

WANTS.

The deplorable *Pacific* disaster has left our district without a Gold Commissioner, and if rumor is correct, there are not a few who have made application for this most important position.

We do not presume to dictate to the Government as to their selection in filling this office, but if they have the desire to gratify the Cassiar miners they will look more to capacity and experience than to political favoritism.

As we intend unsparingly to censure where censure is merited, we must also be equally just in giving praise when earned.

The Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works has our thanks for his prompt action in providing for the reconstruction of the bridges over the first and second North Forks, before the beginning of the packing. Let him now remember that there is a trail (in very bad order), between Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake, — and remembering, make provision.

Two other great necessities we would call the honorable gentleman's attention to: First—The necessity of a trail up Thibert's Creek, from the end of the present trail to a point some eight miles up, to where last Fall some good prospects were got, and a large quantity of ground preempted. We would not advocate any large or definite amount being set apart for this, but would simply suggest something reasonable should be placed at the disposal of the Gold Commissioner for this purpose; which, if insufficient, could easily be augmented by private subscription from interested parties, the same as we have done on Dease Creek the past season. Second—The absolute want of a trail from Thibert's to McDames Creek. This is only required for the purpose of driving beef cattle or loose animals, and although the distance is upwards of sixty miles. A small appropriation would be sufficient for the purpose.

We would strongly urge that this latter work should be done early in the season.

SCANDAL.

Messrs. Trimble and Douglas have brought themselves prominently before the country in their most scandalous correspondence in our two daily contemporaries for a few days past. There is no reasonable man can think otherwise than that there is a glaring falsehood on one side or another. To us it is a matter of perfect indifference which gentleman is a paragon of truth, and which must of necessity be diametrically the opposite.

We can only look at the positions of the two members as representatives of the same constituency, one of them holding the highest place in the Legislative body, and in taking this view of the case we can only express our strong disapprobation of the course pursued by both, which, in our opinion, amounts to a most glaring act of discourtesy to their constituents, and to the House wherein they sit.

The House would only be doing right did it call on the two members to purge themselves from the stigma of this falsehood before allowing them to take their seats again amongst those who ought to be above suspicion.

QUESTIONS.—Mr. Disher asked the Premier the following question: "If it was true that the Local Government intended sending the initial stake of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway to the United States Centennial, and if so, would the work of pulling up the stake be let by contract."

"NO SURRENDER."—As the discussion of the Railway Terms will be brought before the House to-day, we sincerely hope that no dissention will take place, and that the "Carnarvon Terms" will be sustained in their entirety.

SHORTLY to be published, an old song by a new author, W. A. Fowel, "I'd be a butterfly."

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