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The Weekly British Colonist

Wednesday May 3rd 1871. Canada on the Railway.

We have devoted considerable space to a report of the Consideration debate in the Dominion House of Commons...

The Opposition, recognize in the railway an urgent political necessity, and that the determined stand taken in opposition to the terms proposed by the Government really had no higher aim than a seat on the Ministerial benches.

It is not surprising that the Opposition was heard to say last summer that he was in favor of the terms generally, but that if there appeared to be an opportunity presented of ousting the Government upon the question he and his party might take advantage of it.

Both steamers were rolled - fire having been previously lighted in the furnaces simultaneously. They were dragged to the stern just occupied by the respective engines.

and finding all attempts to start the apparatus futile, the engineers promptly drew the fire and blew off steam. Meanwhile the Deluge and other side. Steam was generated to an unwieldy short space of time and in 6 1/2 minutes after the starting of the fire a steam weak enough, but still a stream - was forced through a nozzle.

It is perhaps superfluous to say that both companies exhibited great energy and that all labored with commendable zeal to gain their respective ends. It is scarcely to be expected that anything but an harmonious feeling was developed yesterday.

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Fire Department Drill.

Yesterday afternoon at 4 1/2 o'clock the Tiger and Deluge Engine Companies met at their respective houses to prepare for a drill.

The Hoop & Ladder Company had intended joining, but the owners of the St Nicholas Hotel declined to allow ladders to be placed against the walls and balconies and the truck was not brought out.

At 5 1/2 o'clock, at the tap of the Deluge bell, the companies started for a test of the agility of the members. The Deluge engine was dragged down Yates street to Wharf, thence into Johnson, where the engine sunk the bucket in the Store street cistern, stretched their hose and went to work.

The Tiger ran along Government to Yates, down Yates street to the cistern at its foot, where they unrolled and sank the buckets, stretched their hose and commenced pumping. After throwing water through the hose both companies took up and ran up Johnson street to Government street, the Deluge, according to programme, proceeding to the cistern at the corner of Yates and Government streets and the Tiger stopping at the cistern at the corner of Government and Johnson streets.

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Another Suspicious Character.

A man giving the name of Wm Griffiths was found lying on the sidewalk at late hour on Tuesday night by Sergeant McMillan and Officer McCarthy.

He was recognized as a friend of James Green, who was sentenced to imprisonment for six months on Wednesday, and the officers satisfying themselves that the man was feigning drunkenness, took him to the lock-up. Yesterday the Magistrate remanded the man till Monday next.

DOMINION DAY will probably be observed here by a Firemen's Parade and other demonstrations of a patriotic character. There is no time to lose, and if a fitting celebration is intended, a committee of citizens should be organized to cooperate with the firemen.

Subverting.—This Rabson was again before the Police Magistrate yesterday on a charge of smuggling preferred by officer Hunter. Two charges were dismissed, and the third was postponed till Monday next, when Mr Robinson, on the same course, will appear on his behalf.

Cedar Hill Quartz.—What has become of the rich "find" on Cedar Hill, made last summer? If it is the intention of the locators of the seam to prosecute the search further?

THE ENTERPRISE sailed at 7 o'clock yesterday morning. Among her passengers were Capt Irving and Mr Tansill. Many of the passengers are bound for Ontario. The freight was large—as much as the brave little boat could find room to stow away.

NO TALK.—There is to be truth in the political air that have been flying about town during the past few days with respect to the immediate formation of a new local government.

WESLEYAN METHODIST COLLEGE.—A project is on foot for the establishment here of a Wesleyan Methodist College under the auspices of the Mission.

THE Union coal seam at Comox is about to be worked by a company. The quality of the fossil is said to be excellent and the seam wide.

APRIL SHOWERS.—A genuine April shower visited us Thursday night. It moistened the dry and dusty earth and gave the plants a fresh start.

Save \$100,000.

The following letter has been handed us for publication.

LILLOOET, March 10th, 1871. MY DEAR SIR.—I with two other parties left here on Aug 26, 1865 and returned at the end of September. We went to find a route from here to Pitt lake, Westminister or Burrard Inlet.

We went as far as the Hallway house on the Pemberton Portage; took a canoe, passed over to the Meadows, (a large tract of arable land about two miles wide and many long which fed all the animals at one time, on the Douglas passage) crossed the meadows on to a bit of timber; and crossed a river 10 feet wide 4 feet deep and then took the Indian trail to Howe Sound.

We had three Indians with us who knew the road. A trail can be made along side of Seton and Anderson lakes; there would be considerable hunting on Burrard Inlet; there is a steamer boat on it. In former days cattle paid \$1 per head to a steamer boat for 13 miles across Seton Lake. There is also one on Anderson Lake but the machinery is now out of order and runs the flour mill at Lytton.

After crossing Anderson Lake you go four miles on the Pemberton Portage; at the foot of a mountain cross the river running from Chillicothe country, (an inconsiderable shallow stream which runs into Lillooet Bay) reach a point of land containing the trail for about two miles (There is an Indian trail the whole way to Howe Sound). You then cross a river emptying into Lillooet Lake about 50 feet wide and 4 feet deep, with considerable current. You next proceed on unimproved by mountain or swamp until you come to the main branch of the Squamish river, which we crossed to the left (although I think it's a better trail, by keeping on the West side, which takes you into Lillooet Bay) about two miles. The river is very much blocked up with timber. After crossing the Squamish river there is a direct open valley to Howe Sound; there is plenty of feed all the way, and room for half a dozen saw mills, there being abundance of white, Douglas, cedar, and yellow pine, all of which could be sent down the Squamish river. It is quite a level valley from the start, abounding in game, ground-hogs, bear, deer and berries. It is 40 or 50 miles to the Pemberton road. There are some good conditions for ranches, lots of Scotch heather for sheep. On arriving within ten miles of the entrance of the Harbor the ground begins to slope and being covered with so much grass, flowers, &c. is a little swampy, notwithstanding the member for New Westminster's assertion that there is no feed and it's all rock, &c. I am quite certain he never went through the valley as it is one rock, and plenty of feed the whole of the way. We tried to find a pass to New Westminster or Burrard Inlet, but failed on the East side. The mountains of snow are 500 feet high, and there is no other outlet but Howe Sound. No doubt a steamer could come up some miles and touch the moister ground complained of by the member for New Westminster. It is the only practicable route for a railway from the Kamloops through Marble Canyon Valley 16 miles down the Fraser to Lillooet 21 miles. No trouble making a road all the way. No engineering difficulties. No mountains to cross.

In fact it is the road intended by nature for the Canadian Pacific Railway. To talk of carrying the said railway down the Fraser to Yale, and then along said river to Westminister and Burrard Inlet is madness and an impossibility without the utility of millions and any quantity of bridges, while by Lillooet only three or four bridges are required with wood, water, and grass all the way, and you come at once to the seaboard.

The distance saved between Clifton and Howe Sound is 120 miles between New Westminster and Clinton 217 miles, being a difference of 97 miles, better roads, no over-hanging rocks, no river to roll into. Were there a road made, it would save all steamboats and the dangers of Fraser River, and would cost to construct the same less than it costs to keep the Yale road in repair.

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THE debate on the British Columbia Bill, which was resumed yesterday, was continued on Tuesday, and continued until 11 o'clock, when it was again adjourned.

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