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VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, TUESDAY, DECEMBER II, 1866,

WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST

PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY BY HIGGINS, LONG & CO. ew Johnson, recently weeked in the

United Legislature despite the seemmen are constituted the organs of public sentiment in the legislative of 440 scholars, compared with that in San Francisco for more than 10,000; and the claims of the exclusion of political quacks and office seekers, we shall then stand some chance of seeing the affairs of the country conducted with "harmony in things essential; liberal ity in things not essential; and ity in the tinnel for the education in injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman, and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman and horse were slightly injured and the vehicle smashed. The man, woman and

gence. We do not fear but that this THE BOARD OF EDUCATION had an audience section of the Colony will be well by appointment with His Excellency on Saturday, at noon, and were graciously, received. The items submitted to His Excel-United Legislature despite the seeming disadvantage under which we are placed. All that remains for us to do is to see that the right class of men are constituted the organs of men are constituted to the corner.

SMASH UP AND SPILL OUT .- Yesterday afternoon a horse attached to a buggy in which were seated a man and woman ran The man, woman, and horse were slightly and have taken out a large amount of gold in

The steamer Reliance arrived from Yale last evening. She brought a Cariboo express and mail, also 45 passengers, amongst whom

The Coming Selection

The Coming Selection saddling upon us, is as likely to be amended at their dictum as Her Mas he prayer of the petition passed at

popular members are to be sent from this Island to represent our interests in a Legislature that can be virtually controlled by the Government, and we may blame Governor Seymour tor not throwing open a larger proportion of the elective members to popular choice, but the power is in his hands, and he has a right to exercise it if his judge to the signers of it. I am sure our stay in the Colony will be attended with pleasure to us should prosperity return to these shores.

I shall have great pleasure in paying you an early, but short visit, in anticipation of a more lengthened one at a season of the year less unpropitious to the labor of the farmer.

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Believing that the worst days of the Colony while their throats are cut." Such administration. cowardly and despicable sentiments deserve the execration of all right- vert, writing to the Weekly Register, gives a mere bugbear. It has previously already returned at least three popular members who will act independently in the Council, and who are not unfavorable to Victoria interests. while the Governor has yet to select five representatives from those gentlemen holding commissions of the Peace on this Island, to fill up the representative list, and to suppose that these five official nominees, them-

(Signed by)
WM. SHELDON REECE. A: M.

the Annexation Meeting (had that I receive the address presented by you document ever seen the light.) We may deplore the fact that but three our stay in the Colors will be strongly in the fact that but three our stay in the Colors will be strongly in the fact that but three our stay in the fact that they were near that that I receive the address presented by you didget who has come before the electors for the fact that but three our stay in the fact that the fact t

has a right to exercise it if his judg- steam communication with the mother-counment of the counsel of his advisers so try to induce many immigrants to avail themselves of the vast resources of British directs him. There are some-for- Columbia. I am not without hope that such

as to advise the Electors to disfran, are now passing, and that brighter prospect chise themselves by ignoring the modicum of representation left to them; in other words, to "sit still I find it, I shall indeed have cause to look back with satisfaction to the period of my

CONVERTS TO CATHOLICISM .- A recent conthinking and well-disposed men, and the following statistics of conversions which we rejoice to see that the community he now says are going on from the Anglican is already alive to the necessity of to the Roman Church :- "At the church in making an early and judicious selec. Farm-street the average for the last four tion of the men in whom it is to re- years has been one convert a week received pose so important a trust. The right into the church. At Dr Manning's former of veto reserved by the Executive is church, at Bayswater, the average is about three in a fortnight; at the Oratory, two a existed in British Columbia, but as the Carmelites' Church in Kensington, about stated by Governor Seymour, in his despatch to Mr Cardwell, it will not be made use of except under peculiar Description Columbia has been street, Mary Magdalene's, high columbia has been of Mr Street, there are never less circumstances. British Columbia has church, of Mr Stuart), there are never less than five or six Protestants for admission to the church. Of these converts about a third are from the upper and a third from the profesional classes, the rest are artisans and their wives."

FROM PORTLAND-The steamer Fideliter Captain Erskine, arrived yesterday afternoon having left Portland on Sunday, the 2d inst:. and been detained by stress of weather one day at Astoria, three days in Baker Bay, and one day in Neah Bay. She brought 22 selves possessing large landed inter- Steilacoom, W.T., and a large freight as per ests in the Colony, will be menial marine report. We are indebted to Captain enough to become mere puppets in Erskine for files of Portland papers. Pasthe hands of the Excutive, is an insult sengers represent times as unusually dull to their common sense and intelli. amongst the webfeet.

subject for conjecture—something less than a baker's duzen, no found. Therefore, be warned in time! Some Young influence at all hazards—even if you have to "divide oysters for the San Francisco market."

or for District No. 2, in either of which he is sure of an easy victory. Mr Southgate is put prominently forward as a candidate for the city by his friends; but that gentleman has not stated whether he will stand or not. C. By Young, it is said, is anxious to be dragged out as a candidate, but his name has not as yet been mentioned for the position by any person besides himself. It is understood that the matter will be definitely arranged to-day. A compromise by the friends of Messrs. Helmeken Southgate and DeCos. mes should be arranged. and trid drive

SALE OF THE ST. NICHOLAS BILLIARD ROOM. FIXTURES-All the splendid billiard tables, furniture, paintings, engravings and bar-fittings contained in the St. Nicholas Billiard Room, St. Nicholas Hotel, will be offered at auction by Mr McCrea to-morrow. The tables are Phelan's make, and are pronounced the finest in the city, being supplied with all the recent improvements. Most of the pictures are by celebrated artists and are worthy the attention of patrons of the fine arts. The bar fixtures would be objects of admiration in a first class metropolitan saloon. and are in perfect order. We commend this others, who may be in quest of furniture, fixtures or pictures.

THE CANADIAN CONFEDERATION .- The united population of Canada, New Brunss wick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island, in January 1864. was 3,618,151. The public revenues amounted to \$13,264,963 annually, The expendis ture was \$12,507,000. The extent of the public domain which has passed into private hands was 45,638,854 acres, of which only 13,128,288 acres were under cultivation. The area not granted or sold, but nominally belonging to the Crown, and under the control of the Colonial Legislature is 214,282,817. The annual value of the agricultural products of the United Pro-vinces is \$150,000,000, and the assessed value of the farms, \$550,000,000.

Work on the Comox coal mine has been discontinued for the winter.

MR JOHN WARK, of the Hudson Bay Co., returned from Portland yesterday.

ELECTORS 1—Reserve your pledges until all the candidates are before you.

of Vancouver Island," by C: B. Young.

from a successful tour through Washington hands clasped on his knees, when the boat Territory and Oregon. T. L. will open here with a company in a few days, when he will present startling novelties in his line. Look s entirely counged, and the P-suo

From Comox-The steamer Emily Harris Captain Frain, returned from Nanaimo and Comox yesterday evening. Terrific gales anchor at Comox.

FOSTER'S WHARF, at Esquimalt, has se' tled beneath the weight of a portion of the been discontinued.

neadquarters of the United States Military Department of the Columbia have been

of the congregation worshipping in the First beyond praise; but Miss Howard (who had Presbyterian Church, Pandora street.

REV. DR. BURNS, of Toronto, C.W., has

THE OLD CABLE between Lopez and San Juan Islands has been carefully raised by Mr Haines and brought to this city by the steamer Mumford on Saturday evening.

MR THOMAS FOORD, a native of England, was killed on his farm, at Salt Spring Island, a few days ago, by falling from the roof of a barn which he was engaged in shingling.

NANAIMO-The bark Almatia sailed on same day for Portland with 106 tons of coal THE ISABEL returned yesterday from Burrard Inlet, where she left the bark

A BALL, given at Nanaimo on Friday night last, was largely attended, and proved very successful.

Skin Ice formed in the gutters on Thursday night. Skating about Christmas.

Evelyn Wood.

and Mr Goldie wrang a small quantity of Cochrane; Mr Rennie; Mr Guild; Mr water into their mouths, obtained by spread-Dally; Continuation of the "Early History ing a small piece of petticoat on the after thwarts. This greatly revived them and rea opened their stiffened jaws. They were sit-RETURNED-Tom Lafont, on the Fideliter, ting in the bottom of the boat, quietly, their entered the breakers, he steering with the piece of board.

The boat passed through two breakers successfully, but capsized in the third, in water so shallow that Goldie's feet touched bottom at once. He reached shore quickly, shouted to his companions and went into the surf as 'ar as the undertow would permit, but neither saw nor heard them again. They undoubtedly, in their enfeebled condition, are reported all along the east coast, during for six days without food or water, other than which the Harris and Douglas steamers lay at one small fish, and the rain of Monday evening-almost without clothing-exposed to an almost tropical sun-were drowned at ones. They could not make the one small effort that would have crowned their heroic endurship Biddle's cargo of coal, which was being Norton (printed Addie in the list of pas endischarged upon it, and the unlading has gets) was found, and buried next marring above high water mark. Miss Ros. Howard's body (there is no Rosa Howard, but By order of General Halleck, the Rosa Burns, in the same list) was found the candonarters of the United States Military same evening by two fishermen; but their cowardly dread would not permit them to-Changed from Fort Vancouver to Portland, who was unable to move it out of the surf. The courage, patience, obedience of dir

tions, heroic, quiet endurance of thirst and hunger and of an almost propical sun, of all been appointed to take temporary charge the ladies is spoken of by Mr Goldie as being but a chemise, with her name on its front) and Miss Norton (who had, in addition to that garment, a sort of worsted sack, trimmed with dark trimming, made to be worn with a belt,) who survived the rest of the pe engors, were brave, gentle, lady-like, uncom-plaining, able to obey directions, desirous of assisting themselves and others to the ute most—they were heroines. That they should have failed at the last moment, after such heroic struggles, is sad to think of. They needed but the steel like muscles of the officer to have secured success. Miss Norton was about twenty years of age, quite tell, with dark hair. Miss Howard, on the con-Nanamo—The bark Almatia sailed on trary, was not above five feet one and a half or two inches, and sixteen or seventeen years of age; both remarkably fine looking women the hair of the latter was also dark. The last named lady was from the city of New

> My boatmen found the remains this afternoon. The sharks, shown by the marks of the teeth on the bones, had destroyed most of the body. It was that of a rather small female; a nearly entire foot was delicately and beautifully formed, and had always been encased in a light shoe. I buried the remains in the enclosed lot appropriated to soldiers and sailors who perished in the late