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Journalistic Presumption.

The remarks made at the capital meeting, some ten days ago, appear to have 'riled' our New Westminster cotemporaries considerably. The *Examiner*, although 'at sea' regarding its facts and inferences, is respectable in tone and keeps within the bounds of decency. The *Columbian*, however, is as usual—indecent, personal and untruthful in handling the question. Instead of producing facts to refute the arguments of the speakers at the meeting, and proving that New Westminster has a legitimate title to the permanent location of the capital, he resorts to low personalities and abuse that would disgrace the veriest pothouse politician or fishwife in the land. Argument our contemporary has none; he does not [illegible] sarcasm or irony, which would have at least rendered his article readable. He does nothing but abuse! abuse! abuse! his opponents and blackguard the advocates of the removal of the seat of Government to a place where nature designed it should be. But abuse of the speakers is not the whole of our cotemporary's offence against good taste and decency. Forgetful of the fact that he is himself a member of the Council, that will soon be called on to consider the advisability of the removal of the capital; forgetting that only a few weeks have elapsed since he issued his address to 'the electors of New Westminster' and solicited their votes to place him in an *honorable* position, for which his style of writing proves that he is entirely unfitted,—what do we find this model legislator and would be 'leader of public opinion' engaged in doing? Why, nothing more nor less than traducing the characters of the electors and their representatives in the following choice language:

"The nine so-called elective members have been, in some way or other, elected by the people, it is true. But what materially detracts from the virtue of that election is the manner of it. Every resident, of whatever nationality, creed or color, who has been in the Colony for three months prior to the election, is invited to vote. Thus have we seen the foreigner, who was but waiting the arrival of the next steamer to carry him from the Colony forever, step up to the poll and record his vote, or a drove of Kanakas, who required a half-hour's tuition and a second trial in order indistinctly to articulate the name of the candidate in whose interest they had been dragged up, standing upon equal footing with the resident British subject! Is it to men so elected, and some of them not owning a dollar's worth of property in the country, but being mere 'birds of passage' like many of their constituents, is it to a Council so constituted that can wisely and judiciously be committed the power of deciding such questions as the one under discussion? The proposition is too monstrously absurd and grossly outrageous to be seriously contemplated for a single moment."

If what the *honorable* writer has said concerning the "nine so-called elective members" and their "constituents" had been applied to just *one* of their number—and that *one* himself—we might be disposed to adopt his remarks as faithful to life. But when he boldly traduces every constituency from Victoria to Cariboo, and denounces their representatives as "birds of passage," "not owning a dollar's worth of property in the Colony," one is constrained to ask: What and where are the weighty interests which the *honorable* member for New Westminster represents? Where is his "dollar's worth of property?" and how long since he himself has decided to "roost" permanently at New Westminster instead of flying like a "bird of passage" to Victoria? We put these questions because the air is redolent with rumors to the effect that our cotemporary, conceding an easy victory to the powerful opposition of the *Examiner*, has disposed of his Westminster town lots, and is preparing to establish himself in the despised City of Victoria. We are aware that Dame Rumor—like our cotemporary of the *Columbian*—sometimes relates falsehoods, and perhaps the wisest course to pursue would be to content ourselves with a flat contradiction of his mendacious and mischievous assertions; but since the qualification of other honorable members has been questioned by him, the fairest thing our cotemporary can do is to disavow or acknowledge the truth of the rumor. The speakers at the meeting who have had their motives misconstrued, their remarks misquoted, and their characters assailed, while suffering the attack to pass unnoticed, will, no doubt, feel much as did the sailor when he was run down by a heavy wagon and escaped uninjured. "Why do you grumble, you are not hurt?" asked a bystander. "It is not the hurt I'm grumbling about," replied Jack, "but it's the idea of being run down by a swill-wagon that troubles me!"

Quartz Mining.

We feel that we cannot too frequently and forcibly urge upon our readers the importance of thoroughly prospecting the auriferous quartz leads discovered during the past season at Cariboo and Big Bend. Nothing will so much add to the prosperity of the country and the re-establishment of its good name abroad as a knowledge of the fact that we have one or more well defined quartz leads that are paying dividends. Alluvial diggings are well enough while they last, but this description of mining is never lasting, and, so far as the prosperity of the masses are concerned, only serves to pave the way to the 'testimony of the rocks.' California struggled for years, and never enjoyed any real, permanent prosperity until quartz mining was well understood and in full blast. Ephemeral towns started up in every direction throughout the mines, only to last as long as the diggings and then die out. The discovery of quartz leads in California and the knowledge of the means to work them which has been gained in the last ten years, has placed California among the richest States of the Union. Nevada State, which in 1860 contained only 1500 inhabitants, now boasts of a population of 75,000; and wherever in the Golden State quartz has been discovered, is heard the busy thump of the stampers as they crush the rock and extract the gold. In Grass Valley there are ten dividend paying mines in one camp (some of them very heavy concerns in this respect), and a dozen more that are in a fair way to come under the same head. The bullion shipments are large and gradually increasing. The Eureka is the best mine in Grass Valley. It was purchased—together with its 20-stamp mill—something over a year ago, for the sum of $400,000, and paid for itself in thirteen months. The gross product of the mine for the year ending Sept 30, 1866, was $536,431 41. After deducting stores, repairs, labor and all other expenses, a net profit remained of $368,042 18. The average yield of the rock per ton was $47 15. The total cost of mining and working it, per ton, was $13 75. The mill was not running full time the greater part of the year. The rock grew much richer during the last four months; the mill ran full time and this is the result: Gross yield for last four months, $255,072 35; nett, $187,751 72. Latterly, the rock paid $65 34 per ton, including the sulphurets. There are about $5 of sulphurets in a ton. These are separated, stored away and sold to the agents of a Swansea establishment for shipment to England. A ton of clean sulphurets is worth from $300 to $400. A contract is about being entered into for the sale of a large quantity at $320 a ton. The mine and mill together employ 175 men, and the penses of the establishment are about $17,000 a month. The shaft is down about 400 feet; the lowest working level is 320 feet. We are told by old miners that our own Canon Creek quartz will yield $200 to the ton. If this statement be correct, too much energy cannot be shown by the managers in proving it to the world, so that a mill may be erected and put in running order before the summer is over. A fair test of the rock may thus be had; and if there are really inducements for the investment of capital in the Canon Creek or Big Bend lodes, let them be satisfactorily shown, and money to erect machinery and set it going will be speedily forthcoming. But until it has been established beyond doubt that we have these resources, we cannot expect to witness a favorable reaction. What Grass Valley in California has done, British Columbia can and will do, if proper encouragement be given by the Government for the erection of a mill to thoroughly test the lodes.

The Executive Usurpation.

The *Columbian* says that because Mr Young will sit in the Council as Treasurer, Vancouver Island will have eight representatives. This idea is not alone bright—it is novel. Mr Young is a Crown officer, and goes into the Council as a member of the Government, just as Mr Franks would have done had he not been dismissed. A member of the Government is one thing; a representative of the people, whether elected or appointed, is another. The Union Act says: In order that the Island may be represented, the members of the Council shall be twenty-three instead of fifteen. The members of the Government in the new Council, including Mr Young, will be the same in number as before Union. It therefore follows that the mainland has got one more representative than it is legally entitled to, and that the Council is unconstitutionally constituted. Does our cotemporary understand the question now?

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, Jan 21

FELL AMONG THIEVES—Louis Delanger, an honest appearing Teuton, visited Johnson's Lager Beer Saloon on Friday night last, and was invited to take a hand in a game of cards 'for the drinks,' with five or six fellows who were sitting at a table. After imbibing 'one glass' of the nectar, Louis' head began to swie, and, losing his self-possession, he pulled out a handful of gold coin and notes and exhibited them to the greedy eyes of his quondam friends. Shortly afterwards, in a glorious state of 'how-come-you-so?' our Teuton left the cellar and wended his uncertain way homeward. His route lay along Cormorant street, and as he staggered past one of the filthy-looking dens that abound in that delightful locality, he was suddenly seized from behind, an arm was pressed against his windpipe, and, deprived of consciousness, he rolled on the ground, the helpless prey of five or six scoundrels, who rifled his pockets of his treasure—amounting to $370—and left him to recover as best he could. The dash of rain in his face awakened the poor fellow after a short time, and he made his way to the barracks, where he told his story. Messrs Welch and Woollacott immediately started on the scent, and within an hour had two of the hardest-looking fellows in the town in custody. A partial examination took place on Saturday, and the case lies over until to-morrow. The prisoners—who are named Kelly and Morgan—are said to be bad men. This garroting robbery is the second that has taken place within a week; the sufferer in the first instance, not caring to prosecute, left on the Active.

HAWAIIAN ITEMS.—The peculiar epidemic known as the Bo-hoo fever, which periodically visits the Sandwich Islands, and is supposed to be conveyed in the atmosphere by the southerly trade winds, was gradually disappearing and the public health was much improved at latest dates. A large number of the natives had died and some of the white population had also fallen victims. While the fever was at its height business was almost entirely at a stand still, and stores were closed, all hands being laid up at the same time. It was not an uncommon sight to see several interments taking place at the same time. Among those who have been fatally seized was Capt. Benjamin F. Snow, a well known pioneer resident.. .. The Hudson Bay Co.'s schooner Mink has been purchased as a coasting packet for $6,500. She is now named the Kohala. Capt. Ella and his mate will return to Victoria in the bark Metropolis, Capt. Howard, which was to follow the Premier in a few days..... Business generally had been very dull but was reviving. The whaling fleet arrived during the fall numbered seventy six ships. .....The Chinese coolie who murdered Capt. Dudoit was hung on the 15th ult..... The brig Pfiel, which once visited this port, had three of her crew murdered at Butaritari Island in the Gilbert Archipelago..... Capt. Homan, of the whaler Cornelius Howland, was sued by a native seaman in the Admiralty Court for damages sustained through ill-treatment, by which his hands and feet became frozen and he maimed for life. Judge Davis awarded the seaman $1250. Capt. Homan at first defied the Court and refused to pay, but on being incarcerated for contempt paid the money, protesting through the papers against its legality.

THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER OF THE FRENCH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY took place last evening at the Colonial, and was one of the most sociable and agreable gatherings of the kind that has ever taken place in this city. The chair was taken at six o'clock by the President of the Society, M. Timmerman, and the vice-chairs by M. Cahn and Secretary Merle, ex-Mayor Franklin, Messrs Holden and Kelly of the Fire Department, Dr Carrall and members of the Press were present; the company numbering in all about 50 persons. After an excellent dinner provided by Mons Driard, the following toasts were proposed: La Societe Français de Bienfaisance by the President. The Committee and President by M. Grancini. The attending physician (Dr Powell) by the President. The doctor in responding paid a high compliment to the benefits conferred by the Society and the advantages it offered to the sick and needy. The Press by the President, acknowledged by Messrs Harries, Deffis and Suter. The Fire Department proposed by M. Passerard acknowledged by Messrs Kelly and Holden. Mr Franklin ex Mayor by the President, Italy and the Italians by Mr Holden, ably acknowledged by M. Grancini. The healths of the founder of the Society, M. Driard, the Treasurer and Secretary M. Promis and M Merle, and of Dr Carrall were severally proposed and met with suitable responses, when members present were invited to favor the company with songs, and a graceful termination was given to the evening's entertainment by the company rising to their feet, and singing with patriotic fervour "God Save the Queen."

BUTE INLET RAILWAY—Mr Waddington and Mr Pearkes returned from New Westminster on Saturday. They had a most agreeable interview with His Excellency, and we learn that there is every prospect of the request for an extension of the charter from twenty-one to twenty-five years, and some additional land along the line of road being granted. One thing is certain,—whether the local Government acts in a liberal spirit or not towards the Company, the English capitalists who have subscribed to the stock are in earnest, and will in a few months commence the first link in the overland railway, with the initial point at the head of Bute Inlet. What a glorious triumph the completion of this road will be to the old man who has for years borne up patiently beneath the load of dirt that an unprincipled, narrow-souled journalist at the Capital has showered upon him, and has at last brought his great philanthropic scheme to a successful issue. Men like Waddington live in history as benefactors of their race, long after their calumniators are forgotten.

NO COMMUNICATION by steamer is now had with the upper river. Navigation is carried on by canoes, and snow and ice render traveling even by this primitive mode of conveyance uncertain and dangerous.

THE GREAT EASTERN.—It is understood that early in the new year the great Eastern will be placed upon the gridiron at Liverpool and receive a thorough overhaul. She will afterwards be fitted with new screw boilers, and internally equipped as she originally was for the conveyance of first-class passengers. The directors have gone to this expense, having chartered her for 12 months (with the option of the charter being renewed) to a French company, who intend to employ her during the greater part of next year in bringing passengers from New York to Brest for the Exhibition. She will make her first trip to New York in March.—*Despatch.*

PUT BACK.—The steamer Fideliter, which sailed from this port for Portland, met with very rough weather, the sea running so high that the fires in the engine room were twice extinguished, and she was forced to resort to sails to reach Neah Bay, where she remained until Saturday. Captain Grey, U. S. A., was suddenly taken ill, and finding medical aid necessary, requested Captain Erskine to return to Victoria, which he did. Captain Erskine states that a gale was blowing from south-east to south-west with a high sea. The schooner Crosby was anchored in Neah Bay when the Fideliter left.

CONCERT.—Mr Geo. F. Wilson has announced a programme of attractions for his concert on Wednesday evening that cannot fail to ensure a musical treat to all who attend. In addition to lady and gentlemen amateurs, Mr Wilson has succeeded in securing the services of Madame Josephine D'Ormy, one of the most accomplished vocalists that has yet visited the coast, who will appear for the first time in this city. The Marsh and Pixley families will also lend their assistance on the occasion. The orchestra will be composed of the best instrumental talent in the city. For further particulars see programmes.

THEATRICAL.—In a late number of the San Francisco *Dramatic Chronicle* we find the following mention of artistes who are well known here: Mrs Leighton is playing at New Orleans; Charles Thorne is engaged to appear at Lowell, Mass.; Alonzo Phelps was the star with Manager Lanagrishe, at Denver City, Colorado Territory; Fanny Morgan Phelps was to open at the Atheneum, Detroit, for two weeks; Sallie Hinckley will shortly commence an engagement at the New York Theatre, in a spectacular piece brought by her from Paris.

THEATRE TO-NIGHT.—The talented Pixley Sisters, assisted by Miss Jenny Arnot, the Marshes and others, will give an entertainment this evening in the theatre, commencing with the comic sketch of the 'Stage-struck Yankee,' in which Miss Annie Pixley will personate Fanny Magnet, an actress, with song and dance, and Miss Arnot a Yankee girl. To be followed by an interlude of singing and dancing, and ending with the humorous farce of 'A Ghost in Spite of Himself.' Let all who wish to pass an agreeable evening patronise Marsh's entertainment to-night.

FROM THE SANDWICH ISLANDS—The schr. Premier, Captain Loudon, arrived in port yesterday morning from Honolulu, after a fine run of twenty-two days. She left on the 27th December, experienced strong southerly winds first four days, and heavy weather with variable winds all the rest of the passage; vessel laboring and straining much, and shipping a great deal of water on deck, filling her cabin and keeping the men constantly at the pumps. We are indebted to Captain Loudon for files of Hawaiian papers.

SUMASS PRODUCE—Messrs Chadley Bros. farmers on the Sumass prairies, have made 3000 pounds of most excellent butter this season. They had twenty acres of vegetables and fifteen tons of buckwheat. Altogether in the Sumass and Chilliwack sections there have been over two hundred acres on which vegetables have been reared. They have also reared two hundred tobacco plants successfully. Mr T. York has made four thousand pounds of butter, and had ten acres cultivated with vegetables.—*Examiner.*

RETURN OF THE ENTERPRISE.—The steamer Enterprise returned on Saturday from New Westminster with forty passengers and a small amount of treasure. Among the passengers we noticed Messrs Pearkes, Waddington, Pearse, Moorhead, Nicol, Norris, Lamb, Pitfield, Conway and Beak. The Enterprise reports but little wind when crossing the gulf, which is not a little extraordinary when we remember the hard gale that blew here all day.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Elocution Class will meet this evening, at eight o'clock, when readings and recitations will be given by members.