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Corrupt Practices Prevention Act.

Judging from a cursory glance at the Act to prevent bribery, treating and undue influence at elections of members of the Legislature, the measure is one calculated to make men honest at elections, that is to say, as far as men can be made honest by Act of Parliament. Its provisions render it extremely difficult for a candidate, either by himself or through others, to give or promise any valuable consideration, advantage, benefit, favor or reward for any vote or support, without exposing himself to pains and penalties, and absolutely disqualifying himself to take a seat in the Legislature, It places an embargo upon eating, drink-ieg, lodging, smoking, travelling, or in any way, shape or manner luxuriating during an election at the expense of a candidate. It even cuts off flags, cockades, ribbone, badges or marks of party distinction at the expense of any candidate or of any one on his behalf, In order the more effectually to check any undue expenditure at an election, it is provided that every candidate shall, within two months after an election, hand in to the Returning Officer a de-tailed statement of all election expenses incurred by him, or by any one on his behalf, together with the bills and vouchers relative thereto, and the Returning Officer shall, at the expense of and candidate, within fourteen days, publish, in manner provided by the Governor in Council, an abstract of such statement. Default in making such returns of expense involves a penalty not exceeding \$25 for every day during which such default continues. The making of any false statement or returns of anch expenses shall be a misdemeanor, and, shall be punished accordingly. The Returning Officer shall preserve all such bills and vouchers, and during six months after they have been delivered to him permit, any voter to inspect the same, on payment of a fee of one dollar. It should also be mentioned that the Bill provides that all persons having any bills, charges or claims upon any candidate, for or in respect of any election, shall send in the same within one month from the day of the declaration of the election, otherwise such persons hall be barred of their right to recever such claims or any part thereof. The term " undue any part thereof. The term "undue influence" has a definition wide enough to leave the voter in the freest possible exercise of his franchise. The penalty for these various distribution of all power to compet the attendance of distribution of all power and the attendance of distribution of all power and the attendance of effences includes fine and imprisonment, the former ranging from ten to five hundred dollars. The pecuniary penalties are made recoverable, by appear in the published list to be due. action or suit. by any person who shall sue for the same in the Supreme Court of British Columbia. After making due allowance for the difficulty of enforcing all such laws, we are disposed to think the provisions of this Bill, in the hands of good and faithful officers, will go far towards de-demagogueising the Legislature, as it will most assuredly tend to de-beerising (to cain a word) some constituencies. With such a law in on a flood-tide of BEER.

Road Steamers in India.

In noticing the introduction, into our Indian Empire of Thompson's road steamers; the London Times remarks, 'As a general rule inventions of utility are but slowly recognised; they have to grow into fame by force of their own merits, and without the impetus of any great patronage. The acflon of the Indian Government with regard to Thomson's road steamers furnishes, however, a striking exception, and we think it well worthy of notice. It appears that these engines had scarcely been tried when the Indian Government procured a small one, with a view to attesting its adaptability to passeager and goods traffic in that coun-So satisfactory was the experiment that the Governor-General in Council gave orders for four engines of great power; and capable of attaining an average speed of ten miles per hour. It is intended to run these steamers in the Purjab, between Rawul Pindee, the chief military station in Northern India, and Jhelum, 681, unles apart. It is intended that the train will, on ordinary occasions, consist of one, and on extraordinary occasions of two omribuses, and will run the distance in seven hours inclusive of all stoppages. One ownibus will carry 20 first, 20 second, and 20 third class passengers, with 50 cwt., of mails, and luggage. When it is considered, says the Times, that the total cost of the plant will be rather less than £120 mile, it will at once be seen how important an experiment this is. The question must at ence arise to all thinking minds-Is not such a line preferable to a narrow gauge railway or tramways on runs not exceeding 80 miles in length and where the traffic is limited ? Speaking of Thomson's Patent, the Times says:
The engine runs on three wheels only, and in this way a small wheel base is obtained, and great facility given for steerage. In fact, the whole machine, instead of being an improvement on the traction engines hitherto used on common roads, is constructed on an entirely new principle, and is different to them in every particular.' British Columbia will be indebted to the praiseworthy enterprise and can territory, rare pluck of Barnard and Beedy for the early Skernamouth.

introduction of this great improvement in locometion; and the historian will record the fact that the enterprise of these gentlemen did not meet with ready recognition at the bands of our Legislature—that, in truth, it met with rather scorvy treatment.

Sunday, Mardh 12. Official Appointments.

Yesterday's Gazette contains the following nneuncements :- Pursuant to the Boad Acts, the following gentlemen have been appointed te form Courts of Appeal in the respective

Districts named.

Esquimait Tewn Read District—D Cameron Esq, W Fisher Esq.
Esquimalt-Metchosin Road District

McKenzie Esq. J Russell Esq.
Victoria Road District and Victoria City
Road District—W J Macdonald Esq J D Pemberten Esq.
Lake and Saanich Read District—A C Anderson Esq. W Thomshon Esq.
Nanaimo Road District—W R Spaulding

Esq M Bate Esq.
Cowichan Road District—T J Skinner Esq. John Morley Esq.
Salt Spring Island Read District—J P Booth

Comox Road District—J Mustero Esq.

Albert Norton Richards, Esq., of the town of Brockville, Ontario, Barrister at Law, gives notice of his intention to apply at the expiration of two months to placed on the roll of barristers in British Columbia.

John Parker Esq has been appointed Post, master at Metchesin.

NOVA SCOTIA ON THE SITUATION .- On the 17th February the Legislature of Nove Scotia adopted a Rosolution, which, denuded

sider it their duty to the fishermen and the other inhabitants of these Colonies to enter a most solema protest against the said fisheries being translated to any fersion government of the people of the said

SPECIAL MEETING.—The Municipal Coun-cil seld a meeting perioras Mr. 12 January passed the assessment fool for 1871 and handed over the new fire lose to the Tire Department, which was suppresented by Assistant Engineer Richards. The customs dues on the hose we are glad to learn his been remitted by the Government.

LAND TAX AMENDMENT ACT. - This Act. which has received the assent of His Excellency the Governor, provides for the appointment and to give such instructions as he may deem expedient for the purpose of recting the such list. V bloods you

SALE OF BELLINGHAM BAY LOTS, This sale is advertised for Tuesday next by Mr Lumley Franklin. The property comprises some of the best-situated lots at Bellingham Ray, the title to which is indisputable and theultimate value of which is placed beyond doubt by the certainty of the termination of the North Pacific Railway at that point. At Bellingham Bay are located extensive coal mines and quarries. force some of our so called legislators will The former have just passed into the hands of the difficult to sail into Parliament leased to contractors who require building stone for San Francisco, and Portland. The harbor is pronounced a sate one, good anexor; age and shelter being found there. We commend this sale to the attention of our readers?

PERSONAL.—Mr. A. N.Richards, who, as will be ssen, is applying to be placed on the roll of practising barristers in this Coleny, is brother to Chief Justice Richards, and to the Hon Stephen Richards, Q. C. Chief Commissioner of Crown Lands for the Province of Ontario... The subject of the present notice is a barrister of many years' standing at Brock-ville and has attained considerable distinction in his profession. It will be within the recellec-tion of many of our that ar Hichards paid Victoria a hasty visit three years agonts

"A FEW WORDS ON CANADA, BY . A CANADIAN," Such is the unpretending title of a nest dittle pamphlet of seventy two pages, published at Ottawa, for a copy of which we are indebted to Dr Pewell. Upon the fitte page is a very of the story by making himself acquainted good view, set the Rachament buildings a set with the facts. No tother motive simpels a me Ottawa. In it is contained a birds eye rism of the Dominion, its history, area, boundaries, organization, laws, institutions, population. resources, prospects, and a tolerably complete description of the militia system of the coun-

FROM COMOX AND NAMAINO. - The steamer Sir James Douglas, Caps Clarke, arrived at 41 o'clock yesterday afterdoon from a trip to the East Coast. Among her passengers were Capt Dawes, J C Brown, T G Askew and wife, Mr Gough and Mr Pleace. The ship Shooting Star is loading coal at Nansimo pand the banks entine W Harrison is taking in stone at the quarry. No Chinese colliers have reached

THE California sailed. dast evening from Pertland for Sitka. Our Exclusive Disputch published yeterday stated that she was sent there to accommodate a large number of passengers. Uap these passengers be desired for Omineca? The steamer cannot touch at Skeens, but passengers and goods may be landed sat Fort Tobgas, which is in American territory, and thenees importadude

DEPARTURES.—The steamship Pacific sailed at 41 e'clock yesterday afterneon for SanFrancisco. She carried 35 passengers and a moderate freight. A great many friends gathered at the wharf to bid adieu to Dr and Mrs Powell and Miss Branks. The doctor expects to

MEGHANICS' INSTILUTE.—The entertainment set for Tuesday evening will comprise read, ings, vocal and instrumental music and recitations; by indy and gentleman amateurs. The committee are sparing ne pains to make the affair pleasant to all who may attende

STEAM TO CARIBOO .- About the first week in April freight and passengers will be whirled from Yale to Cariboo by steam in signa days! What next? See advertisement.

Comex School .- At a meeting of the inhabitants of Comex on the 6th inst, it was resolved that the fund for the support of schools be raised by voluntary subscription and school fees.

Truth Stranger than Fiction.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST -A COTTESpondent (2) of the Stradard I see has taken upon himself the very landable task of enlightening the public and the Directors of the Vancouver Coal Com pany as to whois to blame in the matter of the Nanaimo strike. Had Black Diamond written on a sabject within the scope of his prowledge as might have but interested and edified the readers of the Standard, but he has shown himself to be utterly ignorant of the Scotis adopted a Rosolution, which, denuded of presemble, reads as follows:—Resolved, therefore, First—that this House cannot contemplate the said commission (the Joint High Commission) without serious apprehensions in respect to the included and consider it their duty to the fishermen and the other inhabitants of these Colonies to enter a most solemn protest against the said fisheries being translated to any fersion power. 'state of affairs' be aspires to eliminate. circumlocation will proceed, with your per-Colonies, or being in any other manner according to the Imperial or Canadian in pages.

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State for the Colonies and to His Execution. the strike was commenced but in their at-tempts to compressive with the mes, the managers proposed to iscrease waged. No-body wants with it seems while an easy living is obtained without it by begging. the strike? I have been sllowed to lock over the Company pay theets to the 3 months preceding the unfortunate cessation of work and will prod ce facts and figures as I saw hernxand les and them vat the Company's of those men who worked single handed and pretty regularly during the large months, and who are looked spon by the Company of a Commissioner or Commissioners to en abrepresentative mean as minere among quire into the alleged erroneous charges and them the veritable Juhn France and what tham the veritable John France and what do the public angree were the armings per shift! No less than \$3 18!! The shift is a support of the straight work men is her are termed the average will be \$3 38 per said 1!! Deductions of medical attendance, pomper, and pil average, the determination of the determination of the amount of description per many and interest offset, in these conservations per many and interest offset, in these about the determinations are been perfectly a straight offset. In these about the determinations are been perfectly a straight offset. perhaps bedes not know that an minetrale supplied with a senoul coak a month free of phurge. Med of family, having boys at work getsimagend warying ufsom #8120 to \$289 ... mentis Telkupous a imiserable pittance of 33020, of Black Diamond ich a... hambig or

> of eave is unfair and not dreditable." Then, that elaborate calculation and profure display of figures about rents of houses is all modulatines. Out of 86 miners on the Company a books at early pay reat two \$6, two \$5, two \$4, the rest \$3 to \$1050 a means. Many of the miners have residences of their own, and some of them fine structures too. pensider, sir, as a man not directly connected with the Company, or the miners, in any way, that the latter have been treated handsomely by the former. The lew families residing in the Company's houses have not been disturb. ed in their homes, although the rents have not been paid since work was suspended-nor has the doctor refused to attend them, and pin reading the enistle of Black Diamond the question forcibly suggests itself. Which is the most destably, drareputable and diagrace. the most dastardly, disreputable and disgraceful and the attempt to blow up houses with
> thele occupants, or the penning such foul and
> unfair, and untruthful language as that of Mr.
> Diamond? A more extended tissue of unwarranted and false statements, could scarcely be concered. I write solely to correct and
> disprove those statements, and to remove the
> wrong impressions which such hyperbolical
> utterances were dembtless intended to create. atterances were dembtless intended to create and before he again wields bis great influence to the frigary of the injured party in trust Black Diamond will be prepared to add mit the reasonableness and justice of my side in writing this than that of giving every person what is his due, and a desire to see the truth prevail. If, however, anyone should doubt the figures herein exhibited he can see for himself as I did by applying at the proper

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Just a word or two more Mr Editor. I also fend the Company allow a miner \$15 a month if he gets his finger binched be dis-ables himself in any way while at his workand this allewance is made without the contribution of one cent by the men to maintain sick club or anything of the kinds H The Company moreover supply the parsons ar churches of the town with fuel gratis. Knowing these facts who but a 'political brickster' to serve his own ends would wilfally distort and faitify this state of affairs as B D has done? adau

I quite agree that the importance of Nanajmo to Victoria should be maintained, but I cannot somprehend that it will benefit the workmen to disparage the interests of the Coal Com-pany, who will perhaps be permitted to man-age their own business despite the sage council and puerile blows of Black Dismond. It is indeed a abortighted policy atdition to it is indeed a phorestate which has done so much see Nessing and usen which not a little of the prosperity of Victoria has depended not be in the prosperity of victoria has depended not be seen to be a constant of the prosperity of victoria has depended not be a constant of the prosperity of victoria has depended not be a constant of the constant o

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THE ARCADE IS NOW OPEN ALL NIGHT! NOTICE-MURBAY'S BAKERY

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