

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15, 1864.

House met this day at 3:15 p.m. Members present, Messrs. Young, DeCosmos, Powell, Trimble, Tolmie, Burnaby, Duncan, Denness, Bayley.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF BANKS.

Mr. Burnaby read a petition from the Chamber of Commerce, praying that the House should not legislate on Banking matters at present, and that no House should be allowed to issue paper money without an Imperial or Colonial charter.

SMALL DEBTS.

The Speaker said that as this bill contemplated a select committee, it thus became a money bill, and would have to be originated by the House.

MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

The House went into a Committee on the Whole, Dr. Powell in the Chair. On the motion for the appointment by the Governor of a Ministerial Council for initiating and carrying on the public business in the House.

Mr. Burnaby said that about the 18th September last, he had asked the hon. Colonial Secretary whether he sat in the House as an exponent of the government, and that gentleman had declined to define his position. He therefore thought some means ought to be taken to introduce and support government measures in the House, and to take up bills brought in by private members. The want of some such organization has been palpable to every one during the present session, as a want of the proper expression of the views of Her Majesty's Government. His sole object was to forward the public business in the most direct and practical manner; he had no wish to raise a faction or party in the House. The course he proposed was this, that His Excellency should appoint one member from either the House of Assembly or the Legislative Council, who should be chief advisor or the representative of the government; and that this gentleman should select two members from each of the legislative bodies, who should form the proposed council or committee.

He believed that this would introduce into the House a more moderate principle to which another hon. member would speak more fully, namely that of responsible government. Under the system he proposed, if a ministerial council did not possess the confidence of the House, it would be perfectly competent for that body to overthrow the council, and that the government should on that result dissolve the House, and appeal to the people in the usual way. He would have brought this motion before, had not some important measures stood in the way, as the question of the union of the colonies, etc. He had thought this measure before the House for a short time, and he would like to see the matter fairly before them, before his departure.

Dr. Trimble said he would like to hear the views of the hon. Colonial Secretary on the matter. Mr. Young would prefer to hear the opinion of other hon. members before expressing his views.

Mr. DeCosmos believed that the business of this House, and also of the other House would be greatly expedited, and in a more satisfactory manner, if there were members in each House in direct communication with the Executive. He came to this House as a unit, not as a fraction of any party, and he had often regretted that there was not an organized party in the House to facilitate business. He must appear singular to the House that no influence would ever be exerted to shorten the time occupied in legislation in this Colony. The hon. gentlemen in charge of departments had often too much on their hands to allow them to attend to their duties in the House, and therefore there ought to be other members capable of expressing the views of Government. We had very small material to work on in this Colony and were only experimenting in legislation, he therefore thought we should see what was the practice in other colonies. In Antigua, (W. I.), besides an Executive and Legislative Council, there was an Administrative Council, such as proposed by the hon. member for Esquimaux and Metchoin. The Committee had the carrying on of Government measures in the Legislature, both during its session and while it prorogued. The members are not office holders, and are changed by the Governor at his pleasure, and their duty is to prepare the estimates, bills, answers to petitions, etc. The honorable member instanced several other colonies in which similar bodies existed. It must appear singular to this House that the heads of departments holding salaried official positions had been admitted to seats in the legislature in these countries. He (Mr. DeCosmos) had several years ago proposed a similar scheme in this colony—that there should be a council of three, similar to that now proposed, with this addition, that the heads of departments should hold seats, but not be allowed to vote, as otherwise, there being four or five heads of departments, they might outvote the council, and oblige them to resign, or act in accordance with their own will. He did not know that this country at present be put in a position to carry out that scheme, as it would necessitate a change in the constitution of the Upper House. The public feeling in the colony is however against the present construction of that branch of the legislature. They wish to see it a representative body. He had heard well-grounded complaints against the official members of the Upper House, and believed if official members were allowed in that body at all, they ought to be in a minority, (hear, hear.) In this motion before the House we ask the governor to appoint a council. To his (Mr. DeCosmos) mind, the governor had no constitutional right to make such appointment; at the same time he believed that this House may appoint a committee to communicate with the Governor or the other branches of the legislature; it is his to be the constitutional mode of doing it. He thought that no one man (as proposed by the hon. mover) could carry on the business, and he believed that one member with two to assist him would be too strong for the number of our House, when the quorum consisted of

WEEKLY BRITISH COLONIST.

COMMERCIAL.

FROM CHINA.—The fine ship Torren, 900 tons, Capt. Carlton, anchored off Port Angeles, W. T., on Monday night, the 11th inst., having made a splendid run from Shanghai of 86 days. She left the letter port on the 6th ult., the Saddle or anchoring ground on the 9th, and made this island on the 10th inst., thus making the run from land to land in 31 days, which we believe is the best time which has ever been made by a sailing vessel. The Torren belongs to Messrs. Talbot & Co., of San Francisco. She comes in ballast to load lumber for China at Fort Gamble. Her list of passengers and memoranda appear elsewhere.

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AT NANAIMO.—The ship Saracen and bark Ocean Bird are still at Nanaimo loading; the former will have taken in 700 tons to-day, and will then haul out into the harbor, and finish loading by lighters. The bark Cambridge sailed on Thursday for San Francisco, with 350 tons coal, and arrived in Esquimaux harbor yesterday.

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FOR THE WAYS.—The stern wheel steamer Col Moody has moved from her berth preparatory to going on the ways for repairs.

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Per ship TORREN, from China—Left Shanghai in ballast Dec. 6th, 1862, and the Saddle or Anchorage on the 9th. On the 14th passed the Japan group, had westerly winds most of the passage with much rain, weather cold, sighted Vancouver Island on the 10th Jan. and were blown off by an easterly gale. Entered the Straits next day and anchored off Port Angeles on Monday night, Jan. 11th, went into port on the following day.

Per bark ARCHITECT, from San Francisco—Capt. M. A. Johnson, T. B. Page, F. Wilson, and T. B. F. Fowler, (the latter four are bound for Puget Sound).

Per ship ELIZA ANDERSON—J. J. Smith, A. L. Davis, Haffton, Walcott, Thos. Howen, Melvin, Stone, Hughes, Ferguson, Mike Drew, Miller, Glendennin, Mercer and Wife, Hannan, Page, Wheeler and family, Goodtime, Lewis, Benson, Capt. Polam, J. H. Hamlin, Bartlett, Johnson, Patridge, Rothschild, Walker and Wife, Bishop, Kullington.

Per NAPOLEON III., from London—Mr. and Mrs. Warner, Mrs. Webb and children, Mrs. Ward and sons, Mr. and Master Rabold, Mrs. Shakespear and child, Mrs. Martin and child, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Leach, Mr. Fawkes, Mr. Simmonds, Mr. Gibson, Mr. Sookart.

Per ship TORREN, from Shanghai—Fred Wilson and Wife, Mrs. Leach and child, George Pinder, A. Francis, G. S. Oliver.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

ENTERED.

Jan 11—Sloop Leonede, McAlmond, Port Angeles. Schr General Harney, Gardner, Port Angeles. Bark Architect, Hoeg, San Francisco. Star Emily Harris, Melanah, Nanaimo. Schr Alberti, Anderson, Alberni. Jan 12—Schr Wing'd Racer, Ryder, Port Angeles. Slip John Thornton, Clark, Port Angeles. Ship Napoleon, Dakkie, London. Schr Victoria Packet, Yessen, Nanaimo. Jan 13—Sloop Point Leo, Silvie, New Westminster. Schr Laura, Deing, Cowichan. Schr Royal Charlie, Hewitt, Nanaimo. Jan 14—Schr Gazelle, Gallager, Port Angeles. Slip Kate Alexander, Newland, Port Angeles. Schr Victoria Packet, Yessen, Nanaimo. Schr North Star, McCulloch, Port Angeles. Slip J. P. Green, Davis, N. W. coast of British Columbia.

Jan 15—Schr J. R. Thorndike, Thornton, San Juan. Schr Alpha, George, Nanaimo. Slip Lady Franklin, Warren, Cowichan. Bt Alexander, Gerard, New Westminster. Jan 16—Sloop Northern Light, Mountford, Port Angeles. Schr Flying Mist, Thompson, Port Angeles. OLBARD.

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STOCK AND EXCHANGE BOARD.

VICTORIA, V. I., 11th Jan., 1864.

Sangster Copper Compy, 25 shares sold, @ \$1 25, regular way. Sangster Copper Compy, 100 shares sold, @ \$1 27 1/2, buyer 30 days. Sangster Copper Compy, 100 shares sold, @ 1 45, buyer 30 days. Sangster Copper Compy, 250 shares sold, @ \$150, regular way. Sangster Copper Compy, 100 shares sold, @ 150, regular way. Sangster Copper Compy, 25 shares sold @ \$140, regular way. Parmeter Mining Company, 52 shares sold @ \$50 premium. Queen Charlotte Mining Company, \$55 @ \$50 asked, \$52 50 offered. Sansum Copper Company, offered at par, and 60 per cent premium. Skidgate Copper Company, \$42 50 offered. Eureka Copper Company, \$55 @ \$50 asked. Sooke Copper Company, \$5 @ \$5 25 asked, \$4 75 offered. Gold Silver Mining Company, \$22 50 @ \$24 asked, \$20 offered. Hold Harbor Quartz Company, \$30 asked, no offers. Gas Company, \$135 asked, no offers. Cowichan Copper Company, \$20 premium asked, and \$10 offered. St. George Quartz Company, \$15 premium asked.

Jan 12th, 1864. Skidgate Copper Company, 2 shares sold, @ \$40 cash. Sangster Copper Company, 671 shares sold, @ \$1 50 cash. Sangster Copper Company, 100 shares sold, @ \$1 55, buyer 30 days. Sangster Copper Company, 175 shares sold, @ \$1 40, buyer 30 days. Sangster Copper Company, 100 shares sold, @ \$1 50 cash.

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DIED.

On the 12th inst., at Lake District, Sarah Elizabeth Stephens, aged 2 years and 3 months, second daughter of John and Frances Stephens.

At the Mouth of Quasnell, Cariboo District, British Columbia, on the 23rd Dec., 1863, of Consumption, of ten years standing, James McCormick, a native of New York, aged about 25 years. New York papers please copy.

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