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American Politics—The Fenians. The political news lately received from the United States is of a pacific and conservative character.

abridged to them, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation in such State shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens thus excluded from the franchise shall bear to the whole number of her adult male population.

THE LOSS OF THE BARK "KENT." Capt. Naughton, of the British bark Kent, has sent a private letter to a friend in this city, concerning the recent disaster, from which we make the following extracts:

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Regret is expressed that the Mining Board has ceased to exist and its establishment is urged upon the miners. In concluding, Mr Birch expresses his intention of visiting Canada during the season, when he shall be prepared to give every attention to any representations which may be made to him on the spot.

THE NEW ATLANTIC CABLE.—About 60 miles of cable are stowed away daily on the Great Eastern. It having been found that she will not be able to take the entire 2700 miles on board, a screw steamer will carry 900 miles of the wire.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE. Monday, July 16. CRICKET.—The weather was delightful on Saturday, and a large number of persons repaired to Beacon Hill to witness the return match of the Victoria Club and Eleven of H. M. ships Sutlej and Scout.

ARRIVAL OF THE ONWARD.—The bark Onward, Capt. Tibbets, 22 days from San Francisco, arrived on Saturday morning. The Onward belongs to the Collins Telegraph Company, and brings 25 passengers, a quantity of telegraph material, and some freight for our merchants.

STEAM TO CHINA.—We yesterday saw a poster in Chinese, which, on being translated to us, we ascertained to be a notice from the Pacific Steamship Company, stating that the Company in New York, had chartered six ships from San Francisco to Hongkong and occasionally to Japan.

MR BIRCH'S ANSWER.—The answer of Administrator Birch to the Cariboo deputation, is a well written and statesmanlike document. It recognizes the necessity of a Court of Appeal, and states that the delay in the establishment of one is "the desire of Her Majesty's Government to unite British Columbia and Vancouver Island without delay."

FROM PORT ANGELES.—The U. S. Revenue cutter Lincoln, Capt. White, with a mail, came over on Saturday afternoon. Among the passengers were Judge Darwin, of the U. S. Supreme Court, Washington Territory, and Collector of Customs Wilson. She returned to Port Angeles in the afternoon.

FROM NEAR BAY.—The sloop Northern Light arrived yesterday with Messrs Edgar and Plaskitt as passengers. They report the new machinery as having been landed at the Phoenix coal mine, and in a short time it is expected that a large quantity of coal will be taken out for shipment.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Alexandra returned on Saturday evening. We received a British Columbian by this arrival, but it is devoid of interest and contains not a single local item.

CRICKET MATCH AT NEW WESTMINSTER. A match was played at New Westminster, on Saturday, between the married and single players. The latter were victorious, having tied their opponents in one innings.

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