#### BRITISH COLONIST THE WEEKLY

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Wednesday, November.9, 1870 A Free Homestead to Every Settler .

There can be no doubt that the true policy of the British Columbia Government under Confederation - indeed, Confederation or not,-will be to offer a free homestead to every bona fide settler, The subject is somewhat thredbare, we admit; and yet it is one involving such important considerations to the Colony that iteration, otherwise tedious, becomes endurable. British Columbia has frequently been prononnced a non-agricultural country, sometimes, indeed, by those whose opinion was entitled to very great consideration. This mistake, for there need be no hesitation in calling it such, would appear to have been the offspring of superficial observation. Take Vancouver Island, for instance. Who on it is in a position to pronounce a dogmatic opinion concerning its agricultural capacity ? All knowledge of it may almost be said to be confined to the mere fringes. The interior of the Island is still for the most part a terra incognita. Why, it was only the other week that the existence of a magnificent and fertile prairie, extending from near the head of the present Comox settlement to Cape Mudge, was discovered. And, so it is in other parts. The extent and value of the rich lands of the Cowichan settlement are only beginning to be understood, and here need be no besitation whatever in affirming that Vanconver Island is entitled to be designated an agricultural country. That the prosumably best tracts of its agricultural lands are at present out of practical reach of the markets, and that there are, in fact, as yet no markets in the Colony to induce any large measure of agricultural development, must be ad-mitted, But it is in the light of the immediate future that we desire more particularly to regard this subject. It is when the great coal stores of Nanaimo and Comox. will have to be opened up and energeticially worked in order to meet the demand certain to be made upon them ; it is when a railway, necessary as a part of the great transcontinental road, or an abxiliary thereof, shall throw open the interior of the Island and connect its rich lands with its markets, that it will be fully demonstrated that Vancouver Island is, indeed, possessed of no mean agricultural capacity.

But the agricultural resources of the Colony are by no means confined to this Island. Nav, we conceive the assertion justifiable that the mainland part of the colony possesses a still stronger claim to be regarded as an agricultural country. There everything is on a very much larg er scale. Trees, rocks, mountains, rivers, lakes, all are larger ; but still larger are its sweeps of fertile prairie and rich table and bottom lands. And here, too, comparatively little is really known by many who have ventured to pronounce an unfavorable opinion. An intelligent man with the keenest observation and ripest judgment might sail up and down the Fraser between New Westminster and Yale once a week for a decade of years, and, so far as his observation from the deck of the steamer would enable him to judge, might pronounce the country bordering upon that noble stream utterly unfit for settlement, little suspecting that behind the fringe of fir, cottonwood and jungle which forms the border on either bank, there lies basking in the quiet sunlight a stretch of the richest prairie, covered with the sweetest of grasses, pea-vine and blue-bells. And so it is above. The intelligent traveller is whirled with dizzy speed in Barnard's well appointed Express coaches through the Cascade to communicate with the Canadian Govern-Range and away up to very foot-bills of ment with a view to having inserted in the the Rocky Mountaine, little dreaming the while of fertile and wide-spreading valleys, table lands and prairie, extending on either hand away to the utmost confines of the Colony. His chief impressions are of snow-capped mountains frowning terifically overhead, yawning chasms and seething currents thousands of feet below; his most vivid recollections are of marvelous zig-zag mountain roads, sharp curves mettlescme six-in-hand horses and clever and trusty drivers. "Grand ! terifically, painfully grand !' he exclaims, but thinks not of tame, pledding, prosaic agriculture. And yet there are the latent elements of agricultural wealth and prosperity which must constitute the foundation of permanent well being. The supreme object of the local Government must be to throw open these lands, whether on the Island or the Mainland,

Chr Weekly Brilish Balanist about as solemn a farce as has yet been was felt in the election that but two

residents of the District-and one of them a foreigner-attended. The total number present including the sheriff, was thirteen. The nomination wasseconded by the Mayor of Victoria, a non resident

of the District, and as there was no opposition the Candidate walked The lack of interest manifested by the electors of Victoria District at this important crisis, is much to be regretted -especially as Mr DeCosmos occupies the very unenviable position of an anti-Confederationist. It is true, that in his remarks yesterday "he sunk the issue hat sought to make the fixing of the Terminus at Eesquimalt a sin qua non of Confederation-merely remarking under this head that he was "sound on the Terminus," which has about as much

meaning as if he had assured the electors that he is 'sound on the goose ';but that he is not sound on Confederation has been rendered but too apparent of late from the tone of his organ-he having boxed the compass of political ideas, to find an excuse for opposing the Terms. The absence of an address, too, is another suspicious circumstance. the omission of which we are surprised to find Victoria District tamely passing over. It may suit a candidate, who has been noted for his weather-cockian proclivities to say -' My political views are known to all of you'; but it is scarcely fair to the electors that they should be left without the means to pin their member down when he shows a disposition to 'turnabout and wheelabout and jump Jim Crow !' This is the second time Victoria District has been cavalierly treated by Mr DeCosmos. On a previous occasion he urged the expense of printiog as an excuse. It will be curious to observe what excuse he will advance now for a repetition of his conduct. However, although the farmers have, this time, with reasonable ground for excuse, allowed the election to go by default; it will be their own faults if, when the first Council under Confederation shall be called together with a still more liberal Constitution. they do not at least make an effort to secure the return of a proper man to represent them.

## District No 2 Returns an Anti-Confederationist by Acclamation.

At 12 o'clock noon, yesterday, thirteen (a baker's dozen) persons gathered at the Colonial School House, in response to the Sheriff's proclamation, which called for the nomination of candidates to represent Victoria District in the Legislative Council. No interest was evinced in the result. The only elector present was Dr Tolmie, and he proposed Mr DeCos. nos as a proper person. Some delay occurred in procuring seme

person to second the nomination. Mr Steinburger (a foreigner but a resident in the District) was asked by Mr. Norris to second the nomination. Mr Steinburger declined.

The Mayor and Mr Norris then urged by

gesture

Municipal Council. SATURDAY, Nov 5, 1870.

Council met at 7:30 p.m. Present-His Worship the Mayor, Councillors McKay, Alla sop, Gerow and Russell. A communication from J Steinberger, askowned by M: T Golden. The lower floor is occupied by him, and the upper portion by the Odd Fellows as a hall. The alarm was sounded by the Hook & Ladder Coming permission to make a drain at the head of Yates street, was read, and placed on file, and its consideration recommended to the succeed-

pany's bell, and the firemen were soon on the ing Council. The following persons were selected to act spot and poured several powerful streams of as Returning Officers at the approaching City Election : For Yates street Ward, W T Leigh water into the building, by means of which the flames were quickly quenched. Johnson street Ward, George Hemmingway; James Bay Ward, Ed Mallandaine. quent examination showed that the fire began between the ceiling of the saloon and An application was read from Mr Kent askthe floor of the Odd Fellows Hall, burning ing for the appointment of Auditor of city aca hole 25 feet in circumference in the joists,

counts. Deferred for consideration by the laths and flooring. The building is insured next Council. for \$5500 in the Phœnix Co,and the furniture Sundry bills not before passed by the Couns of the Odd Fellows in the Royal Co. Mr Gold-

cil, were confirmed. The Finance Committee reported the amount of bills paid since their last meeting, which en's stock and fixtures, which were nearly destroyed, were aninsured. The cause of the fire is inexplicable; but by some it is thought were adopted. Councillor McKay then read the following address from the Council; to have originated from the nibbling matches by a colony of rate that had made

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nest between the floor and ceiling. First water was thrown by the Tiger hand-engine. TO JAMES TRIMBLE, ESQ., MAYOR. The fire was discovered by the watchman on the H. B. Co's wharf. The Odd Fellows had We, the Councillors of the City of Victoria. at this, the last meeting of the Municipal year, just renovated their hall, the fittings of which wish to convey to you our thanks for the very re much damaged. Stnart & Co. of the able and courteous manner in which you have presided over and conducted the business Lion Brewery, who have a storeroom in the basement of the building, last evening sent a check for \$50 to the Chief Engineer of the prought before the Council, and we attribute the satisfactory results of the labors of the Fire Department.

Corporation for the past three year, in a great measure, to your untiring energy and perse-verance; to which we must add, that your assistance rendered at all Committee meetings

has been of material benefit. We wish you every success and happiness officer. Both of the candidates were present, for the future, and trust that the inhabitants but the attendance of electors was not large. of the City of Victoria may, at no distant pe- Mr Rebson was preposed by Mr R Dunsmier riod, again enjoy the benafit of your valuable and seconded by Dr Macnaughton Jones. Mr and seconded by Dr Macnaughton Jones. Mr Bunster was proposed by Mr York and second-ed by Mr Tranfield. Speeches were made by services.

The mayor thanked the Council in a few the seconders and by the candidates, after approcriate remarks, and the Council adjourn. which a show of hands was taken. The Rewell as ble ed sine die.

Mr. Carey's Meeting.ov add

About 150 persons gathered at St Nicholas o'clock, a.m., on Monday, the 14th. Hall last evening to hear Mr Carey propound NEW WESTMINSTER ITEMS .- The show of his political views. Mr McMillan was called hands for a member to represent New Westto the chair, and having stated the object, minster in the Council took place on Wed-

Mr Carey came forward and was, received nesday. The show was in favor of Mr Arm-strong, and the polling will take place to-morrow. Both candidates are confident of with applause. He claimed that the colony would derive great advantage from Confederation, and reviewed the sharges now met by the colony which would be assumed by the Dominica. He accepted the Canadian tariff because it would save money to beth pro- Railway ...... Six roughs, driven from Puget ducer and consumer. The public works to be Sound by a Vigilance Committee, have been erected by the Dominion would give work to eutting up didoes at Burrard Inlet and were the laborer and would, of course; benefit the given six heurs in which to leave the colony. entire country. Mr Carey then reviewed the

financial condition of the colony and pointed . CARIBOO NEWS. - The Sentinel of October 29th out the deplorable results of despotic Gov- save that winter had set in at Cariboo had says that winter had set in at Cariboo, but ernment-declaring that the colony under the present system could not maintain, itself. It was said that the brewer would suffer by Conalthough the open diggings were no longer workable, deep sinking and tunneling would federation, but Mr Carey contended, that that branch of industry would only be a loser of \$1 on every 53 gallons of beer, and surely the oz, Cariboo co 92 oz. Ballarat co 140 or. liquor-dealer, who would escape the present est Rose co 104 oz, St Ceorge co 30 oz. On bigh duty on spirits, could then afford to pay about 2 cents more a gallon, upon beer. Be-sides, the duty of \$1.50 on flour would be knocked off, and articles of daily wear from Ganada would come in duty free, whilst the ingh duty on cattle would amply protect the agriculturist. [Applanse.] Under our taifff the very manure the farmer put in his ground paid a duty of 121 per cent; under Canadian rulait would came in free. With respect to high duty on spirits, could then afford to pay Stout guich Mucho Oro co 26 oz, Teffvale co

rule it would come in free. With respect to the Terminus be would do all be could to fix Esquimalt as the Terminus. He would go so far as to grant all the land on the West Goast from Cape Scott to Cape Madge, in return for the old Island Government and embraces a a railway if the terminus were at Esquimalt : list, extending from 1860 to 1865, inclusive.

Assault,-Johnny, a Fort Rupert Indian, FIRE YESTERDAY MORNING .- At 21 o'clock yesterday morning, shortly after The Colfor assaulting Mary, an Indian maiden, was vesterday mulcted in the sum of £5, or in onist had gone to press, smoke was discoverdefault of payment a two months' residence ed issuing from the one-story brick building in the Skookum House. on the corner of Wharf and Fort streets,

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FROM NANAIMO .- The steamer Isabel, Capt Starr, returned from Nanaimo last evening. She will sail for Port Townsend at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning, returning as usual in the evening.

CARIBOO ELECTION. - The show of hands was to be held on the 3d and the polling on the 11th inst. Dr Carrall is the only candidate in the field.

WE understand that His Excellency the Governor will extend his patronage to the performance at the Theatre to-morrow even

YALE-LYTTON DISTRICT .- Mr Robert Smith announces himself still a candidate for the Council in the Yale-Lytton district.

THE steamer Emma arrived at Burrard all right and will be down to-day.

THE cable was thoroughly repaired yes-

erday and communication re-established.

## Generous Donation

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST: -- Permit me through the columns of your paper, on behalf of the V F D, to return my sincere thanks to Messrs Stuart & Co, of the Lion Brewery, for the re-THE NANAIMO ELECTION .- The nomination took place at the Court House, at 11 o'clock ceint of the following note with a check for yesterday; W R Spalding, Esq, J.P., Returniag \$50 as a donation to the Victoria Fire Department, and oblige, yours, S. Duck, Chief Engineer, V F D.

Victoria, Nov 5, 1870. WHARF STREET, VICTORIA, NOV 5, 1870.

HE CHIEF ENGINEER VICTORIA FIRE DEPART-MENT :

DEAR SIR-Feeling ourselves under an obligation to your Department for their assist-ance in suppressing the fire last night in Mr turning Officer having declared the show of hands to be in favor of Mr Bunster, Mr Duns-Golden's Saloon, we beg to hand you a Bank of British Columbia cheque for Fifty Dollars, mier demanded a poll for Mr Robson. It was announced that the poll would open at 8 to be applied in your Department as you may see fit.

We remain, with thanks, yours truly STUART & Co, Brewers.

#### **Responsible Government.**

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST,-It may be the recollection of the readers of the COLONIST that you, at the last sitting of the Legislature, took the lead in a debate second to none in importance : the right of the people of this Colony to govern themselves through their repreentatives,-commonly called Responsible Government. I was much pleased with the manly and lucid way in which you discussed the subject, and I may say exhausted it. If there are in this Colony any persons unacquainted with the subet, I would refer them to the debates of the House on the question. It is too udicrous to suppose that an editor of a paper, be he ever so stupid, who I presame can read, and read intelligently, could come to any other conclusion than that of supporting Responsible Goveras ment views. That man must be actuated by notions other than honest. I fancy the Editor of the Mainland Guardian (commonly known as the Paisley Chick-

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FEXCLUSIVE DISPATCH TO THE BRITISH COLOS NIST.

SAN FRANCIECO, 31st Oct, 1870. The drawing of prizes in the great Lottery commenced at 9 o'clock this morning. The Pavillion was crowded with men, women and children, and the excitement was intense. The first number, 10 511, drew \$19.000. The 112th prize, No 110.156. drew \$50.000 At 2 o'clock number 154 077 drew \$100.000. The lucky man was in the Pavillion at the tw time and was overcome with his good for- me tune. He was.quite poor. The crowd cheered w

lustily. It will be midnight before all the prizes

W. are draws.

and invite bona fide settlers by offering to each a FREE HOMESTEAD. Victoria District.

The return of Mr. DeCosmos to the Council by acclamation yesterday was

and word Mr Steinburger to do the but he asked no man to vote for him on concorrect thing ' but he again objected, when at last 00 The Mayor (a non-resident) seconded the omination. No other candidates appearing the Sheriff declared Mr DeCosmos duly elected to represent the District. Mr DeCosmos, who appeared more like defeated than a successful candidate, said that

he would not make a lengthy speech at the present. They all knew his political views. He would say, however, that he would do all he could to advance every interest of his constituents. On the Terminus the people would find him sound, and regarding the Canadian Tariff, he was in favor of its being amended. He need not speak of schools and other matters of importance as his views were well known. He was pleased to be nominated by Dr Tolmie, an old political opponent formerly, but now he hoped they might continue political friends. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the Sheriff, and invited the party to liquidate, which-the weather being chilly-they generally did, and then hurried homeward.

## The Railway Petition.

The idea advanced by Dr Helmcken of a petition to the Governor asking His Excellency Terms a clause that will secure the construction of a railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo, provided, after proper surveys, it be found impracticable to bring the Transcontinental road to and make it terminate on Wancouver Island, has taken form and the petition will be circulated for signature in the city to morrow The memorial recounts the advantages which Esquimalt possesses as a terminus above any locality on the Mainland, its geographical position, fine harbor, commercial connection, and the extensive coalfields and other resources of the Island which a railway would open up and develop. The document is very respectfully worded. There is not a syllable about "insisting' on the prayer being granted. And the objectionable proposition of making the railway a sine qua non of Confederation is entirely ignored, we are glad to say That issue is dead—only one man on the Island being in favor of it. The petition is a manly, sensible, respectful affair, and no candidate now before the electors but may with perfect consistency, adopt it as part of, hip political creed and give it his hearty, support. It will receive, we doubt not, the atten-tion it deserves at the hands of His Excellency.

FROM FORT GARBY .- A young Englishman, who fled from Riel's conscription at Red River, has arrived at Quesnelmouth. He 'footed it' across the Rocky Mountains and lived on horseflesh part of the time. He was provided with food by the people of Quenselmenth.

terminus at Esquimalt he would advocate the the railway to Nanaimo: But if he failed in both, he would take the terms and be glad to get them. [Great applause.] Responsible Government he should support and claimed devoted to describing the property and come that the franchise was at last put in the hands of delinquents. of the people that they might speak for and

rule themselves. Mr Carey next touched on the school question, saying he would vote to appropriate \$40,000 a year from the general revenue for the support of free schools, out of which he would pay the teachers well. He was severe on land speculators, and said he would support a tax on wild land. He was also severe on the Legislative Commun. which also severe on the Legislative Council, which last session passed a billin 15 minutes to prevent the City Council taking absentee balk. stock holders. The legislation was all for the rich man and none for the poor. Mr Carey concluded by saying that a certain party had put forward a Boy to represent the city; but the electors should be careful whom they re-turn to the House. Let no man be deceived

by premises or money. [Laughter,] He as-sured the electors he had no ambition to serve in seeking their suffrages-he cared little for the honor; but thought it a great honor for any

the nonor; sut thought is a great hour it and man to have the suffrages of the people con-ferred apon him. [Applanse.] No person wishing to put any questions to Mr Carey, the chairman asked all who were in favor of the views expressed by him to hold up their hands. All the hands but four were raised in the affirmative; but an attempt to give three cheers for 'Carey' was feebly rewith a vote of thanks to the chairman the

meeting then dissolved ...... THEATRE ROYAL .- 'Dick Tarpin ' was pre-

ented last evening with surprising effect. The conception of the character by Miss Hudson is very fine; whilst the acting of her magnificent pony, Black Bess, is both affecting and entertaining. The interpreta-tion of the wishes of her master, and the designs of his enemies, is so sagaciously portrayed by the animal that one almost fancies he is gazing upon a human being who has

been turned into a horse by the magicians that contributed so largely to entertainment in the 'Arabian Nights' The acting of the young ladies—Miss West and the Misses Pixley, and of Messrs Melville, Ward Thorn-

dition that he would break the Terms-that that noises the said taxes and sums due as he would not do. If he failed in getting the aforesaid should have previously been duly paid and satisfied, the lands will be liable, by order of the Governor, to be entered on

> read an address -or that, if they can read t, they are not able to understand it ? That the way the thing is looked on in Victoria the -where a candidate who failed to put his views in black and white would stand a better chance of a clouting than he would of election.

NANAIMO .- The schooner Black Diamond arrived at Nanaimo on Friday night, and proceeded to the Newcastle mines to take in a cargo, of coal. The schooner Discovery arrived at Nanaimo yesterday morning and went ander the shute as soon as the Isabel left to receive a cargo of coal. The Isabel took in one hundred tons. The strike amongst the miners still continues, and they appear for the most part determined to stand firm in resisting the reduction in their wages.

RIFLE SHOOTING .- The shooting for Capt. Scout's gold medal by the Victoria Rifle Corps took place yesterday at the Butts. The weather from 400 yards upwards, though moderate-

ly bright, was windy in gusts ; and at the 600 yards ranges blowing half a gale. The highs est score made was by Band Sargeat Soar-49 points, and the second highest by private Franklin-44.

THE DECAPITATED HEAD. - Professor Duchalmeau's head will be exhibited on Monday afternoon at the new French Hotel by Mr Ward. Just fancy a man's head severed from his body and that head continuing to talk months after the bo y has ceased o exist. Yet so it is l

the Times, and other delectable periodithan matters connected Notice is given by the Colonial Secretary the wellfare and progress of this Colony. It is about time the people thoroughout the length and breadth of the Colony should be up and stirring in this matter, for rest assured if you permit the time to fritter away without your representatives presuming to support it, not in a lukewarm but in a firm and independent manner, you will be saddled with an incubus that will crush out all your manly aspirations. Let Confederation simultaneously with Responsible Government be the watchword and the cry. Hereditary bondsmen for

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contents of Bell's Life, N York Spirit of

the last twelve years, who would be free themselves must strike the blow. One of . MANACLED. The most lamentable affair that has

been recorded for some time, is the murder of Miss Bareton, a school teaoher in Canton, Massachusetts, by four boys of her school, they having stoned her to death. They have been arrested for murder, but being minors, they cannot be hanged.

IMPERIAL SCANDAL.-A London paper says : Among the documents found in the Tailleries is one of date immediately prior to the marriage of Napoleon with Eugenie, in which nearly six millions of frances are settled by the Emperor on Mrs Howard and her son, the Count de Beauregard.

An Iowa woman advertises for a husband, Money no object, but must be healthy and willing to work.

Flatulency, Sour Stomach, and Heartburn Are the warnings given by nature of approaching

Are the warnings given by nature of approximate dyspepsia and liver complaint. Avert the danger by using Bristol's Sugar-Coated Fills. They in-vigorate the liver, tone and strengthen the sto-mach, and enable the bowels to perform their functions with ease and regularity. Occasional doese of Bristol's Sarsaparilla will greatly hasten 690\* cure-A Lady of High Rank,

THE PELICAR caile from San Francisco for Victoria to-morrow.

The following numbers drew \$200 : 159779 131836 137270 151672 132234 25715 193048 86250 33734 1228841 97748 102387 149656 140421 157392 43490 81720 186961 9314 182215 5516 194674 158644 103079 13378 103378 174311 167189 86125 171651 57737 164202 179529 172894 101079 52155 169204 108179 16091 28991 69269 169512 100838 81542 162808 57737 17044

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The following drew \$1000: 59231 59435 175689 183445 52929 34034 174174 52121 13961 9419. No 194379 d ew \$1500. No 147834 drew \$2000. No 125696 drew \$3000. No 58484 drew \$4000. No 146040 drew \$5000. No 83955 drew \$6000. No 188152 drew \$7000. No 109477 drew \$8000 No 47254 drew \$9000. No 96833 drew \$10.000. No 176099 drew \$11.000. No 54880 drew \$12.000. No 88641 drew \$13.000. No 31878 drew \$14.000. No 58365 drew \$15.000. No 151840 drew \$16.000. No 130021 drew \$17.000.