

The Weekly British Colonist and Chronicle.

Saturday, June 27 1868.

We took occasion a few days since to state that Confederation was neither dead nor dying because red-tape had naturally thrown some obstacles in the way of immediate and definite negotiation for the Northwest Territory...

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.

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...

AUCTION SALE.—The sale at the residence of J G Sheppard, Esq., Maplewood, will take place to-day at 11 o'clock sharp.

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 clergymen, visitors, and the parents and friends of many of the pupils.

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...

Arithmetic.—Cohen, Jas. Tolmie, McKinnlay and Munro A. English Grammar.—Jamieson, Flewin, Helmsken H.

History and Geography.—Cridge, Barnard, Harvey H. The Commercial Prize was taken by Cohen, and that for Euclid and Algebra by Fisher.

Dr Helmsken and other gentlemen addressed the visitors and boys, when the proceedings were closed.

Municipal Council.

Tuesday, June 23, 1868. The Council met at the usual hour. The Mayor and Councillors Lewis, Gibbs, Crump 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 courteous reception given on the 17th and for the interest generally taken in the welfare of the Department.

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 representative owner of property at the intersection of Government and Humboldt streets...

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 much search and which has been so long shrouded in mystery.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER.—W McGilvray was remanded yesterday at the Police Court on a charge of being a suspicious character.

RIVALS OF THE BIG TREES IN AUSTRALIA.

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 conducted therewith has shown us some curious facts.

CARIBOO TREES.—The telegraph line to William Creek is being rapidly constructed by Mr Bois, and it is now expected that communication with the outside will be had by the 10th of next month.

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.

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.

THE CHARGE OF ENTICING NAVAL SEAMEN TO DEERT.—Wm. Lyons was brought before the Police Magistrate yesterday morning for sentence, on the charge of procuring and assisting Her Majesty's seamen to desert.

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 and salmon in barrels and fresh.

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.

THE TELEGRAPH.—The Governor has kindly placed the steam-yacht Leviathan at the disposal of the Telegraph Company, and she started yesterday morning to make arrangements for the repair of the San Juan cable.

MISSING.—A man by the name of Charles Bond, who left home from the head of the Arm, last Wednesday night week, to come to town to buy provisions, has not been seen or heard of since.

THE steamer Active arrived from Nainaimo 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 following are the wash-ups for the week.—Minnahaha, 300 ozs; Willow, 160; Hocking, 162; Jeffries, 40; Holman, 20; Discovery co, wages; Point, good pay.

Seamen Deserters.

EDITOR COLONIST.—About six months ago I 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 and other Mills. In the letter I gave you an account of several conversations I had with seamen who informed me they had run away from English men-of-war; you did not publish my remarks, why you did not I cannot form any idea, except you did not consider them worthy of a place in your paper, or that you had not time.

Cariboo Mining Intelligence.

WILLIAM CREEK. Owing to the interruption caused by the high water and the danger which threatened the bed-rock drain, the product of gold the past week has been less than for any previous week during the month.

STOUT GULCH. The Floyd company cleaned up for the week 42 ozs.—The Alturus company in two days washed up 8 ozs.—The Talfivale washed up for the week 130 ozs.—The Jenkins co. over expenses.—The Mucho Oro co 89 ozs. There is one company ground sluicing and getting a little pay.

LOWREE CREEK. The Calaveras co took out for the week 150 ozs.—The First Chance co 50 ozs. Several Chinamen are making from \$10 to \$12 per day.

GROUSE CREEK. Nothing new from this creek. Work is progressing favorably with no abatement of faith in its richness.

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

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 in a short time test the new diggings.

MOSQUITO GULCH. The following are the wash-ups for the week.—Minnahaha, 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.—Blacksmith, United and Tipton Slasher are paying wages.

OUTLYING CREEKS. Prospecting is going on vigorously on Coulter, Mustang, Martin, Island, Hard-scrabble and several other creeks and gulches in the vicinity.

Brown & Co are taking out good pay on Keithley Creek.

QUESNELLE. About fifty Chinamen are mining on the small creeks above the Forks, and are making from \$10 to an ounce per day.

A Highway across the Continent.

As the offspring and, in fact, favorite remaining child of Mother Britannia this virgin dominion of the north, with its magnificent inland seas and navigable rivers; its agricultural, mineral and forest wealth; its Atlantic and Pacific Oceans; its hardy race and healthy climate—and situated, as it is, on what most speedily become the great highway of nations between the old world and the new—if but judiciously managed, is, we say, undoubtedly destined to assert an important influence on the face of the whole Anglo-Saxon race.

Why, the income of Britain's labouring classes alone can build this great international highway, even at this high estimate, more than three times over in a single year! Let British statesmen, then, meet the dissatisfied Irishmen with a free passage to British America and five years' profitable employment after they get there—together with a free grant of a homestead in perpetuity for themselves as well as their offspring,—instead of meeting them with a detested Irish constabulary, and the time is not far distant when blessings will take the place of curses throughout that small but discontented island.

THE BISHOP OF CAPETOWN AND NATAL. An appeal has just been lodged at the Privy Council on the part of Dr. Gray, the Bishop of Capetown, to reverse a decision of the Supreme Court of Natal. Dr. Colenso instituted a suit in the Colonial Court in respect of certain land and buildings at Pietermaritzburg, to declare a deed of grant, dated the 19th of March, 1850, by the Governor of Natal to the Bishop of Capetown in trust for the English Church, and summoned Dr. Gray to show cause why it should not be reduced in favour of Dr. Colenso.

THE erection of a statue of Edmund 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.

The estimated revenue of £70,428,000 does appear necessary. There is much in this complaint against expenditure, as will be seen by figures given; for the Navy was really only £1,750,000 in 1868, assuming the tea income tax to be continued present figure, was calculated Customs, £28,800,000; stamps, £9,650,000.

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The English Budget.

The merit of Mr Wm. Lubbock, new Chancellor of the Exchequer, seems to be concisely and fairly stated in his remarks upon the subject of the proposed increase of the income tax. He states that the estimated revenue for 1868 is £70,428,000, which is a surplus of £2,000,000 above what was expected. He also states that the estimated expenditure for 1868 is £70,428,000, which is a surplus of £2,000,000 above what was expected.