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Ir will be seen by our report published a few days back, that the claims of office ers of the Government, who were sufferers by the removal of the Capital, are to be allowed ;-that is, compensation is to be given them for losses in respect to their residences, which they have been compelled to abandon, in consequence of the removal of the public offices to this city. That these gentlemen suffered heavy losses in the cost of their residences, and the subsequent necessity of creating new ones, we are prepared to admit, and also, that they are entitled to some recompense from the country, but, we ask, are there not others who were equally sacrificed and whose claims were at

ally deserving of recognition? Many of the citizens invested all they possessed in lots and houses which are of no more value to them than the residences to those officers who now so pathetically come before the public with their bill for compensation; the only difference is, that the former are reduced in many instances to penury, whereas the latter are still in the enjoyment of excellent salaries which they are not likely very shortly to forego. It may be as the Colonial Sacretary stated that precedents exist in Canadian records for such a procedure: but we suspect that the cases are hardly parallel. It must be remembered that the union of the two sections of the Colony was brought about as much for the sake of economy as from any other reason; the unfortunate owners of property who had purchased it, as they stated, on the faith of the Capital being permanently located at New Westminster, made an appeal to the Government for some compensation for the losses sustained under such circumstances; but of course no assistance could be afforded them because the necessity for econo. my had become so urgent that it was a question of life or death to the Colony. Hence, it was thought better to sacrifice a few, than ruin the whole; this was at once understood by the more sensible amongst the citizens of M westminster. their credit be it

recorded, we have never heard a com-

plaint from them since. Should, therefore, the claims now brought to the notice of the public be looked on unfavorablyeven looked at as a piece of very bad taste in gentlemen, who are all perfectly aware of the facts as above stated, these very unfortunate (?) officers cannot be surprised, and although from some unaccountable circumstances very little opposition was shown in the House, we know that a very strong feeling exists in the minds of the people outside. Our own impression was, that seeing the resignation displayed by the citizens of New Westminster, who were pecuniarily injured by the change in the Seat of Government, officials had gracefully withdrawn all pretensions to any claims on the Governx ment to In this it seems we were much mistaken; it may be true that the Colony "Is poor very poor at this moment," and feels the payment of official salaries extremely irksome, yet these gentlemen insist upon having their bond, even to the uttermost farthing; but the Government would not have the temerity to give them money. If these gentlemen must be compensated let that compensation be made in land. It must be patent to everyone that we have not a dollar to spare. It is true our income covers our expenditure, but very little more, and matters of the most vital importance to the Colony have to be left in abeyance because there are no funds to enable the Government to carry them out. If these gentlemen receive grants of land equal to a reasonable amount of reparation, they may consider themselves very fortunate. Anything in the shape of money payments is quite out of the question, and cannot for a moment be listened to. The Government can ill spare any of the small amount of popularity they at present possess.

Monday, March 15 THE cargo of the bark vecrops is being landed in excellent order. So far as seen, not the slightest damage has been sustained by any of the packages, and this in the face of the fact that the bark encountered teriffic gales. The amount of cargo is about 600 Dinner to J. A. McCrea, Esq.

On Friday evening last a large number of citizens of every nationality entertained J. A. McCrea, Egg., at dinner at the Colonial Hotel. The company comprised most of our principal (citizens -- gentlemen who have known Mr. McCrea intimately during his residence of nearly eleven years in the Co'ony, and who deeply regret the existence of circumstances which demand his removal from their midet, W. F. Tolmie, Esq., of the Hudson Bay Company, presided, and was ably supported by the American Consul. Hon. Allan Francis, who occupied the vicechair. The guest of the evening occupied a chair. The guest of the evening occupied a seat upon the right of the President. Among the gentlemen present were Hon. Dr. Helmcken, Hon. Dr. Carrall, Hon. G. A. Walkem, R. Finlayson, T. L. Stahlschmidt, Robert Burnaby, J. J. Southgate, Capt. Stamp, Capt. Fleming, Thomas Lowe, D. Leneven, E. Grancini, J. Boscowitz, Edgar Marvio, F. J. Barnard, P. Fiterre, T. The, Dr. Powell G. J. Findlay, Henry Nathan, J. Gillon. ell, G. J. Findlay, Henry Nathan, J. Gillon, J. Kriemler, I. Weill, J. P. Davies, R. Brodrick, J. C. Rossi, L. Lockstein, J. S. Drummond, W. Powell, J. Wilson, G. Leggett, C. Leggett and D. W. Higgins,

The viands having been duly discussed, The President proposed the health of The Queen," which was drank with enthusiasm,

e company rising to their feet. The second t ast, "The President of the United States," proposed by the President, was loudly cheered. In offering the sentiment, Dr. Tolmie remarked that General Grant was a self-made man, whose career was more wonderful than that of any here of romance, and who had won great admiration of his ability to keep silence.

In his leaveural Address General Grant had enunciated noble sentiments, for the utterance of which all right-thinking men would thank him. The tener of his address corded with an old and very true saying that "righteonsness exalteth a nation." In our present Premier, Mr. Gladetone, General Grant would find a statesman with whom he could go hand and hand in carrying out the enlightened views enunciated by him; and it would be for these two men to teach the nations how to settle disputes without reserting to what, be it directed with ever so much science, was a mere

arbitrament of brute force. The toast and accompanying remarks were received with evident marks of satisfaction

by the company.
"His Excellency the Governor" was proposed by the American Consul, and was loudly cheered.

Mr. Robt. Burnaby proposed the health of "The Admiral," (cheers) and took the occa-sion to say that the toast required no eulogistic remarks. The very name of Admiral Hastings would be received with enthusiasm. For many years H. M. Navy had been intimately associated with the interests of the Colony, but Her Majesty had never of the Colony, but Her Majesty had never possessed a more efficient representative than Admiral Hastings. He had shown himself a warm and true friend of our citizens, and on all occasions had identified himself with them. Just now various grim rumors retastion.

ing acout, out he (Mr. Burnaby) helieved they were flying about because they had no legs to stand on. [Laughter,] He proposed the health of Admiral Hestings—a true friend of the Colony. Drank with three cheers for the Admiral and one for Mrs.

Hastinge.

The President proposed the "Guest of the Evening" [cheers] who had been identified with Victoria since its settlement in 1858, having first tried bis fortune at Whatcom His abilities as a business man were known and appreciated by all; he had shown that he was a hearty good fellow on every occa-sion; he had been always ready to subscribe to the charities of the place; and moreover he [the President] knew that he had relieved much dietress where the fleft hand knew not what the right hand doeth." | Applause |. He was now going to leave us; and what could this company do more than wish him health, wealth and prosperity in his new

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prolonged cheering.

Mr. McCrea, who was visibly affected.
said he felt he scattely merited this evalion.
He was astonished to find that his poor efforts had been deemed worthy of it. offence, and was cleared by the eloquence of his lawyer, who pictured his client as the most innocent and injured of beings. 'After his acquitial, the little fellow embraced the lawyer, saying he had no idea before that he was so honest and innocent. [Laughter.] Mr. McCrea then proceeded to sketch his career at Whateom, the decay of that town, and his arrival at Victoria. He came here imbred with presiding against Riffers and and his arrival at Victoria. He came here imbued with prejudice against Britons, and he was about to leave deeply impressed with their nobleness of heart and goodness. (Applause.) He was proud of being an American, but he was also proud that he had Scotch and English blood in his veins. [Cheers.] He thanked the citizens of Victoria for their kindness to him, and he thanked their wives for their kindness to him, and he thanked their wives for their kindness to his motherless boys [Prolonged cheering, and "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."].

Mr. J. J. Southeats pripased "The Legis."

Mr. J. J. Southgate proposed "The Legis Mr. J. J. Southgate proposed "The Legis lative Council." coupling with it the name of Dr. Helmoken. He (Mr. Southgate) had once belonged to the Legislative Assembly and he must say their it was an unthankful position. [Laughter.] He hoped the toast would be drank with bumpers. Three cheers were here given for Dr. Helmcken and three for Mr. Southgate.

Dr. Helmcken, in responding, said that he sat in the Legislative Assembly with Mr. Southgate, and that except him, of the members who sat with him, all were dead or had disappeared, and now we were about to lose McOrea. He was sorry he was going, if only to that country which was so near and yet so far. Mr McCrea had been a good citizen; he had obeyed the laws and had never meddled in matters that did not coneern him. The honorable doctor alluded in flattering terms to the American nation, and said that after all the division was only geographical—for he really could not tell the difference between a Republican and a Monarchist. [Cheers.]

Mr. D. W. Higgirs proposed the health of "Our Foreign Residents," coupling there-with the names of Messrs. Francis, Grancini, Marvin, Eckstein, and Fiterre. The American Consul made a most feeling

eech in reply, io the course of which he referred in cloquent terms to the guest of the evening and the cordial relations that

existed between them.

Mr. Ecks'ein and Mr. F. terre responded on behalf of the French population.

Mr. Brod ick, being loudly called for, gave,

amid, roars of laughter, a humerous descrip-tion of his meeting Mr. McCrea at Victoria in 1858 and their first transaction together— Mr. McCrea acting as auctioneer and Mr.

Brodrick as his clerk.
"Our Productive Interests" was briefly proposed by Mr. Gillon, and responded to by Mr. R. Finleyson, who predicted a great uture for the Colony.

Mr. G. A. Walkem proposed "The Prese and paid an eloquent tribute to Mr. McOres and American residents generally. Mr. Higgins responded on behalf of the

Hon. Dr. Carrell proposed the ladies. ware described by Artsmus Ward as belong ing to the he-female Convention, nor of the John Stnart Mill suffrage school [laughter] but of the Florence Nightings le stamp-or our mothers of our sisters, sweethearts wives—angels in the sick reom—woman, the latest and best gift to man. [Cheers.] 'Twas to her he asked the company to join in a

bumper. .T The toast was drank with enthusiasm, accompanied with the song "Here's a health

to all good lasses." Mr. G. T. Findlay responded. Be els confessed to a greet admiration for the ladies but regretted that he could not be so eloquen ss the proposer—not having had the same experience. [Laughter.] He boped soon however, to learn practically what he now

only knew theoretically. [Uneers.] the enjoyment continued until an early hour in the morning, when the happy company separated for their homes.

### beiggood and Crickete asked at

The match on Saturday, at Colwood, between Eleven of Fleet and Eleven Victorians. was wen by the latter. Victoria went in first and made a score of 78. The Flee scored 74 for their first innings. On the second inclogs, the Victorians scored 123. and the Fleet only 51-the latter losing the game by 76 rurs. A large number of ladies and gentlemen from the city visited the ground during the day, and the Band of H. M. S Zealous discoursed delightful music at short intervals. Between the innings a collation was hospitably provided by Admiral Hastings. Following is the score : VICTORIA.

LATER FROM SITKA, A. T .- The schooner Favorite, Capt. McKay, II days from Sitka, arrived on Saturday evening. - She came down by the ontside passage and consequently saw nothing of either the steamship John L Stephens or the G, S. Wright, hence for Sitka. This circumstance, however, is not remarkable, as these steamers went north by the inside passage, and expected to remain some days at Forts Tongas and Sound by Capt. Christianson, it would ap cause of discontent is the introduction into Wrangel. Gen. Davis proceeded to the Indian village of Kake, to trace and punish the murderer of two white men one a German, and the other an American a few from the natives, is in the hands of the auweeks ago; but found the village descried thorities. It is said a man-of-war will be the savages having received timely notice of the General's coming. Among some articles left behind by the Indians in their flight was a part of the property of a smell schooner, which had left Sitka two months before with three men, on a trading cruise along the coast and had not since been heard of. From this discovery it is inferred that the river is the best point at which to capture the villainous Kakes murdered the crew and golachan. seized the schooner, thus adding another to the long catalogue of crimes they have March and April. rolled up. The Favorite landed 120 tons o coel at Sitks, and brought down two passengers-Alex, Levi and Daniel Goldberg.

A WORTHY ACT. - A number of citizen started a subscription-list to pay for the passage home of a Welshmam named Jenkins, who has been confined as a lucatio for some years at the Barracke; and upon communi cation with his Excellency the Governor £40 were subscribed on behalf of the Goveroment. A few dollars are required to complete. the amount necessary to carry out the object, and it is hoped that they will be gathered to-day.

GOLD HARBOR .- A party under Mr. W H. Woodcock sailed hence vesterday for Gold Harbor, Queen Charlotte's Island. where they will prospect for goldbearing

Masonic .- The annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of B C, hailing under the United Grand Lodge of Freemesons of England, was held at Masonic Hall in this city on Thursday evening last, when the following officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year by the R. W. D. G. M., R. Burnaby, Esq : R. W. Bro. J. J. Southgate, S. D. G. W.; R. W. Bro. W. 88 ounces; Baldhead, 104 ounces; Cariboo, Clarke, J. D. G. W., V. W. Bro. Rev. F. 36 ounces; Canadian, 42 onnes; the var-B. Gribbelf, M. A., D. G. Chaplain; V. W. ous other companies lower down continue Bro Godfrey Brown, D. G. Treasurer ; V. W Bro. George Pearkes, D. G. Registrar; V. pay.

In Stont's gulch the Floyd company have W. Bro. Robt. Plummer, jr., D. G. S.; W. been working in old ground, making wages Bro. J. S. Olute, S. D. G. D.; W. Bro. H. and expenses. The Coombs company are nearly through with their tunnel. Jenkins company are prospecting at the lower portion D. G. Supt. of Works; W. Bro. Jas. Black of their ground for the lead which they struck D. G. C. B.; W. Bro. S. L. Kelly, D. G. Pursuivant; W. Bro. J. N. Thain, D. G. Tyler. Bro. P. M. Holbrook, of Union Lodge, N. W., is the Deputy D. G. M.

J. Southgate, Eso., advertises for tenders to-day for the erection of two handsome brick stores with a basement. They are to front on Government street extending down Fort street, and will be directly opposite to have struck rock on one side of their tunnel, the present Mechanics' Literary Institute, and found a little gold.

The fronts, all glass, will be supported on From Keithly Creek nothing new reported; fron pillars. The glass front will extend for the claims previously mentioned continue a some distance down Fort street. We cannot cite a better proof of confidence in coming week as likely to be formed for prospecting

sailed for the North at an early liour yesterday morning with supplies for the Queen day morning with supplies for the Queen the loudest in meintaining the meadows charlotte coal mines and the H.B. Co.'s should be kept open as a refuge for the desforte. Among the passengers were Mr. Land ritute, are generally shy about going into this dele, engineer of the coal company; Mr. operation, which certainly offers equal, if not Gibbs, contractor, and thirteen carpenters and laborers, engaged to build a tramway and what at the coal company's works at Queen Charlotte Island. It is confidently more snow than during the same number of expected that the company will have their days any time this winter, and if it only concoals in the market in October next.

FIRE ALARM .- On Saturday a lot of old blankets and rubbish in the rear of a number of British North America are about to erect of wooden shanties situated on the line of a handsome and commodious building on the the ravine, was incantiously set on fire, and site of the one destroyed by fire last fall. endangered entrounding property. An alarm Preparations are also being made for erects was sounded and the engines and truck were spring. quickly on the spot. A stream from the Tiger extinguished the burning mass. The articles were the property of deceased Indians; the owner invoked fire to dispose of them, and in doing so nearly "disposed" of that quarter of the fown.

ARRIVAL FROM SAN FRANCISCO. - The at 7 c'clock last evening from Con Fran

was chased for 10 hours by a party of Cohen and Mr. Murphy. The last named the same tribe, but succeeded in making Fort gentleman has on board a press and printing Witchita on the Arkansas river at the mouth material for the Sitka Times. She brought of the Little Arkansas, thereby saving my neither mail or express. The Constantine "har." I am pressed for time just now but came to anchor in the outer harbor, and will I will shortly write you an account of my proceed to Nanaimo this morning, where she trip. I send the weekly Spectator. will take in coal for Sitka. Mr. L. Boswill take in coal for Sitka. Mr. L. Bos-dinary for the past month. About New cowitz has placed us under lasting obligations. Year's the "January thaw" commenced, and for files of late papers.

byes, 9; leg byes, 2.....11 o'clock on Saturday afternoon from New having the water-carts in use. for the Banks. Among the passengers were: northerly winds, would be very pleasant. Rev. Mr. Browning, S. P. Moody, J. W. its 2nd session. The Reform party, especialtels are filled with guest levert of nothboo

book recovered from the natives of Nootka build a despicable ball-room."

been found to possess curative qualities for no less than three having occurred on F diseases of a pulmonary character. Nass day morning last, involving a loss of \$30,000 be waters of that river be

REV. MR. HAMILTON. Chaplain of H.M.S. Zealous, preached a most impressive sermon dancing with the aristocracy or democracy at Christ Church last evening. The attendance was very large.

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PROBOGATION—The Legislative Council snow disappeared.

Curling and skating are of course all the rage, the weather being so propitions, and all the rinks are doing a "smashing" business. by his Excellency the Governor.

THE bark Vigil sailed from San Francis. co on the 8th inst, for Burrard Inlet. THE Gussie Telfair sailed at 9 o'clock ves

terday morning from Portland for Victoria. FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap

### From Cariboo

The Cariboo Sentinel of Feb. 20th and 27th came down by the Enterprise Saturday evening, from which we collate the fol-

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

On William creek the Barker co., for two weeks, washed up 121 ounces; Sheepshead, rocking under ground, all taking ont a little

On Jack of Clubs creek the Discovery co. have been endeavoring to bottom a shalt, but had to suspend operations on account of

On Lowhee creek the Black Ball co. are making rapid progress with their tunnel, and are now in about 1000 feet. On Grouse Creek the Waverly Tunnel co.

on Willow river, will probably be organized

FOR THE NORTH.—The steamship Otter into one hundred shares. Most of our pringreater, inducements to prospectors. MISCELLANEOUS.

The weather continues very mild, and tinues we shall not have to dread a short supply of water in spring, as many have any ticipated. A new and spacious Masonic Hall ing a number of new houses early in the

## Canadian Correspondence.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.

HAMILTON, Jan. 27, 1869.

No doubt you have wondered at the cause of my long silence. Have you read the acsteamship Constactine, Capt. George, arrived count of Gen. Oustar's fight with the at 7 c'clock last evening from Sen France. Cheyenne Indians at the Washita in Nov. last? I was within fifty miles of the place

The weather here has been most extraorin a few days not a particle of snow remain-FROM THE RIVER.—The steamer Enjered except a few drifts by the roadsides. We prise, from New Westminster, arrived at 4 mer, and not a few suggest the propriety of

The Provincial Parliament has inst closed McKay and M. Thain. Three passengers by the Methodist portion of it, as I see by the Christian Guardian, is much exercised over a grant just made of \$110,000 for a Sentinel. The roads are reported in excellent ondRion for travel. See reported in excellent ondRion for travel. See reported in excellent of Guardian, in a late article on the subject, says: "Think of it! Thousands of dollers of public money—of Methodist meney—to build a despicable ball-room." Another pear that the bark was owned by John Herick, of Valparaiso, Chili, and that her topnage was 456. An overcoat, also recovered
nage was 456. An overcoat, also recovered
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Covernment has no right thus to appropriate pear that the bark was owned by John Treincrease of \$1,000 per annum to the salaries thorities. It is said a man-of-war will be dispatched immediately to the scene of the wreck.

Octachan Fishery.—The schooner Kates sailed on Saturday for Naas river, to engage in catching oclachan, the oil of which fish has

ast year, and is entitled to greater for the emergy and activity displayed.

The Hamilton folk have been gayer than usua this year. A number of assemblies -a sort of subscription ball—have been held at the Royal Hotel where one could have the privilege of

On Saturday morning, about 9 o'clock, six tion, and every day numbers of ice boats can be seen gliding swiftly towards the "Beach" or other places where lager beer or other refreshments are to be obtained. Several The ice on Burlington Bay is in fine condiice boat races have taken place, and altogether the winter, so far, has been very

TARE AYER'S SARSAPARILLA to purify the blood and purge out the humors, pimples, Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johnson boils and sores which are merely emblems of street, just above the Miner's Salson.

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Does any sane man bel

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romoters of the Water anded it should pass the hat, lif they succeeded brough that body, t would be found willing signature to see a sure to see a su that it was never destined law. To cause all holder tate within the city, w nsed the water or not-for of defraying the expe works, and meeting the in debentures, and for the forming a sinking fund demption of the lame-pay one per cent. on the va land, would be iniquitous. posed to pay for the conthe works by the issue of to an amount not excee 000, said debentures to I at the rate of nine per num. The control of th vested in the Colonial but the Municipal Council mitted to collect the clause, in itself, was suffi troy any little prospect of bill might otherwise hav we are not surrised to le Council yesterd y in Com Whole threw the Bill out. knows that the water we scarcely fit for use by hi and the cry for pure wat loud and frequent; but never entered the minds that the cost of bringing fall on the present genera every foot of property What is wanted is a Colo tee of six per cent. To a gaging to bring in a bou of the aqueous element; t to be limited to \$6,000, a pany compelled to sell out time when the circumstance should warrant the purch works at a value tion. By ment of this chi racter the bringing in the water private individuals, and th meeting the guarantee widespread as the benefi

horrible suspicion evoked cence of the natives on their evasive replies when information concerning th the convincing proofs wh tain of the schooner Sur with him of their comp hideons act of stripping th if not braining the poor they came ashore—that th might possess themselves ing and jewelry they wore ling evidences of the ne still exists-and will contin for years to come-of here of a strong Naval for ed to furnish the fullest p Her Majesty's subjects in of the British possessions. along our coast for man tribes of Indians to whom godsend, and who have fre tacked bands of white men pursuing their callings an or robbed athem and w save a wholeso ae dread of-war, deter from make and damaging raids upon ty of civilized subjects. Fleet withdrawn, portions would be rendered uninhab Indians could afford to la force the Local Government against them, and from many lying districts we should deserting their farms and s shelter in the more thickly munities from the depreda redskins. Even with the pro Naval force on this station, forgotten the series of shock

by the Act.

THE intelligence of a

wreck on the Wost Cos