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Objectors—Doubters—Detractors

Strange to say there are still to be found those who would counsel the rejection of Confederation... The local government under Confederation could be conducted for \$100,000, thus leaving a clear balance of \$284,050 for reproductive expenditure.

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and justice, but in perfect accord with what has been already offered to other provinces. For our part, we have the fullest confidence that the Dominion Government will not only accede to the conditions in the official list, but also to others which we hope to see included.

Some ill-informed persons would have one believe. It will have been seen by a recently published official correspondence that the banks are full and money is begging for a place of deposit. But in dealing with the question of ability it will be as well to remember that Canada has a population of 3,000,000.

Tuesday March 1

Legislative Council

MONDAY, FEB. 28.

A communication from His Excellency the Governor was read by the President, informing the Council that a bill would be sent down by the government asking for indemnification for expenses incurred beyond the estimates of last year.

PETITIONS

Mr. Barnard presented a petition from the inhabitants of Okanagan district asking for a mail service.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Mr. King gave notice of motion that a day be named for the consideration of Mr. Watson's petition.

CANADIAN TARIFF

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That as these measures can only be attained by the Executive Government setting the initial steps, the Council, therefore, respectfully but most earnestly recommends His Excellency the Governor as follows: That he should do so.

That the Council should be empowered to order that the following resolutions may be made: Governor to \$10,000, Colonial Secretary \$3000, Attorney General \$3000, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works \$3000, Collector of Customs \$3000.

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the hands of the Executive, owing to the inability of the Council effectively to deal with them. His Excellency the Governor is earnestly recommended to make such reduction of expenditure as may be compatible with the safety and interests of the public, by further amalgamation of offices or otherwise.

To this an amendment was moved by Dr. Carrall seconded by Mr. Dewdney. That the Council respectfully recommends His Excellency the Governor to take the question of amalgamation of offices and economy of the department into his consideration during the approaching recess, with a view to the preparation of the Estimates for 1871 in accordance with the requirements of the colony.

The resolution and amendment involved a long and interesting discussion. The amendment of Dr. Carrall was lost. The members of the Executive Council were withdrawn to the lobby.

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Daring Outrage on Board an English Ship in the Outer Harbor.

In a Police Court, paragraph this morning we state the case of the master of the British ship Golden Empire against six of his crew. Yesterday afternoon, while on his way back to his ship, which is at anchor in the outer harbor, he observed the engine flying at the main, union-down Officer Hunter, who is stationed at Esquimalt, went on board H.M.S. Sparrowhawk for a boat to visit the ship and enquire into the trouble.

The verbal alterations of Mr. DeCosmos were: The original resolution was put and lost. Ayes—Barnard, Robson, Drake, DeCosmos, Humphreys, Alison, Wood, Holbrook, Dewdney, Ball, Sanderson, O'Reilly, Campbell.

Mr. Barnard moved that an address be presented to His Excellency, praying that such additional sum be placed on the Estimates as may be necessary to cover the cost of maintaining a fortnightly mail service between Cape Horn and the southern boundary of the Province, and the head of Lake Okanagan, and that he will cause a call for tenders to be made for such service and that the notice of call be published in the paper of the district directly interested, and that a proper person be appointed to receive such tenders as may be offered, and forward the same to the Postmaster General. Carried.

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The Land Office.

Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—As much surprise and discontent exist on the subject of my vote upon Mr. DeCosmos' motion for inquiry into the working of the Department of the Land Office, and as the explanation which I made within the Legislative Council of my vote was unnoted in your journal, I desire to say that I listened attentively to what that honorable gentleman said in support of his motion, expecting to find something more than the expression of mere public rumor against the administration of that Office, and therefore refused to support him, feeling that nothing more could and nothing more unfair than a personal and idle charge against the administration of affairs in a public office. Had Mr. DeCosmos brought forward any fact upon which to base his motion, I should have cordially advocated the inquiry sought for; but I shall always decline, as I did then, to assist in any attack upon a public officer upon a mere rumor.

Police from Nanaimo

Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—In your columns of a recent date, we have seen the proposed conditions of Confederation with Canada, which all parts of British Columbia are to be incorporated therewith, except the Esch Cañon, on which the chief part of the colony's property rests, and which has, hitherto, been of a vast importance in the country's system of agriculture.

By reference to the Estimates, I notice the magnificent sum of six hundred dollars for roads in this district. Although this is the first sum of any kind that has been voted for that object here, it is so ridiculously small when considered with the amount allowed for some of the most insignificant districts that it induces us to think Nanaimo is a place of no importance in the Estimation of those who "hold sway over the colony's best interests. I presume that we are sure to come in for a share of the amount on the list of Roads, Streets and Bridges for other road repairs not detailed, viz., \$2000, to make up for what we ought to have had in the last six or eight years. As, however, in notice of this sort from a single individual, although how quotes the public voice, will have little weight where it is intended to be felt, we must hope that our representative, Hon. D. B. King, will use his utmost endeavors to our benefit on all matters that come forward, and will be likely to enhance the interests of an important place as Nanaimo. The hon. member for Cariboo, who is well acquainted with our wants will, we feel sure, be only too happy to back Mr. King in the matter.

St. Clair Family

She, with the able lecture on Mormonism and the economic principles of broad acres and brass jewelry—are in Canada. The editor of some of the papers wishes the press to pass the Professor around for making the erroneous statement in his lecture that he crossed the Rocky Mountains in a covered coach, and passed through snow drifts, on wheels, forty feet deep, during his coach and four, through a hollow log one hundred feet in length, and riding on horse back, fifty feet, and passing on through a knot hole.

From the Sandwich Islands

The brig, Byzantium, Capt. Calhoun, arrived on Sunday morning from Honolulu, S. I. Having been 29 days on the passage. The Byzantium is a commodore's vessel, and is a full cargo of Islands produce. The Byzantium will load lumber at Sooke for the Islands. We are under obligations to Capt. Calhoun for files of papers to the 26th January.

Card

Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—I observe in your issue of this morning that Mr. DeCosmos is slated to have said in the Legislative Council, that he would be glad to see the whole business of the office of the Registrar and Titles could be done by a Quaker's clerk.

I should be glad to say a few words in explanation of the isolated statement. Some time ago Mr. DeCosmos casually believed an advertisement in the paper, which stated that a great amount of legal work was required in the office, and that the best way to get it done was to employ a Quaker's clerk. I inquired whether such a person should be employed, by Mr. DeCosmos, and he said that he was not taking the matter seriously, but that he never knew to support anything, however good—unless he introduced it himself. My view was expressed to explain Mr. DeCosmos' position, and I quote a well known authority.

I need hardly say that no imputation was meant upon Mr. A. S. O., who is, I believe, a professional conveyancer, that nothing could be more contrary to my wish, or more completely undesired, and I have only in conclusion to express my surprise and regret at the use which has been made of my name in the matter. I am, &c.

J. F. McCREIGHT.

Victoria, Feb. 25, 1870.