

The Weekly Colonist.

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THE "ELEPHANT."

It has been well said that the road which leads to folly is wide and unobstructed. It opens out temptingly to the weak, the sunshine of the imagination lights up the panorama in the distance and allures the unwary traveller further and further from the region of reason, until at length he finds himself in a hopeless labyrinth and is unable to retrace his steps.

Vancover Island has "called a spirit from the vasty deep," and, unlike other spirits under this category, it has responded to the call. She is a dregder, and she got it; like children, however, with expensive toys, she has no sooner the coveted object in her possession than she is anxious to get rid of it.

So far as we can learn this is about the sum total of the labors of this monster that is swallowing money at the rate of \$20,000 a year. Instead of being a creature of life and activity, puffing and blowing like a Titanic stevedore, it presents to the eye nothing but a dark, sullen, and so far from deepening the harbor is simply obstructing it.

THE BOARD of the National Lifeboat Institution have saved 432 lives during the past year, besides aiding in the rescue of 97 vessels. In addition to the above, 266 lives have been saved by shore boats making 698 saved in all.

CANAL BOARD NIAGARA FALLS.—The Detroit Board of Trade have petitioned the U. S. Senate to construct a ship canal round Niagara Falls.

PADRIG AB MAHON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST: Sir,—On the 17th instant the Irishman of Victoria will meet to do honor to Ireland's Patron Saint, PADRIG AB MAHON—the honor of having given birth to whom is claimed by Cambria, Scotland, and Brittany.

Being a Cambrian myself, I must put forth the claims of my country, by saying that St. Padrig was a native of Gower, in the county of Glamorgan, South Wales, and that he was known by his compatriots by the name of Padrig ab Mahon yn Ngwy.—Patrick, the son of Mahon of Gower, and that he was taken as a prisoner to Ireland when but sixteen years of age.

When this civil war commenced between North and South Wales, Padrig ab Mahon was but 16 years of age. He was then a junior teacher in a theological college in Gower. He was taken to Ireland by his captors where he remained a prisoner for a year.

There is a very ancient Welsh couplet which says: "Padrig fendigedig oddi Wr odiaid—cymro ydoedd." Which in English would be: "Patrick the blessed was a Cambrian was he."

HOPE, sir, that the men of Erin will do honor to their Patron Saint, to my countryman, and to themselves on the 17th of March, I will subscribe myself Your obedient servant, J. G. O'CONNOR, Victoria, March 15, 1865.

HISTORICAL.—M. Dumas, the celebrated French novelist, has written a letter to a gentleman in New York, stating that he proposes to visit America this spring, with the object of writing a history of the past four years of Mr. Lincoln's presidency.

RECOVERED.—We are pleased to see that Judge Cameron is again able to take his seat on the bench.

A CASE OF HARDSHIP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST: Sir,—I should be glad if you would through the medium of your valuable paper give publicity to the following statement, and I am only surprised that such jobbery as exists in mining companies here, and the rotten system under which they are formed, should not have been long ago brought before the public by those immediately interested; viz, the miners themselves.

On the 22nd March, 1864, ten men were sent up to work for the Skidgate Bay Copper Mining Company on their mine on Queen Charlotte's Island. Three men were already at the mine, making 13 in all. Several of this number came down after working three months, and I believe were paid. Six men, however, including myself, remained at the request of the company on the Island till November last, and arrived here after a passage of 24 days on December 30th.

I know of no precedent in any colony for such a state of things to exist as what I have just described, and I trust, Mr. Editor, you will lend your powerful aid towards remedying this one of the many hindrances to a man's success in this colony.

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