

## The Weekly British Colonist

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## State-Aided Emigration.

The subject of Emigration as a cure for Pauperism and at the same time a means of strengthening and consolidating the Colonial Empire, has for some time formed a prominent subject of home thought. The whole question was discussed in the British House of Commons on the 1st ult. It was introduced by Mr Robert Torrens, member for Cambridge, who pointed out the beneficial results attainable by a comprehensive scheme for State Emigration—that is transferring the surplus population of the Old Country into the colonies, where, from starving or living upon the toll of others, they might become thriving and populous communities, producers of wealth and purchasers of British manufactures, thus renewing the strength of the nation by relieving her of a source of weakness and shame at home, and building up her second self abroad, knitting both together in the bonds of amity and a common patriotism. The Prime Minister offered strong opposition to any scheme of State Emigration as an unjustifiable interference with the more natural and legitimate voluntary emigration. But the most palpable objection urged by the Government was that the colonies were averse to receiving State Emigrants; that nearly all the Australian colonies had set their faces against it; that any attempt to carry it out would scarcely be received in a less bitter spirit than was evoked by the attempt to force convicts upon them; that, instead of having a tendency to knit closest the bonds between the Mother Country and her colonies, it would try their strength and might snap them. Referring to this debate the *Standard*, the Conservative organ, says:—

"The House of Commons devoted itself last night to the discussion of what the Under Secretary for the Colonies, with ultra-national infidelity, called a 'dead question'—meaning, we beg the working men of England to understand—the question of emigration. That this is a question which, though pertaining to death itself, has a certain vitality in the minds of the Ministry, was sufficiently proved by the pains taken by the Government whips to pack the Ministerial benches and to secure a party majority. The result was more creditable to the state of the patriots or the humanity of the Government. The question may be settled for a time, but we venture to affirm that it will be found to be living long after a more placid official career shall have become a vague departmental tradition. The true victory last night was with the advocates of national emigration on either side of the House, who spoke with a spirit, a force, and an earnestness which must commend their arguments to the good sense of the impartial and judicious public. The speeches of the mover and seconder, as well as those of Lord George Hamilton and Mr Talbot, have placed the case in the strongest manner before the country; nor have we anything to say of the answer of the Government, but that it was distinguished by absolute ignorance of the real merits of the question, as well as by a total disregard for the feelings of the distressed poor in this kingdom."

The *Morning Advertiser* remarks:—  
"Most of the speakers, no matter what their political opinions, were in favor of State aid to emigration. Seldom, indeed, have we witnessed so great an amount of concurrent feeling on any great public question. Yet, notwithstanding that the preponderance of speakers supported the motion of Mr Torrens, Mr Gladstone gave it, in the name and with the authority of the Government, his most strenuous opposition. We regret this and it will be regretted by all the real friends of himself and his Administration. Of course, Mr Gladstone's speech, Mr Torrens still did not withdraw it, but pressed it to a division, when the numbers were—For the motion, 483; against it, 153. From the smallness of the number who voted with the Ministers, viewed in relation to their 380 usual supporters, they cannot fail to see how unpopular is the course they have adopted in refusing State aid to emigration."

It may fairly be inferred, therefore, that although the Government has, for the present, succeeded in beating back popular sentiment upon this great subject it will, at no distant day, burst out with increased strength and volume. Whatever weight may be attached to this statement, that the colonies are themselves the chief obstacle in the way of any State emigration scheme, we must be permitted to think that this formed but a poor answer. Such a scheme does not imply pauper emigration; and it only remains to convince the colonies that the class of population could not be of an undesirable character in order not only to gain their assent but to secure their cordial co-operation. But there are other colonies besides those of Australasia. British North America is nearer, and if the already established Provinces of the Dominion might be somewhat reluctant, there is in the great Northwest Territory room for eight or ten millions without either overcrowding or inconvenience to anyone. That Territory presents at once an ample, convenient and advantageous field for such operations. With railway communication direct from the Atlantic seaboard to the great basin of the Red River five emigrants could be sent

there for what it would cost to send one to Australia. And who will interpose any objection to pouring in population there? To do so would be to strengthen, consolidate and build up the Greater Britain of America. Let the mother country pour her surplus population into the Red River Basin until it runs over, flows through the pass in the Rocky Mountains and peoples the Pacific slope. How else is Confederation to prove a permanent success?

Sunday April 24.  
Legislative Council.

Saturday, April 23d.  
Council met at 11 a.m.

Present—The President, Hon. Titch, O'Reilly, Cressie, Hamley, Busby, Wood, Alston, Carrall, Helmeck, Robson, Dewdney, Waltem.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

MR. WATSON'S PETITION.

The President read the following extract from a dispatch relating to the retirement of Mr Alex Watson from the office of Treasurer of Vancouver Island.

No. 58, 6th April, 1870.

MR. SYMEUR TO SECRETARY OF STATE:—  
I therefore have offered him for himself, his wife and family, a free passage to England and full salary for six months; I have further promised to place his claims for re-employment before your Lordship. Mr Watson was for some years accountant in the Bank of British North America, at Victoria, and was induced by Sir James Douglas to relinquish that employment for the appointment of Treasurer of Vancouver Island. He has now been four years in the Government Service, and I can confidently recommend him as a gentleman of strict integrity, very valuable in commercial matters.

A. MUSGRAVE, JR.,  
Private Secy.

PROCEEDINGS.

The President, on behalf of the Governor, read the following speech:

Mr President and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council.

After a late and somewhat prolonged Session you will probably be glad to be released from your legislative labors, in order that you may resume those personal duties and occupations which are not less important to the progress and well-being of the Community.

I thank you for the diligence with which you have considered the several measures and subjects which have been submitted to you. The proceedings which you have taken in respect of the great question of Confederation with the Dominion will enable me to ascertain the views of the Government of Canada upon this important subject, and to present it in a definite shape for the decision of the community. For this purpose, as I have already informed you, I propose to send a Delegation to Ottawa, who will be able to explain our views and wants, and learn how the expectations of the people of this Colony can be fulfilled in any arrangement for Union.

To the Bills which you have forwarded to me I shall give my assent, I have already amended and consolidated the Laws affecting Crown Lands, the Crown Grants Ordinance and the Land Registry Ordinance, I regard as very important measures of which the value will speedily become apparent.

The addition which you have made to the Revenue for the purpose of maintaining the Telegraph on the Mainland shall be applied to the desired object.

To most of the communications which I have received from your Honorable Board I have already furnished separate replies, and upon those which have not been so answered I have reserved any expression of opinion until the subjects can be more fully considered, with the view of giving effect to your recommendations.

Your Resolution respecting the Island of San Juan shall be laid before Her Majesty's Government.

I will make inquiry as to the working of the system under which Fees are now paid in the Admiralty Court; but I fear that it will be too much to expect that Her Majesty's Government will be ready to assume expenses which are now paid by Sutors in that Court.

Attentive consideration shall be given to your suggestion for the establishment of a Local Court of Appeal. The great obstacle in respect of this, as well as other improvements, is the additional expenditure necessary for the purpose.

The same difficulty exists with regard to many recommendations made in Committee of Supply, which have been forwarded to me. Willing as I should be to see them carried into effect, the present financial position of the Colony does not permit me to do what I should otherwise desire to accomplish. But there should be improvement in the Revenue, with economy in the expenditure under the Appropriation Act. I hope to be able to liquidate the arrears due to the Common School Teachers of Vancouver Island for 1867 and 1868, in accordance with your Resolution requesting me to do so, and other matters may be provided for in the financial arrangements for the ensuing year.

That the Council at the next Session, it may be under circumstances, affording renewed hope and restored confidence in the future fortunes of British Columbia.

I now propose your Honorable Council, and the same is hereby proposed accordingly.

Governor Hovell, A. Hovell.

April 23rd, 1870.

LANE SCHOOL.—We hear that a difference has arisen between the local Board of Trustees of Lake District, and Mr Harrison, the Teacher, in consequence of the severity of the corporal punishment inflicted by Mr Harrison upon the children. Only four or five children are now in attendance, the others having been withdrawn by their parents. The matter will be laid before the Governor.

## Cariboo News.

We have *Scanned* of the 9th inst. On William creek the Cariboo Co washed up 112 oz. for last week. The rich ground recently struck by this company still holds out good, but water is troublesome and progress slow. The Caledonia Co, have struck a good prospect. The Foster-Campbell Co. are elevating out their diggings. The Barker Co have not struck the good pay they anticipated from the fine prospect recently obtained, but on Thursday last they washed up 14 oz. An excellent prospect was found on Thursday in the Diller claim. The work done in this claim since it was re-opened last year was principally in old ground, and on Thursday new ground was reached. It is the same kind as that which paid so richly in 1863, but only six inches deep, while the former was three feet deep. On Stout gulch the Taffvale claim paid a good dividend last week. The gold was obtained from the high rock upon which excellent prospects were recently struck, and the work now going on confirms the opinion that a channel of gold deposits lies on the high rock, co-extensive with the channel now worked. On Cookin gulch the Felix Co got over 30 oz. last week. The McDowell Co are working and making from \$6 to \$8 an ounce per day to the hand. On French creek the Cosmopolitan Co, on Tuesday last, got a prospect of two ounces to nine car-loads of dirt, although their tunnel is not yet fairly in the channel. On Lowhee creek the Victoria Co washed up 364 ounces for last week. On Mosquito creek the Wright-Lovel Co intend to send some more quartz to the mill. Sadox & Co, who have been prospecting on a continuation of the Wright-Lovel ledge, have struck good prospects in the easting and the quartz is said to be of a superior quality. On Grosche creek the air shaft for the Waverley tunnel has been bottomed, and it is intended to commence washing next week. On Keithley creek the Stonehall Co, who have been running through a canyon for a considerable time without profit, have struck the good pay expected on passing the canyon. On Lightning creek the Fall-mo-Never Co were reported to have struck it rich, but we understand, authoritatively, that the claim is only paying wages. The Ross Co washed up 35 oz. for the week, and 24 oz. on Wednesday last. The general impression is that a better supply of water will be obtained this year than during several previous seasons.

TRAVEL IN THE INTERIOR.—There is good sleighing from Barkerville to a point within four miles of Quesnelmouth, where wheeling begins. The road in many places is covered with snow. In the Green Timber there are great drifts and traveling is heavy. At Alexandria the river is still frozen and loaded teams may cross with safety. A break-up is not anticipated for two weeks to come. The season, in fact, is two weeks later than has been the case for a long time.

THE CRICKET MATCH yesterday was sharply contested and was witnessed by a large number of persons. After an obstinate resistance the Bachelors overcame the Benedicts, winning the match by six runs. The score was:—  
Bachelors, 1st innings.....70  
Benedicts 1st.....146  
Benedicts 2nd.....92  
Bachelors 2nd.....140

THE STEAM TIGER PRACTICE.—Mr C. A. Lombard, Secretary of the Tiger Engine Company, furnishes the result of the practice with their steamer yesterday. Water was drawn from the cistern at the corner of Yates and Government street. In 4 minutes 10 seconds after fire was kindled the first whistle was blown. In 8 minutes 30 seconds work was commenced, and in 8 minutes 50 seconds water was thrown. The apparatus was subjected to a variety of tests, all of which proved eminently satisfactory, and two streams of water were thrown 30 feet over the top of the pole on the St Nicholas Hotel.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.—The steamer Enterprise arrived at 5 o'clock last evening, bringing Mr J. A. Todd of Barkerville, and Messrs O. Nelson, H. Nelson, J. S. Drummond, Dr Fetherstone and Capt Elias from points on the lower Fraser. Mr J. A. Todd has been presented with an elegant gold watch by the members of the Mechanics Institute at Burrard Inlet. The Seymour Artillery Company are going to re-organize, and sent an application to the Governor for permission to do so. About 20 of the old Sappers have enrolled themselves.

H. M. S. Zealous, Capt. Hames, entered Esquimalt Harbor at 6 o'clock last evening, and an Admiralty salute was fired from H. M. S. Charlydis, Capt. Lyons. The great warship came to anchor near her former moorings. Very few of the Zealous officers and men of the new commission belonged to her when on this station before. We have not learned whether Admiral Hastings' former residence has been secured for the Admiralty.

LATE FROM OMINA.—Mr J. H. Todd informs us that Fred Litter had returned from Omina to William Creek and confirms the report of Black and May having gone out to prospect. Native River Work on Vitalis Creek was out of the question owing to the severity of the weather. Walter, an Ominea prospector, reported missing, came into camp all right. Litter speaks highly of the prospects obtained.

The steamship California, Capt Rogers, arrived from Portland at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and anchored to the outer harbor. Having sent ashore the mails and 40 passengers for Victoria, among whom are several families who have come to settle, the California proceeded on her way to Port Townsend. The mails were brought ashore in a plunger in charge of Mr Gardner, second mate of the California. The California, while entering the Straits yesterday, saw the Zealous ten miles astern, steaming in. We are under obligations to Purser Goodhue for the customary favors.

Out West they tell a story about a dog which was greatly interested in him, which attended a singing school, and was subsequently found in a back yard with a music book in front of him, beating time with his tail on a old tin pan and howling "Old Hundred."

Surr.—Kenneth McCaskel, formerly a resident of Victoria, sues the Pacific Mail Steamship Company for \$10,000. He complains that the steamship Golden City was badly managed by the agents of defendants, that said steamer was shipwrecked, in consequence of which he became sick and suffered from indolence of the weather, and is still sick.

THE STREETS OF NEW YORK.—The beautiful sensational drama of the Streets of New York was presented for the last time last night at the Theatre Royal. The attendance was large and the excellence of the acting called forth frequent manifestations of applause.

TO EPISCOPALIAN.—We are requested to state that parties desirous of testifying their appreciation of the Rev Mr Somerville by contributing towards a testimonial, have an opportunity of doing so by calling at Mr R Wallace's office, Wharf street. The list will be closed on or about Wednesday next, 27th inst.

THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN announces a call from Hon. Mr Holbrook, member of the British Columbia Legislature and a bearer of dispatches from the British Columbia Legislature to the Province of Ontario.

THE BOOKS SETTLERS have received relief at last. The Sir James Douglas took down the mail yesterday morning and returned last evening. She touched at Race Rocks both going and returning.

THE DELEGATION.—It is rumored that Hon Dr Helmeck in consequence of pressing professional engagements, has declined to go to Ottawa as delegate.

IT IS REPORTED that Mr Francis, the retiring U.S. Consul at this port, has secured the exclusive right to trade for a number of years, with the Indians on the South side of the Straits in the vicinity of Cape Flattery.

DIED ABOARD.—A telegram from Bordeaux, France, announces the death of Mr Prosper Grellay, of the well-known firm of Grellay & Fillets. Mr Grellay was a much respected pioneer citizen.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.—DeMotte's Mass will be performed this morning at 11 o'clock at the Catholic Cathedral, by accomplished professional and amateur talent.

WHAT A PITY.—Hooper, the Mormon delegate to Congress, says that the reason our first parents did not practise polygamy was 'that their marriage was exhaustive'; in other words, that Adam married all the women in the world.

THE SO-CALLED RUSSIAN-AMERICAN COMPANY demands from the Russian Minister of Finance over 3,000,000 roubles, for the losses which it claims to have sustained by the secession of Alaska to the United States.

THE DUBLIN NATION says 'it despises, spits on and defies the tyranny of' infamous as the Government Peace Preservation Bill of Mr Gladstone, and would send it to the bottom of the sea.

MAILS.—Heavy mails were brought by H.M.S. Zealous and the N.P.T. Co's steamer California.

The steam Deluge will come out for practice at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FOR PEACE RIVER GOLD MINES.

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