

RY MORNING AT VIOTORIA, V. TERM S:

youth, a great deal too much in othereal youth, a great deal too much in othereal castle-building; we have speculated beyond all legitimate bounds, and have supported a Government cumbrous and penderons enough to crumple the pillare which sustain it into dust. It is needless to say we shall have to retrace our sheps and start on a dij-ferent theth-politically as well as commencially.) Let us therefore

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food or blankets. We were two ni a day before we got alongside the were almost avided. The next was aspect log lim . at half part of tried. These titley.

war in the American republic has ceased-the Nanalmo hosts of freedom have come out of the struggle John Meakin. Westminster New victorious, and human slavery is for ever Clarkson & Co. Quesnelle, B. C Barnard's Express, - - Lytton Vanwinkle crushed. In many other parts of the world - Richfield there have been political upheavals, and Barkerville wrongs perpetrated under the ægis of might; Camerontown Clinton but withal it has been a year of advance-San Francisco Clement's Lane, London ment-a year of progress. The human race L.P.Fisher, . F. Algar, G. Street, to-day is better off than it ever was before. 30 Cornhill, London With all the increasing desires of man-with

THE PAST AND FUTURE.

This morning ushers in another year. Eighteen hundred and sixty-five has disappeared like its predecessors among the long roll of the past. Let us hope that it has not disappeared in vain. Let us nope that we are all wiser, that we are all better, that we are all more charitable than we were a year ago--that prosperity has not made us vaingforious, self-sufficient and intoletant, nor adversity less patient, less industrious and less hopeful. The mutability of earthly things should teach the one class the necessity of humility and the other the uselessness of repining. Taken altogether we have not, if we look at the past year in a purely commercial light, much to former precedent ; our losses have exceeded all former losses ; but we have failed principally through our own shortsightedness ; and here we hope that with our financial misforcome that wisdom which is genera

the most because it is dearly we learn the lesson which 1965 a bit simply endeavors to teach it will more than compensate us a for the failures of the past,

spanding the rod. Lot us, there of lamenting the unsuccesses and the catastrophes of the last twelve months, gather up our energies for a renewal of the contest, h our strength not in the old exhaustive way, but with a knowledge of our force as well as of the most effectual method to apply it. If we only approach 1866 in this spirit we have nothing to dread, but everything to hope. In a little while we shall be on our old vantage ground. We are passing through "the winter of our discontent" it is true, but it is only the necessary prelude to a glowing spring. Let us take heart from nature herself. Our trees and shrubs, leafless and bare, wear a more desolate aspect in the dreary January blast than the most unfortunate amongst us whose wealth has been rudely swept away by the reverses of the past year; but we know that buds will come forth in due time and that leaves will shoot out,-we know that the scraggy bush which gives rather a weird than kindly aspect to the landscape just now, will in a few short months be clothed in beauty, exhaling its perfume in the morning air, and lending a sweet radiance to the surrounding scenery. Let us, therefore, accept our financial condition as we do our seasonal one and rely as firmly on more cheerful times. We have however well-grounded hopes, beyond analogy and comparison, in our immediate prospects. The mineral wealth of the neighboring colony is beginning to unfold itself in a manner the most profitable as well as the most attractive. Over the length and breadth of British Columbia the gold miner will shortly be plying his voca- writer of the letter, it will be remembered, tion. opening up the country gradually was disabled at Leech River, and by the for more permanent settlers. But in this assistance of sympathising friends was enaas in many other things, nature demands the bled to proceed to his home :-- " It is with energy of the human mind and the industry great pleasure and feelings of gratitude I exof the human body. Leaves may come to and warmest thanks to the gentlemen and trees and shrubs by the shear force of natural | citizens of Victoria for their kindness in givvitality; grass may grow without the aid of ing me the means of returning to my friends man, but if we want to produce the staff of state I arrived safe in Liverpool on the 25th life we must sow in order that we may reap. of October, and met with an affectionate re-We must give every nerve to the service of ception from all my friends. I have since my nature, if we would desire a fitting recom- return had my leg examined by a very eminpense. Thus it is-although the present ent medical gentieman, who says that by unyear of 1866 is buoyant with bright hopes - | made perfectly straight and useful to me, although the future beckons us onward with | but the knee joint will remain stiff. I trust, a gladsome smile-it is not that we should, dear sir, those whom I class amongst my best as we have done, emulate the recklessness of friends in Victoria will please accept my the boy after the butterfly, and crush in our hands the brilliant hues which spread my memory-and in which my parents and their attractions before us; but rather that | friends here most cordially join. In the hope

lence and charity never formed so large a feature in public or private life. Science has also contributed its quota to the general weal, reducing by degrees the mere manual drudgery, elevating the human machine peared in vain. Let us hope that we are all to higher walks of industry, and inaugurating telegraphic projects for the transmission of human thought and new lines of steam communication for the extension of human enterprise. The old year has gone but it has not departed alone. The sacred dust of Lincoln has been carried in its embrace. Cobden the Great is gone, and Palmerston has been added to those that are no more. That 1866 will like 1865 make its exactions. and tear from the palace as well as from the thank it for. We have suffered beyond all cottage its long list of victims we must expect ; let us however endeavor by our actions to be prepared for all and every eventuality, and with the earnest hope that we may be so, we wish our readers one and all a "Happy New Year!"

all his avarice and aggrandizement, benevo-

A CHINAMAN'S ESTATE - AN ORIGINAL DOCMENT .- The following is a genuine copy of a list of debts handed into Court by a

Chinaman who keeps a restaurant in this city, and is desirant of whod in up his affairs :-December 21st, 1865 - For means and cating. A butcher owes......\$18 00 Captain of a schooner ...... 50 00 Cook in a ship's galley..... 8 00 Cap man..... 8 50 Lean man, white man..... 20 00 Captain, tall man..... 20 00 French old man..... 8 00 Whiskers man ..... 18 371/2 Blacksmith ..... 49 00 Barkeeper..... 5 00 Double blanket man)...... 6 50 Lame leg man..... 40 00 Fat man..... 9 25 Old workman..... 8 00 Red whiskers..... 7 50 Steamboat man..... 18 00 Yea Yap carings..... 25 00 Flower pantaloen man..... 16 00 Shoemaker gone to California.. 15 00 A man, butcher's friend..... 39 00 Stable man..... 16 00 Get tight man..... 7 00 Total ......\$540 00 We pity the unfortunate person who may be charged with the collection of the above claims. GRATITUDE--We cheerfully publish the fol lowing letter, dated England, November 4th, as such instances of a proper feeling of gratitude for past favors, particularly in the young, are as rare and pleasing as the casis in the desert to the parched Arab. The press through your valuable medium my best dergoing a slight operation my leg can be

pression of dissatisfaction that the work of holding the Government together should have been entrusted to his feeble hands. It was expected that Mr. Gladstone would not serve ever is fast diminishing, and the conduct of his been at the bound of the beam of the bound of the bou expected that Mr. Gladstone would not serve ever is fast diminishing, and the conduct of dians. The charge was this .-- he said that under him, and many were the rumors of the Emperor and Empress in visiting all the his brother's wife bought spirits from me 10 hospitals to which the most cases are taken, months ago. The Captain told Mr Duncan him with which this portion of the press teemed. Differences, however, have been allayed. Everyone in office adheres to his there have been a few isolated cases; but no place; and no department remains unfilled, general outbreak of violence. Still those was able to get witnesses to convict me in a but that of the Chancellorship of the Duchy who croak insist we shall have it in the week. The next day the ship went to Niof Lancaster, from which Lord Clarendon spring in full force. "Sufficient for the day tinat and arrested Frank, Mr. Malowanski's has been removed to take the Foreign Of- day is the evil thereof;" in the meanwhile it trader. We got back when the seven days fice Seals, which the new Premier had to is determined to hold a congress and to take resign. No programme has yet been issued, steps to stop the pilgrimages to Mecca and but the new administration-if the Palm- Mederah, whence the miasma is supposed erston Cabinet without that noble lord can to emanate. Even the Sultan has agreed to so be called-is believed to be making send his Embassy to Paris where the meetpreparation for the approaching Parliamentary ing of the powers will speedily take place. campaign with considerable earnestness. It seems undoubted that this year's outbreak Public feeling is, however, far from being may be clearly traced to the filth and garwith the Government. Lord John Russell is bage these stupid followers of Mahomet left distrusted, and Mr. Gladstone is feared, behind them, the consequences of which distrusted, and Mr. Gladstone is reared, behind them, the consequences of which interse he never bought any spirits of me but he contemplation, and the Treasury whips are heat of the summer. That there will be a saw some of his friends buy it in a certain said to be employed in sounding the more howl if this annual pilgrimage be stopped place I don't know the name of, but anyhow said to be employed in sounding the more howl if this annual pilgrimage be stopped extreme Badicals, whether they will, by cannot be doubted, but the times are too either joining the Ministerial phalanx offi- advanced to permit the safety of the world cially, or by giving it Parliamentary support, to be endangered by the superstitious fancies help them in their present dilemma. Beform of a race of ignorant fanatics. There may is the rock ahead. The new M.P.'s who were returned at the last general election as the supporters of Lord Palmerston are FRANCE. FRANCE. free from their obligations by reason of his

death. Foreign politics do not run smoothly, and everybody more or less believes that the the world in the hollow of his hand has the world in the hollow of his hand has given instructions to make an immediate re duction in the army, and the beginning is to nearly run out. The political finger post points steadily to a general break down, as be made in the strongest arm of the service -the artillery. The expenditure of France soon as Parliament meets, and nothing puts it down. The wind bag of Æolus is once more is just now so enormous that retrenchment is absolutely indispensable, and when Louis opened, and no member of the present Government has either the power or influence again to bind the storm it has let loose. Napoleon sees a necessity he is not the man to shrink from taking it in hand. The build-There is no intention to gal! Parliament toing in Paris still goes on in full vigor. Everybody is employed. Wages are high and contentment preveils. A reduction in gether until the neural name, so that for three months at least here will be no change of

ad opportunity tempted at a m is this seen than a means for consolidating No factious resistance is anticipated ; so both that feeling becomes un fait accompli. Un-scrupulous as the Emperor is no one can you and we must bide our time till spring

approaches. deny him to be a great man. FENIANISM JAWATCA: This "tempest in a tea pot" has almost An insurrection is reported to have broken passed away. Arrests continued to be made. out amongst the negroes on this island, but and we new and then hear of an American scarcely any facts have yet come to hand. being nabled with money, arms and ammn- The local administration were however when steamers at the Irish ports and Liverpool. the mail left using active means to check But so far as Ireland is concerned, the whole and finally extinguish it. It seems to have But so far as ireland is concerned, the whole arisen from an importation of free negroes arise from Hayti. any very general sympathy amongst "the NEW ZEALAND. finest peasantry in the world," and has been The war here is at an end. The most viomost characteristically designated by a mot which is in circulation, and attributed to that lent of the new Maoritic sect have been capclever wit, Bernal Osborne. The tale goes tured and are to be tried for their murders that Lord Lieutenant Wodehouse observed to attended with cannibalisms. General Camthis emulator of Sydney Smith, the other eron has come home and since he has left the day, that "he feared the heat of Fenianism colony matters seem to have gone on much was very intense ;" to which he got the ready better without him. The local powers have reply, "Yes; '98 in the shade !" In spite, shown themselves fully equal to any emerhowever, of the utter folly of the promoters, gency. their wild schemes of a Republic, their for-MR. DUNCAN'S COURT. mation of a government in America, and their mischievous purposes, there is a good FULL ACCOUNT BY A VICTIM. deal of pluck about some of them. This is proved by the adoption of a regular line of We have been permitted to copy the follegal proceedings. When the Government lowing letter written by one of the victims seized the Irish People journal there is very httle doubt but that some of the officials exceeded their powers. They did too much. In this city, and which, if the state-In consequence of this the owners of that ments it contains are substantially true, journal and several others have taken out places the recent acts of that clerical proceedings not only against Mr. Stronge the magistrate in 'a more outrageous light than they sue the Lord Lieutenant himself, and we had previously supposed :seek "to hoist the engineer in chief by his H. M. S. CLIO. own petard." The trials are approaching, Mr. --, Sir,-Situated as I now am I but all interest seems to have died out about want your advice. In the first place, I will them. Not the ghost of a scream seems likely give you an account of the whole proceedings. to be got out of the proceedings. There seems On the 19th October, I cleared my vessel at to be very little doubt but that the Atlantic New Westminster according to law, and paid cable was broken by means of Fenian inter- duty on everything I had on board. I left ference. Everybody on board the Great on the 22nd for the North West Coast, traded Eastern connected with the undertaking all the way up as I went, and was very suc-was at the time persuaded that trickery had cessful. I passed H. M. S. Chio lying at anbeen at work ; and now the Fenians openly chor at the Mission (Mr. Duncan's place, 15 assert they did it to prevent communication. miles below Fort Simpson). I went on and Sir Fenwick Williams, the Governor of which would have blown up their magazine. dropped anchor that night at Fort Simpson, Like the ostrich when pursued, it hides its which is our principal trading station. I had head in the sand; "the chief circles" hall a file of papers for Mr. Moffat, the H. B. C. no idea the American Government had its trader, and the next morning I took them on ent Secretary of State is more wise in his eye upon them, much less did they suspect shore. There I got the news that the Clio generation than his predecessor, the Duke of that everything going on in the States was had been sent up under Duncan's orders, and regularly communicated to Lord Palmerston's that they had taken the sloop Eagle. They Government. They thought American feel- told me that I was going to be seized, which ng was so bitter against Old England that I took no notice of, as I had nothing on board those who held the reins at Washington but what the law allowed-although I was would only be too glad to wink at the move- well aware how prejudiced Mr. Dancan and ment, and help it secretly if they could. They the H. B. Company were against the schooners reckoned without their host, for Mr. Seward trading there; I simply told them I had kept Lord John Russsell en courant for the nothing to fear, as I had no goods on board ast nine months, so that when the pear was but what had paid duty-which was nothing about to be plucked, as if ripe, it was dis- but the truth. About 8 o'clock that night covered to be rotten. Such loyalty ought one of H. M. boats came alongside with not to go unrecorded, since but for its mani- two officers and sixteen armed men; the festation that which is now simply ridiculous officer asked for my papers, which I gave might have been very serious. You shall him. He looked at them, and said he had have full particulars of the trials, and it may to search. I took the hatches off, and he tion an not be uninteresting for you to learn that found everything all right; but he said his vants. SPILSBURY HALL BUTLER."

disposed of in the same way. I was the next were up, and no witnesses having arrived we were, consequently, remanded for 4 days more. At last Mr. Cunningham, the other missionary from Metlakahtla arrived with four Indiana; he had written statements from the whole of them, they were well prompted as to what they were to say, and were not sworn at all. I can take a solemn oath that I never saw one of them before, they came from the very interior of the country. The first said that it is in the Russian Possessions. The next said that he never bought any himself but he saw four others buy it in the same place. The third said the same, the fourth said he bought whiskey of me himself in the same place and at the same time 10 months ago. That was the evidence against me. I was not allowed to get any witnesses nor to speak to any one. The trial was carried on in the Indian language which not one on board understood except Dancan and the Indians. So he was judge, prosecutor and interpreter, and whatever he told them in their own language they said ; in fact it was one of the most scandalous affairs that was ever known. He then asked me if I had anything to say. I told him what I had to say was this, that they gave me no chance to get any evidence, nor any one to defend my case. I was taked

nor any one to defend my case. I was taken out of my yessel and brought on board of the Clic and kept a prisoner confined be-tween the guas while he himself was and-ing union all case. The country inving my Indians to swear a man's life away or the next thing to it. I then asked the captain i I could appeal the case and he said ves. Well then, I replied, I shall move for an appeal. He then gave orders to remove the prisoner. In a quarter of an hour we were called up again when the following sentence was read. I was fined four thousand dollars and confiscation of my vessel and cargo which was a good \$3,500 more; in default of payment 8 years in the chain gang. One of my men who was with me last trip was fined one thousand dollars or two years ; the other man got clear as he was not with me at the time. When he read the sentence all the officers and ship's company were ready to cry out shame against him, but it would not do as the vessel was sent up to obey his orders. But, anyhow, when it was over the band struck up the beautiful air "We will hang old Duncan on a sour apple tree," and when he was leaving the vessel they played the "Rogues March." When they were playing the first air all the ship's company, 295 men sung it. It was very personal, but they did not care. Now, sir, I am ruined ; and what for ? for earning an honest livelihood. They have taken my vessel and everything in it. There are 436 mink skins, 100 martin, 36 turs, I scarcely had sold any of my cargo, but all is taken and I am to go in the chain gang. God forgive me I will never live to endure that disgrace for eight years ; no, sir, I have one of the best chances to sue for damages, but require a friend to give me advice. I want to appeal the case, and the quicker it is done the better, as the Clie may leave right away.

## heartfelt thanks for their benevolent kindness -a kindness which will never be effaced from our progress should be the steady gait of men you will please insert this letter in your who have a definite object in life, and whose fully, valuable paper, I am, yours truly and grate-

## I remain, yours, &c., W. J. STEPHENS.

IMPORTANT COUNCIL.-The London correspondent of the Post says :-- Governor Seymour is in town, and will attend with Lord Monck, the Governor of Canada, and Nova Scotia; these three gentlemen will assist Mr. Cardwell in making his bargain about the Hudson Bay territory. The pres-Newcastle, who, in a similar case, was content to leave it all to the other side. For some years I have argued that the Secretary of State ought to have a Council of Colonial Governors, and it is to be hoped that this will be the beginning better state of things, and that the Cole AI office will get the aid of those who have experience in the future management of the Colonies.

CAPT. GLOVER, formerly a resident of this city has been figuring in the London Police Courts as a drunken vagrant. On enquiry it transpired that he was of highly respectable parentage. His father occupied a high position and kept an establishment with 20 ser-

