

The Weekly British Colonist AND CHRONICLE

Saturday, August 15, 1868. Exploration of the Island with a glance at the Land Office.

We must not raise our expectations of great results from the explorations of the expedition that started for Nootka Sound on Wednesday last too high. It is scarcely probable that full information will be obtained respecting the mineral resources of the interior of the island on this pioneer trip.

Governor at the head of them all; and until this end is accomplished we cannot hope for satisfactory progress as a Colony. Unfortunately, the Land Office is no exception to the rule in this Colony; the heads of it are not energetic enough to take the initiative in the exploration of the interior or in offering practical suggestions for the carrying out of those public works which, being essential to our progress, ought to be, and sooner or later must be, undertaken.

Nova Scotia Repealers.

Recent advices place us in possession of the progress made by the Anti-Confederates of Nova Scotia to secede from the Dominion. At the election last autumn they elected all the members of the Provincial Assembly but two, and all the members to the House of Commons except one.

How it appears.—There are at present a number of American families visiting Victoria for the benefit of the summer season, who are delighted with the climate and country. The reputation of both these is rising rapidly in the estimation of our American neighbors.

Supreme Court.

Friday, August 7. Toronto v. Strachan & Ogilvy.—This was an action brought to recover a sum of about \$2,000 damages alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff, who is a well known contractor and builder, against the defendant, the former being the owner of the schooner Industry and the latter the master, for not having delivered a cargo of dimensioned sawlogs at New Westminster for the creation of Holy Trinity Church.

Cariboo News to the 29th.

The following are the wash-ups for last week: The Taylor Co. 65 oz; Wilson Co. 181 oz; McLaren Co. 41 oz; Dutch Bill Co. 66 oz; Brouse Co. 30 oz; Steadman Co. 30 oz; Six-toed-Pete Co. 20 oz; Cornish Co. 208 oz; Tracy Co. 20 oz; San Francisco Co. 27 oz; Barker Co. 119 oz; Sheepskin Co. 60 oz and about as much more supposed to have been robbed; Baldhead Co. 115 oz; Littleton Co. 40 oz; Cariboo Co. 40 oz; Raby Co. 21 oz; Forest Rose Co. 20 oz; and have just got on good pay and expect to pay well this week.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.—From the fifth annual statement of this company for the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 68, it appears the company are in a flourishing condition. The amount of capital is \$1,000,000, and the amount in excess of capital available to pay losses and dividends, \$533,037. The assets, liabilities, income and general disbursements, show an equally satisfactory figure.

DANGEROUS WORK.—Complaints have been lately made of the danger experienced by our citizens from the practice shooting of the navy. A few days since Thomas Ainsie on crossing from Albert (Head to Esquimalt) on the common thoroughfare, had to beat a hasty retreat to escape the balls flying about him in all directions.

GOLD SHIPMENTS.—The following are the shipments of gold from this Colony through Wells, Fargo & Co. on account of the Banks and themselves from the 1st of January to 31st July last:—Bank of British Columbia, \$577,139; Bank of British North America, \$255,626; Wells, Fargo & Co., \$99,248; making a total of \$932,013; a sum far in advance of the amount shipped in the corresponding period of last year.

THE BARKER CLAIM.—Extract of a letter from Cariboo, of 28th July, to a gentleman in this city says:—The Barker claim looks first rate, they took out 114 oz. last week, and when the wheel is completed and in working order they ought to be able to take out twice or three times that amount. I think the wheel will be running on Thursday.

LOUJER SALES.—Upon inquiry it appears the sales of lumber in this city and immediate neighborhood, since the 1st of January last, have averaged 200,000 feet a month. This amount is exclusive of that sold by Sprout & Co. in disposing of their old stock at Alberni. Mr. Sayward has made the largest sale during the period mentioned.

NAVY.—We learn that H.M.S. Satellite formerly on this station, has been ordered here from Abyssinia. The vessel has been recommended two or three times since leaving V.I.

POLICE COURT.—James Hamilton, on remand for selling intoxicating liquor to Indians, was again remanded till Tuesday. An Indian was also arrested on the charge of being a suspicious character.

DIVINE SERVICE.—There will be divine service held on Sunday next, the 9th inst. at 3 o'clock p.m., conducted by the Rev. Mr. Somerville, at Selleck's brick building, Esquimalt.

A NEW PORTLAND PAPER.—A new paper, the Portland Evening Commercial, has just been started in Portland. There are now five dailies in that city.

THE WEATHER.—In Portland the thermometer on the 2d inst. stood as high as 103° in the shade and 123° in the sun at noon.

THE U.S. REVENUE CUTTER Joe Lane from Port Townsend was in the outer harbor yesterday.

WILLIAM CREEK.—The following are the wash-ups for last week: The Taylor Co. 65 oz; Wilson Co. 181 oz; McLaren Co. 41 oz; Dutch Bill Co. 66 oz; Brouse Co. 30 oz; Steadman Co. 30 oz; Six-toed-Pete Co. 20 oz; Cornish Co. 208 oz; Tracy Co. 20 oz; San Francisco Co. 27 oz; Barker Co. 119 oz; Sheepskin Co. 60 oz and about as much more supposed to have been robbed; Baldhead Co. 115 oz; Littleton Co. 40 oz; Cariboo Co. 40 oz; Raby Co. 21 oz; Forest Rose Co. 20 oz; and have just got on good pay and expect to pay well this week.

THE MINNEHAWA CO. washed up for the week: 365 oz; The Hocking Co. 194 oz; The Willow Co. 113 oz; Point Co. 30 oz; Discovery Co. 20 oz; Holman Co. 18 oz; Jeffrey Co. 26 oz; Tabo Co. expect to strike pay in three or four days; Ophir Co. 18 oz.

THE MOONSHINE CO. washed up 15 oz; Butcher Co. 16 oz; United Co. sinking a shaft; Discovery Co. prospecting; Hilwatha Co. prospecting, with good indications; Never Fail still sinking; Tom and Jerry 24 oz.

THE GROTTO CO. is paying well; The Chinamen are running a ditch four miles from this creek to the benches on the North Fork of Quasuel, two miles below Capt. Mitchell's lower landing. The party that went to the lake to prospect have not yet returned.

THE ANRORA CO. took out 74 oz, and expect to do better this week. We are informed that a new creek has been struck about 20 miles down Willow river, and that good prospects have been found, one piece weighing \$13.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Indigestion and Liver Complaints.—The digestion cannot be long or properly conducted, without the drainage being perceptible on the countenance. These Pills prevent both unpleasant consequences; they improve the appetite and with the increase of desire for food, they invigilate the powers of digestion and assimilation in the stomach. Holloway's Pills deal most satisfactorily with deranged or distended conditions of the many organs engaged in extracting nourishment for our bodies from our various diets—the liver, stomach, and bowels, over all of which they exercise the most sagacious control. By resorting to an early stage of this medicine, these purifying and laxative Pills, the dyspeptic is speedily restored to health and strength, and his malloves gradually annihilated.

Saturday, August 15, 1868. Government.

It has been noticed ages that men who have and are in positions of generally speaking, virtue. The cynics from this principle of that it was impossible power to make friends from their virtuous honorable deeds or in authority use their purposes to those in no make friendships at the same station of themselves; the latter chosen from amongst those perfect equality with the sake of having pleasure associate with; they do who will be useful frequently they seek for agreeable, and those good friends. The out friends that are a must also be useful. It was quite possible to be at once agreeable philosophy used to seldom be of the the man in power. He generally desires friends—those who get through the tedious good companionable will, in fact, contribute; and those who executing his commands gratify his desire of. It is somewhat surprising world grows older and progresses in art and all the surrounding should be so little himself. The same qualities are found at present day as have held up to censure a last twenty centuries almost say since they do not profit by the the great examples time in all ages have bright lights in the is that the same urged in the present the friendships of the evening; and if it be Governors cannot of friends fit an amongst this we may trace which must always system of government are called Crown Co take too much of the Governor of our man so constituted a can; by constant in people over whose oises a control, familiar their wants and desires selection of our constitution allows and carry out means the defects of the nature of the form renders it distasteful the Anglo-Saxon the Governor of our seem to be aware the cessary for personal course with others of he has any duties to the people of the Co which appertain to citizen in England tion in the society. The business Governor as well as principal officials to be to pass life and easily as under the is able to do. Columbia is over- turned or the want to leave him the sympathy we can have but a few you amount up; and the duty does not k mark there is but late him; we have him to be justified is never likely from out of the ra