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LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The Third Session of the Fourth Parliament of this Province was opened by His Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor on Monday, January 12th, with the usual formalities. In the speech from the throne, His Honor spoke of the general prosperity of the country, and of hopefulness, of the future. The necessity, which undoubtedly exists, of enlarging the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, beyond its projected dimensions. The Metlakahtla trouble, and the extension of the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Coal Harbor were amongst the items of the speech.

REAL ESTATE.

The establishment of a Land Registry Office at New Westminster, in July last year, and the consequent division of the registration of land sales, renders a comparison of the latter half of last year with the fore part unprofitable, and no indicator of progress. We are unable in this number to furnish data as to mainland sales, but hope to do so in our next issue.

Lands sales registered at Victoria, six months ending December 31st, 1884:

July.....	\$76,293
August.....	34,910
September.....	35,184
October.....	45,860
November.....	47,423
December.....	58,048
Total.....	\$297,218

FORE-ARMED.

Again we refer to the vitally important concern of Imperial defence already dealt with in our issue of December last, and previously. However much and however commendably United Kingdomers and British Colonists may appreciate and endeavor after peace, and surely such aspirations indicate superior civilization, it is self-evident that this chief of blessings can best be preserved and Imperial honor maintained by proper preparedness for meeting "the enemy in the gate," aye, and outside of it too, wherever under the far and wide flowing national flag, attack may be attempted. That the physical robustness, as well as the venturesome and martial spirit of Britishers of the old isles, of North America, and of Australasia, is as great as ever, admits not of doubt. In a just cause, of sufficient importance, and for no other, will the empire or commonwealth, which under present management, fight.—Cromwellian Ironsides ashore and afloat, under modern Olivers, Blakes and Benbows, Nelsons and Wellingtons, would be in arms, in numbers, as needed, however great. When, not so many years ago, the comparative supremacy of the British Navy was undisputed, Gladstone and Palmerston did much, by mere diplomacy, to bring the kingdom of Italy to its present rightful dimensions. If war is to come, which, even yet, seems almost incredible, Britain will have stout and hearty allies, needless now to name. In another column is given the latest warning note in the London *Times* by the farseeing and patriotic Colomb, on the needs of the time, as regards defence at home and abroad. Gratitude is everywhere due to the *Pall Mall Gazette* for its persistent, intelligent endeavors to arouse the British Liberal Government to a proper sense of the situation. What an opportunity, in the idle ship-yards of the Clyde and the Tyne, is now afforded for immediate war-ship building, and what a blessing to the unemployed would such work now be.