transfer, or rather non- Harvey H. transfer, of these territories, the scheme would fail. Our prediction that it could not be so will prove true. A little more fidelity to our dressed the visitors and boys, when the procause, a little more patience in working out its success, and perhaps before the present year ends, we shall see this great revolution ac mplished by the simple agency and sheer force of Mayor and Councillors Lewis, Gibbs, Crump

Thursday, June 25.

ST JOHN'S DAY .- In conformity with the custom of the Order on their annual celebration, the Masonic fraternity attended divine worship yesterday at St John's church. The Rev Mr Gribbell read the service, and His Lordship the Bishop preached the sermon. His Lordship selected 11th chap, of St Matthew 11th ver., for the subject of his discourse, in which he gave an eloquent and able history of St John's life, and the great principles of christianity as shown in that life, conclud ing with an appropriate allusion to the Masonic fraternity, whose order was founded and built up on the living precepts of our common faith. His Lordship was very impressive and earnest in the delivery of his sermon, which drew forth afterwards the most marked expressions of admiration: Although gation was not as large as usual on such oc- tion of Government and Humboldt streets. casions. The collection after the service. according to announcement, was equally divided between the Royal Hospital and Female Infirmary.

ACCOUNTS from all parts of the gold diggings are of the most favorable character. For the past week we have not heard of a single shaft bottomed with disappointment, or a single claim abandoned, but on the contrary, although we do not hear of many strikes, every report that comes in conveys something hopeful and cheering. Shafts are going down steadily and surely through slum and mud to the spot which previous pros pecting has indicated where lies the hidden ore. The tunnels are last approaching the back channels where the 'lost leads' are playing hide and seek. The bed-rock drain has had its trial and may now be considered safe for the season. The hydraulic pipes are again pouring their torrents upon the hillsides, which are gradually uncovering their deep hidden stony base, and if we do not prove a false prophet, in one short month in time to record the claim alongside the on Wednesday near Craigflower bridge. It we will be able to record the largest yield of discoverers and to witness the rush for the gold that has ever been reported from Cari- new diggings. The discovery has caused boo .- Cariboo Sentinel.

AUGTION SALE .- The sale at the residence of J G Sheppard, Esq., Maplewood, will take place to-day at 11 o'clock sharp. Williams' omnibus will run from ten to eleven remanded yesterday at the Police Court on a o'clock.

The Boys' Collegiate School.

The Annual Examination of the Boys' Collegiate School, and the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the same, took place yesterday afternoon in presence of His Lordship Bishop Hills, several elergymen, visitors, and the parents and friends of many of the pupils The school-room was decorated by the boys ther dead nor dying because red-tape with garlands of flowers and flags. The had naturally thrown some obstacles Bishop addressed those present as to the in the way of immediate and definite nature of the examinations held-which had negotiation for the Northwest Terris been conducted daily for over a week-both tory; and at the same time we said viva voce and on printed forms, as in previous that when the great object of the ne- years, and several gentlemen assisted the gotiations was brought fairly and Principal in the work. It was suggested to honestly before the intelligence of the parents that they themselves look over English statesmen and English people, the papers and see if there were not some questions which would puzzle even older they might appear at first, would melt introduced in the way of exercises was the away before that intelligence, and the examination in commercial affairs. His necessity for instantaneous action as Lordship and other speakers urged the parquickly as unseasonable snow melts ents and friends generally to co-operate with before the heat of the sun. We find the Principal and teachers of the school-who deserved every praise and encouragement-to further the interests of the institution.

The Rev. the Principal spoke as to the financial condition, &c. It appears there was an average attendance of fifty boys during the year; that there were about twenty-five new pupils since last examination, and conwe curselves calculated upon, and en- sidering the diminished population of the ables us to-day almost to see the foun-city the average of pupils attending the school was nearly equal to former years. which is thought may be attributed to the reduction in monthly fees from five to two

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It was also stated there was a reduction of of \$1,000 in the management as compared with the previous year, notwithstanding there was a loss of \$402. The efficiency was not factory. The following is about the list of prizes, in books, presented by His Lordship to the most efficient answerers of the onestions given :- The Governor's prize to the most proficient boys, and the Bishop's, by way of encouragement, to those boys who had made the most progress during the year.

vin. Munro. (Bishop's Prize) Dorman, Fisher Marvin, Harvey O. Latin-Cohen, Helmcken J., and Helmce

Arithmetic-Cohen, Jas. Tolmie, McKinlay and Munro A.

English Grammar-Jamieson, Flewin. Helmoken H. History and Geography-Cridge, Barnard.

The Commercial Prize was taken by Ochen, and that for Enclid and Algebra by Dr Helmcken and other gentlemen adceedings were closed.

Municipal Council.

Tuesday, June 23, 1868. and Jeffery were present.

A communication was received from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, thanking the Council on behalf of the Fire Department for the courteons recention given on the 17th and for the interest generally taken in the welfare of the Department. Placed on file.

A communication was read from Mr Trounce in regard to the removal of street obstructions. A resolution was passed to notify Mr Troupee that unless the obstructions fronting lots 91 and 92 on Kane street be removed in three days and salmon in barrels and fresh. Her list of the Council will proceed to remove the

The Committee on the selection of a new site for a cemetery was granted further time to report.

A resolution was passed to notify the reprethe church was reasonably filled, the congre- sentative owner of property at the intersecthat if half the amount be contributed to wards the construction of new steps thereat, the Council will pay the balance:

> The Council then adjourned till Tuesday next.

STRIKE ON ANTLER.-A very important strike has been made on Antler Creek which it is thought will lead to the discovery of the lost lead, for which there has been so shrouded in mystery. A prospecting party started yesterday morning to make arrangehave struck a back channel on the opposite ments for the repair of the San Juan cable, side from where the old lead gave out, in which they had found very rich pay dirt Portland when the Enterprise left New Westthough they had not found the bottom. Mr minster yesterday morning, which will ac-Glover, one of the discoverers, came over on Sunday last to get the claims recorded and let the 'cat out' to the ever watchful Adair. and early next day, before even the miners had fifteen hundred feet staked off for him- to town to buy provisions, has not been seen self and partners and was back to Richfield or heard of since. His boat was picked up considerable excitement, and it is thought that Antler will again come up and equal its palmiest days .- Cariboo Sentinel.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.-W McGilviay was charge of being a suspicious character.

RIVALS OF THE BIG TREES IN AUSTRALEA The British Government is inquiring into the means to be adopted for the preservation of the forest trees in the Colony of Australia, and the reports of the investigations connected therewith has shown us some curious facts. There was measured, near the source of the western branch of the Worl Yallock Creek. tree (Eucalyptus Amygdalina,) that had peen felled for splitting; its diameter one oot above the ground was 19 feet, and at 70 feet from the butt end, 9 feet; its length in a straight line was 330 feet. Many of the additional standing trees were, however, evidently of a much greater height than this. A grove of the same kind timber, at the head of the creek, contained on one acre of ground 20 large trees, of an apparent average height of about 350 feet and 38 saplings of a height of 50 feet, the whole being surrounded by a dense undergrowth of large fern trees, musk, dogwood,

CARIBOO ITEMS.-The telegraph line to William Creek is being rapidly constructed by Mr Buie, and it is now expected that communication with the outside will be had by the 10th of next month. Flour bas fallen in the mines to \$20 per barrel for extra and \$18 for superfine; it is hoped it will be down to \$15 for best. The increase of general stocks of goods on the Creeks has been latterly much augmented-two or three pack trains arrive daily. Barkerville pro-perty is very high; Mr Floyd has sold his store to Messrs Greenbaum Bros. for \$2000. and D Edwards his place, to A C Campbell

FROM YALE .- We condense the following from the Examiner of Monday :- The heat was 94 in the shade on Thursday. The forest, back of Hope, was fired by lightning last week. Only 50,000 lbs. of freight left during the week. Farm hands are scarce in the interior, \$75 a-month being offered. The people of Lillooet complain about the condition of the trail between that town and Lytton, and wish to know what their member is about! Dominion day (1st July) is to be kept in grand style. A salute of 21 guns is to be fired in the morning, and there is to be Divinity-(Governor's Prize) Cridge, Mar- a banquet in the evening at the Colonial Hotel. Preparations are also being made for celebrating the 4th.

> FREE SCHOOL EXAMINATION - The Midsummer examination at the Central School. Fort street, commences to-day with the junior division and to-morrow (Friday) the senior division will undergo an examination, closing in the afternoon for the holidays. On Monday next the examination of the District School will take place. The exercises of each day will commence at 9 a.m. All interested in the maintenance of the Free School system and in the educational progress of the youth of our city are cordially invited to attend.

THE CHARGE OF ENTICING NAVAL SEA-MEN TO DESERT .- Wm. Lyons was brought The Bench addressed him to the effect that steady yield is anticipated. the means of getting the men away was Baldhead, Welsh and Cariboo about expentraced to him, the accused, and taking the ses. The Raby washed up 40 ozs-Forest best view of the case, he, the Magistrate, Rose 118 ozs-The Ballarat co are pushing came to the conclusion that Lyons had not proved his innocence. He would, therefore. and accordingly imposed a fine of £30, or six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

THE steamer Enterprise arrived yesterday afternoon from New Westminster, bringing a Cariboo express, treasure to the amount of \$75.000. and considerable freight in skins passengers from the mainland was unusally large, amongst whom we observed Hon De Cosmos, Rev Mr and Mrs Hayman, Mr and Mrs Nelson, Rev Mr Somerville and several fortnight in the interior.

THE FAVORITE.-This beautiful schooner, 125 tons, is now nearly completed, and has commenced taking in cargo for the Sandwich Islands, preparatory to sailing in a few days. As already stated, the Favorite was built at Sooke a short time since by Capt. McKay, and is in every way a credit to the Colony May she have a successful career.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The Governor has kindly placed the steam-yacht Leviathan at the much search and which has been so long disposal of the Telegraph Company, and she The line was down between Olympia and count for an absence of telegraphic news in to-day's Colonist.

Missing .- A man by the name of Charles Bond, who left home from the head of the Arm, last Wednesday night week, to come is supposed that he fell overboard and was drowned.

THE steamer Active arrived from Nanaimo yesterday afternoon having left that place in the morning. She reports nothing new in the way of coal shipments to what we have already announced. The Active will leave for Portland on Friday afternoon.

Seamen Deserters.

EDITOR COLOMIST .- About six months ago addressed a letter to you giving an account of a trip I made in the steamer Anderson to the Sound, and my visit to Port Madison I asked him how he and his shipmates got in constructing, not a lumbering old style on since they left their ship, He answered, railway, but a first-class double track was, 'We were afraid, because our shipmates would laugh at us.' Many others whom I the great and fabulously wealthy British met told me similar tales, and all of them deeply regretted having left the service. Simply nothing, when the importance of This is a plain unvarnished statement of the work is concerned. what I heard from these misguided men, and I trust it will be a warning to others classes alone can build this great internawho may be inclined to leave H M Service. tional highway, even at this high estimate, Many of these poor fellows never reach the more than three times over in a single American side; in making their escape, year! Let British statesmen, then, meet their boats are carried away by the ebb the dissatisfied Irishmen with a free pastheir boats are carried away by the eou the dissatisfied frishing with a free pastides, get amongst the whirlpools off the sage to British America and five years' Bace Rocks and are swamped, which the profitable employment after they get keepers of the lighthouse can testify to their there—together with a free grant of a

Yours, etc., J. N. Cariboo Mining Intelligence.

(From the Cariboo " Sentinel."

WILLIAM CREEK.

before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning for sentence, on the charge of procuring claims, however, have all got to work again, life-long spmpathy and enduring bulwark and assisting Her Majesty's seamen to desert. and if no new interruption takes place a of defence on this rapidly developing, ye

The Sheepskin cleaned up 93 ozs and the in their drain, but it will probably take two months to complete it .- The hydraulic com-July.

days washed up 8 ozs-The Taftvale washed up for the week 130 oze-The Jenkins co. over expenses-The Mucho Oro co 89 oze. getting a little ray.

LOWHER CREEK. The Calaveras co took out for the week per day.

GROUSE CREEK

Very little change since our last report Everything continues favorable and hopes are on the increase.

CANADIAN CREEK.

ANTLER CREEK. No new developments have been made in the vicinity of the late strike. Several of the new companies who have taken up claims are commencing to work, and will probably ina short time test the new diggings. MOSQUITO GULCH.

The following are the wash-ups for the week: - Minnehaha, 300 ozs; Willow, 160; Hocking, 162; Jeffries, 40; Holman, 20; Discovery co, wages; Point, good pay. RED GULCH.

Discovery co washed up for the week 40 ozs.—Tom and Jerry, paying well.—Black-smith, United and Tipton Slasher are paying The vield of the two gulches this week is

about 1000 ozs.

OUTLYING CREEKS. serable and several other creeks and guiches in Ireland. Hence the beautiful statue, in the vicinity. Brown & Co are taking out good pay on Keithley Creek.

Two companies are prospecting on Black Bear Creek. QUESNELLE.

ing from \$10 to an ounce per day.

A Highway across the Continent. (From the New York Albion.)

As the offspring and, in fact, favorite remaining child of Mother Britannia this virgin dominion of the north, with its and other Mills. In the letter I gave you magnificent inland seas and navigable an account of several conversations I had rivers; its agricultural, mineral and forest with seamen who informed me they had run wealth; its Atlantic and Pacific Oceans away from English men-of-war; you did its hardy race and healthy climate—and not publish my remarks, why you did not situated, as it is, on what must speedily I cannot form any idea, except you did not become the great highway of nations beconsider them worthy of a place in your tween the old world and the new—if but paper, or that you had not time. I now call your attention to the conversation I had with finence on the face of the whole Anglothese men, so that the seamen belonging to Saxon race. But the fulfilment of these H M ships in Esquimalt may know what expectations must, we will candidly admit they will have to contend with if they should greatly depend upon the prompt and be so foolish as to run away from their vessels, expecting to better their condition on While the gain to these wide spread provthe other side, but which, unfortunately for inces by recent commercial improvements them, they never do. One young fellow told has been immense, the lack of capital is them, they never do. One young fellow told me he had been captain of the main-top on board the Topaze, he and four of his shipmates were induced to leave their ship by the representations of a man who came from effected, and already the Pacific colonies the Sound, and told them that he could get as well as the interior territories are them \$50 to \$60 a month at the saw mills clamouring for admission. But how can on the American side; we crossed the this be accomplished without the means of Straits with the d——d villain, in a boat intercommunication? The Act of Union which he told us he had stolen from Victoria; secured to the dominion the capital he charged us \$10 each for our passage; he necessary for the immediate construction robbed us of \$35, and left us at Port Ludlow of the International Road—and let us to shift for ourselves. We applied for work, hope that not a moment's time will be lost and instead of getting from \$50 to \$60 a in carrying forward this much needed ens month, we were offered \$30 and only two of us got employment. We had to work from six o'clock in the morning until six at night.

We had to work from would not lose her proud position as the leading maritime nation of the world, she with only half an hour allowed as to dinner. must at once step boldly forward and aid 'Very badly, sir; many's time we were with- railway across the continent, on British out sufficient food, and often as you see me American soil. Precious time is even now without shoes to our feet.' I asked him now slipping away. Tais great work again why they did not return. His answer should have been, ere this, under contract. What is one hundred million pounds to nation, with its annual income of eight

Why, the income of Britain's labouring horror and dismay. I have no doubt but the last seven men who deserted from the scout lost their lives in a similar way. Well as their offspring,—instead of meeting them with a detested Irish constabulary, and the time is not far distant when b'essings will take the place of curses throughout that small but discontented Island. If this course be promptly pursued, the nineteenth century will yet see Owing to the interruption caused by the high water and the danger which threatened the bed-rock drain, the product of gold the stment, besides rewarding her with a easily moulded, continent. But no time must be lost .- Qui non proficit, deficit.

THE BISHOP OF CAPETOWN AND NATAL An appeal has just been lodged at the panies are all in full blast, but none of them Privy Council on the part of Dr. Gray, will probably wash up before the first of the Bishop of Capetown, to reverse a decision of the Supreme Court of Natal Dr. Colenso instituted a suit in the Cole The Floyd company cleaned up for the onial Court in respect of certain land and week 42 ozs-The Alturas company in two buildings at Pietermaritzburg, to declare a deed of grant, dated the 19th of March, 1850, by the Governor of Natal to the There is one company ground sluicing and Bishop of Capetown in trust for the English Church, and summoned Dr. Grav to show cause why it should not be reduced in favour of Dr. Colenso, on the ground 150 uzs-The First Chance co 50 ozs. Sev. that Dr. Gray had ceased to be the legal other townsmen who have been spending a eral Chinamen are making from \$10 to \$12 successor of the see of Natal. The Supreme Court gave judgement in favor of Nothing new from this creek. Work is the land in question should rest in him as progressing favorably with no abatement of Bishop of Natal. From the decision, Dr. Dr. Colenso, and decreed with costs that Gray has appealed to Her Majesty in Council, and a copy of appeal was served by Mr. Brooks, his proctor, at the Privy Council, and the case will appear in the list of appeals before the Judicial Committee. It cannot, however, be heard for some months.

> THE erection of a statue of Edmund Burke was contemplated, many years ago. Burke was contemplated, many years ago, by the people of Dublin; but the proposal dropped, and was nearly forgotten, till it was revived by a suggestion in the "Life of Edmund Burke," published in 1853. Serjeant Peter Burke, the author of that book, continued to advocate the erection both of a tablet, to the memory of the great statesman, at Beaconsfield, and a statue of him in Dublin. The latter object was generously taken up and carried into execution by the late Earl of Carlisle, when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Prospecting is going on vigorously on Coulter, Mustang, Martin, Island, Hard- Napier, Bart, and other persons of note by Mr. Foley, which now stands beside that of Goldsmith, in College-green, The authorities of Trinity College, are about to modernise the quadrangle in front of their buildings where the Prince of About fifty Chinamen are mining on the Wales uncovered the Burke statue. small creeks above the Forks; and are make. They intend to plant shrubs and to place a handsome jet d'eau in a suitable position.

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330,000; stamps, £9,650