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IMPORTANT TO AMERICAN COASTERS.

The following letter has been handed to us by Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul at this port, and as its contents are of interest to masters of American coasting craft plying between Puget Sound and these colonies, we publish it in full for their benefit:

Port Angeles, Jan. 6, 1884.

Sirs:—Please give notice that the revenue laws forbid any except registered vessels going to a foreign port. They also forbid vessels under thirty tons importing merchandise subject to duty.

Shippers should know these requirements, so as not to endanger their merchandise upon vessels not qualified by law to carry it. From this date I shall enforce the law as to the above particulars. This notice is given, because under my predecessor unregistered vessels were allowed to trade at Victoria, and all vessels were allowed to import.

At the commencement of my administration attention not being called to the subject, the same vessels continued to trade as of old. Since learning the facts, I hasten to correct the wrong.

Very respectfully yours, L. C. GUNN, Collector. To Allen Francis, Esq., U. S. Consul, Victoria, V. I.

"Audi Alteram Partem."

Editor British Colonist:—Sir:—Notwithstanding the obvious fact that your views and mine on the Corporation question are as far asunder as the poles, I give you credit for sufficient magnanimity to open your columns even to a political opponent, and hence I venture to address you again on the all-absorbing topic of the day.

highest legal tribunal in the colony has pronounced its judgment to the same effect, and the Legislature has by its recent action proved its conviction that the act was fatally defective, and required not simply amendment, but total re-creation.

Among the arguments or rather assertions of the advocates of the existing Incorporation Act (including the inoperative "Scrutator" in Thursday's Chronicle, of whom more anon, and even the senior member for the city.) I have noticed one that certainly deserves the classic epithets that have become parliamentary in the mouths of honorable members of parliament and city council during this controversy, such as "boob, bludgeon, and clap net."

I allude to the oft-repeated assertion that "any bill, no matter how glaring its absurdity, nor how inoperative and impracticable its provisions, if it receive the assent of three estates of the realm, at once becomes (as it is termed) "a constitutional law," and may not be dispensed nor subjected to the test of judicial enquiry! How such an absurd doctrine can have arisen and for one moment be gravely maintained by any Englishman endowed with common sense, I can only understand, as the most casual inspection of the law reports would afford examples without number, of cases in which acts of parliament have been successfully resisted in the courts as invalid or unconstitutional.

And, by way of illustration, let us suppose a case—to wit:—Suppose an act of parliament directly subverting any of the vital principles of Magna Charta or the Bill of Rights should pass, and receive the royal sanction, will the honorable senior member for Victoria "or any other man" convince us that validity or unconstitutionality may not be tested in Her Majesty's Courts of Law, and that the judges, untrayed by the usurpation of royal or parliamentary prerogative or power, would hesitate to pass judgment upon it, without fear or favor.

Such a doctrine will hold good in an absolute monarchy, but in constitutional England, to attempt its enforcement would be to use language tantamount to a revolution—or, at all events, prostrate "one" of the "Scrutator," (in Thursday's Chronicle) in a sort of law lecture which, by a strange misnomer, he denominates "a plea for the Corporation," enlarges on this doctrine, very peculiarly as well as on other matters, but unhappily for me, I presume I must confound myself with the proscribed body of "astute lawyers" foral-though I waded through through the plea with commendable patience, I really could not for the life of me, make out his non-sensical "plea of the Scrutator." I was faint to think that it was a typographical error—a misprint for the noun "scruta," and which certainly would be a most appropriate signature to his lucubrations. I would respectfully offer a mild suggestion to "Scrutator," that as "a little learning is a dangerous thing, he should henceforth select a son & please from some language with which he is better acquainted than that of ancient Rome, and at the same time try to write plain, common sense, in intelligible English, which he certainly has not done in the article referred to. I suppose he will soon have an opportunity of making the effort, as he told us there were yet many points that he wished to touch upon, and I trust he will not disappoint us because "non tetigit, quod non ornavit."

Yours, C. J. H. VICTORIA, Jan. 9th, 1884.

COMMERCIAL. FROM SAANICH.—The schooner Discovery, Rudlin, arrived from Sayward's Mill yesterday, with a cargo of lumber to W. P. Sayward & Co. The sloop Native arrived from South Saanich, with a cargo of produce.

SAILED.—The mail steamer Pacific, Captain Burns, left Esquimalt yesterday morning, at half-past ten for Portland and San Francisco, taking a good many passengers, and some freight.

VANCOUVER COAL MINERS CO.—This Company lately declared a dividend of five per cent. upon their transactions for eight months.

COAL ARRIVALS.—The schooners Surprise and Amelia, with 70 tons coal to J. T. Little, and Victoria Packet with 20 tons, to Brodrick, arrived in the harbor yesterday from Nanaimo. The North Star and Industry are discharging at Esquimalt.

SHIPMENT OF TREASURE.—Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co. shipped by the Pacific yesterday for San Francisco, \$33,822 95.

FOR THE NORTH.—The sloop Kingfisher, Stevens, cleared yesterday with a miscellaneous cargo for a trading voyage to the north west coast of British Columbia.

FOR HONOLULU, S. I.—The bark N. S. Perkins and Constitution are nearly ready to sail with lumber from Puget Sound for Honolulu, S. I.—They will both leave in the course of a day or two, weather permitting.

FOR NANAIMO.—The steamer Emily Harris sailed last night at 8 o'clock, to load with coal for Messrs. Dickson, Campbell & Co.

FROM NANAIMO.—The schooner Meg Merrilies, Pamphlet, arrived at Esquimalt on Saturday with a cargo of 75 tons of coal, for Dickson, Campbell & Co.

FOR AUSTRALIA.—The ship John Day, lumber laden, is now lying at Port Angeles, waiting for passengers for Australia.

STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

January 6. Sansum Copper Mining Co., 20 shares sold @ 25 cents per share discount. Sangster Copper Mining Co., 100 shares sold, @ \$141, buyers 90 days. Gold Harbor Mining Company, half share sold @ \$10.

By order, A. F. MAIN, Secretary.

STATEMENT OF VESSELS DEPARTED FROM NANAIMO, V. I., DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1883, SHOWING THE RESPECTIVE CARGOS TAKEN BY EACH, &c.

Table with columns: Date, Name of Vessel, Master, Tons, Destination. Includes vessels like Schur Mog Merrilies, HMS Camelson, etc.

RECAPITULATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1883.

Table with columns: Month, Tons, Cwt. Lists monthly totals for 1883.

IMPORTS.

Per schr Growler, from Port Angeles, Peter McQuade—1400 bush oats 2 tons hay 60 sheep 22 hogs 24 car beef 15 doz chickens 7 sacks wool 1 horse. Value \$1,983.

PASSENGERS.

Per star Eliza Anderson, from Puget Sound—Shuts, Horn, Pass, Elizabeth Forman, Sutherland, C. E. Terry, Ward, Harman, Temple, Bishop, Whitworth, Floman, Kellogg, Howe and family, W. Cronan, Wm Ide, Miss Temple, J. Williamson, A. D. Fry, Terry, Foreyth, W. Thastion, Portland, O. D. Rothshild, Bartlett, Lawry, Myers, Ralph, Oliver, Main, Capt Ryder, Mrs Dennison, Horrie, Soy.

HAIRINE INTELLIGENCE.

Entered. In this city, on the 7th inst., the wife of the Rev. Chas. F. Woods, M. A., Principal of the Collegiate School, of a son.

DEATHS.

In Victoria, on Saturday morning, the 6th inst., at nine o'clock, Jane, the beloved wife of Mr. Thomas Lea Fawcett.

Church of Scotland.

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METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS. Table with columns: Date, Time, Wind, Barometer, Thermometer, etc. for the week ending Saturday, 9th January 1884.

THE ASSESSOR WOULD HEREBY notify all Traders and others, without distinction, that a non-compliance with the provisions of the Trade License Amendment Act, 1882, in so far as regards the Half Yearly Return of Trade Transactions, will entail upon them serious inconvenience and trouble.

Assessor of Vancouver Island, Victoria, January 2nd, 1884.

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THE RIGHT MAN IN PLACE. Socrates, speaking of public affairs affecting the public we said, and with considerable happiness mortals were those who got them fully occupied through life with upon to intermeddle in affairs that those only who took of the burden of legislation or public work, deserved well of their country. We are not prepared far as the Grecian philosopher modern times it seems to be for men, who would not be above category, to be worthy and praise of their neighbors however, it must be acknowledged who voluntarily take a part the general prosperity of the land their aid to frame laws and of order and the present government in the land, are named in future history with the colony in which they

influences those who are inducements of private life to active strife and turmoil of seek, alone, the good of their and sacrifice their own leisure the sole aim of assisting to promote commercial prosperity, influenced by the voice of the sensible of the qualities which successful in private business take part in public affairs. men in all ages have entered life without, at the outset, any that of doing good, who, in whatever station they are, are never free from the ambition to distinguish whatever they are called upon to do in the front ranks. Some make good soldiers, but are not successful in their success mainly depend upon the co-adopt at the outset of their Few men who have taken up the cravings of ambition, or biased view of public affairs spirit is infused into all their influences their whole life, depends upon the party to whom themselves, whether or not their public life shall be country. Some few there are public life as an adjunct to the rest, and with a view to the disservice. It is not a necessity that these "adventurers in public should make bad law-givers of their own interests with the try in which they live, will them from going very far, but their views are frequently refined. The public weal, if not opinion, subservient to their interest, is so intimately connected they will not readily acknowledge their narrow imagination to their own individual interests.

In all young colonies, those needed in business with the adoption, and who have success in its prosperity, to make welfare of as much of them as is the commercial proclivity to those whose lives are associated with her public commencement of their political those who should be sought fellow-citizens to watch over in the affairs of State, and in the good government of the some property, which identifies the land on which they are