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POLITICAL POMPOSITY IN ERMINE.

Practical experience shows us, however paradoxical it may appear, that the men who lispense the law are generally the worst been, brilliant exceptions to this rule; but if we take upone after another the instances where the two functions were or are combined we shall find as a general thing that, the judicial mind makes a very narrow and contracted legislative one. Vancouver Island, we are sorry to say, affords no exception to this late. On the contrary, the experience of the combination of the office of judge with that of legislator in this colony compels us to assert that Her Majesty's Government made a senious blunder when they admitted the Chief Justice of the Island to the Legislative Council. We are ready to seknowledge and we believe we are only spenking the general sentiment to the colony as a Chief Justice; with the exception probably of a little me much love.

circumstances do not lead us to believe Mr.

Needham possesses. Independent, however, of the confined ideas which the continuous application to the study of law is apt in many cases to engender, the Chief Justice of Vancouver Island like most of his colleagues in the Upper House, is a man entirely destitute of colonial experience, and also, like most of his colleagues, a man very difficult to break into colonial harness-very difficult in fact to teach. The real misfortune is he knows too much. He knows the laws of England, he knows her forms and ceremonies; we dare say he could tell when Black Rod bows an inch too little and Gold Stick makes a movement too much-when the Lord Chancellor has get his wig the tenth part of a hairline out of place, and when the Speaker of the House of Commons elevates his eyesbrows beyond the orthodox limits. All this and a great deal more we have no doubt is within his ken, but unfortunately the knowledge, valuable as it no doubt is in its place, is of little use in Vancouver Island. and least of all in making Vancouver Island laws. This is the mistake into which our Chief Justice has fallen ; it is a similar mistake which makes English emigrants so often encumber themselves with every conceivable piece of ancient lumber on leaving home, and adhering rigidly to the old country habits, however inapplicable in the new land of their adoption. Of course they all sooner or later find out their blunder-the patriotic youth who will at first persist in the Bond street "make-up," whether he swelters in Melbourge or freezes in Montreal, is obliged after a time to relinquish his distinguishing mark of nationality, and the fussy old man. who looks on England as the centre of the universe and all outside an uncivilized mass of unintelligent matter, at last comes to the sad conclusion that he has been mistaken, 'All and that nature is more impartial in her gifts than he at first supposed. We have therefore still hopes of Mr. Needham-we

believe, as we have said before, that he will

acquire some valuable knowledge by a resin

dence in Vancouver Island and get rid at the same time of much of the old country lumber with which his head seems just now rather inconveniently stuffed. Until then, however, for the sake of his reputation we would advice him to stay away from the Legisla-tive Council. The same advice might with advantage, be followed by several of his egialative coadjutors, but as unlike him y have not much of a reputation to lose, we will not press the matter.

The first lesson which we would place before the President of the Council is that of
modesty. It becomes no man not even him
of the greatest attainments, to put on the
garb of pompous assurance and majestic the colony's wants as Mr. Needbam, such garments are simply ludicrons. When we bear him in grandiloquent style assert that if the calony could only obliterate its legislation for the past eighteen months a golden horizon would loom up in the future, we are as much amused at his presumption as we are astonished at his recklessness. The legislation of the past eighteen months, thanks to the ob-structive character of the Legislative Council, has been confined to some half dozen acts, outside Supplies and Ways and Means. One of these acts admitted colonial barristers to practice in our courts on the same footing as professional men from the United Kingdom—a very imprudent act, perhaps, massuch as besides temoving an injustice it broke ap makers. There are, of course, and have a legal monopoly. Another was the Com-

hat he contrary, the experience of the interior of the white of the white of the highest pictures of the transfer of the sections control to sect the dispute of the interior gown who presides, like a pedagogue over schoolboys, in the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island. If the very learned gentleman ailudes to the proceedings in the House the present session as being injurious legislation he is, with all his learning, a little astray as to the meaning of terms : for nothing that the Assembly has done this year has as yet become law. If he thinks, with his brother officials, that the House was wrong in reducing the expenses of the Gove ernment—that \$750 should have been voted for the Chief Justices' passage money and \$1000 for his clerk, he may assume an impregnable position, but he takes nevertheless view that is not entertained beyond the Government buildings, unless indeed by our effete and fawning morning contemporary. If he believes that getting the Government of the country performed cheaply is the iniquitous " legislation" that ought to be obliterated, and if that "golden horizon" to which he alludes, means taking as much gold out of the public pocket and conveying it to the pockets of the paid members of the Legislative Council, we can safely say that neither his regret at the past nor his hopes of the future are very deeply shared in by the public of Vancouver Island, Like his brilliant proposition of elevating Bishop Hills to the Island Peerage and throwing an unfortunate curate or dean into the Lower House, we are afraid his views on the past. present, or future of the country are not likely to be received with as much gravity as the learned and honorable gentleman would desire. To sum up our homily in a few words-a little more of the prudent, unassuming man, who strives to learn instead of endeavoring to teach, and a little less feminine garrulity and Turveydrop deports ment would work wonders in even so great a personage as a Vancouver Island Chief

> THE AURORA CLAIM-Advices received by the last Cariboo express state that the Aurora Company have completed their tunnel, and are only waiting for water to commence

Dr. Dickson gave notice of a hill allowing county justices other than stipendiary magistrates to charge certain fees.

HO VOOLES TABSENT MEMBERS. Mr. De Cosmos rose and moved that the seat of Mr. Selim Franklin as member for the city of Victoria be declared vacant, and that a writ for the election of a new member do forthwith issue. He said that by law any member vacated his seat by absenting him-

second act by its preamble amended the eriginal representation act and plainly defined that three months' at any time while

meantime Victoria was left without its proper complement of members and an injustice was done to the constituents.

Dr. Trimble asked how application for leave could be made when the House was not in session?

Mr. DeCosmos knew of no rule that allowed an honorable member to ask for leave by Dr. Ash called the Speaker's attention to the fact that the one act applied to absence

from the colony, and the other to absence from the House. The Speaker still maintained that he could not put the motion while there was any

doubt. Dr. Trimble said he begged to call attention to another absent member. What was sauce for the goose was sauce for the gander, and he would make a similar motion. Several members-Of course that's only

Mr. M'Clure asked by what authority the hon. Speaker refused to put the motion. Could be point out so extraordinary a course

in "May?"
The Speaker said that while he himself sume the responsibility of putting it. Mr. M'Clure said the House and not the

Speaker was responsible. The Speaker said that was all very fine. but he was still responsible. Dr. Ash seconded the motion of the bon.

member for Victoria District that the seat of the hon. member for Esquimalt be declared vacant. The Speaker would not put the motion and

the subject dropped.

small intelligence to perform the duties of erned than now.

ONE OF THE PEOPLE.

MAGISTERIAL TOADIES

SIR,-I have often asked this question, viz: What interests do those persons represtate the stipendiary magistrate, and whose joint and labored efforts through the same amanuensis have appeared so often in your further notice of their sad lamentations over but will proceed to enquire what interests this joint stock consolidation of from three to seven represent. Is it the Coal Comthe loss of the stipend (not the magistrate) The Speaker said the cases were different. He would look at both at the same time. If notice had been given he would be better prepared to give his opinion.

The Speaker said the cases were different. Is it the coal Company's interest? I say emphatically, No! for a part of the way runs through a swamp, and for the next half mile up one of the steepest hills in the settlement, when there proof I shall offer to sustain my position is clear and conclusive. In the Coal Company is the coal Company in the coal Company in the coal Company is the coal Company in the c clear and conclusive. In the first place the great meeting at which their forces were think that the main road ought to be a continuation of the road to Nanaimo, beginning Nanaimo was concerned) was presided over by Mr. Bryden, the Assistant Manager of the Company. At that meeting Mr. C. S. Nichol, the Company's Manager, and six others, were appointed by the Chairman to assist Mr. Cunningham to settle the princis ples of the incorporation bill. That meeting very severe, numbers of cattle having died. passed a unanimous vote sustaining the appointments made by the chair, also a vote expressing entire confidence in the committees. I will here repeat the names of the gentlemen who were appointed to act on this committee, lest some may have forgotten them, viz: Messrs. C. S. Nichol, R. Dunsmuir, H. Stone, A. Hood, C. Platt, D. W. port \$51 65; Harbor Dues \$138 02; HeadMr. M'Clure moved the first reading of a

Mr. M'Clure moved the first reading of a Municipal Bill giving electoral districts in liberations to a close, Mr. Nicol was Chair the Island, including Comex and Cowichan, man and Mr. Platt Secretary. I have been — Columbia. certain municipal powers, which he stated in informed by several of the committee that substance as follows: Each district was to there was not a point brought forward at have a Council of five resident landholders, either of their meetings that resulted even day strangled the Cattle Import Bill and the appointed by the Governor, or, on petition of in a discussion, but on the contrary every resolution to remove tonnage dues from home a majority of the inhabitants to the Governor, elected. The chairman of the Council to be ex officio a justice of the peace, with power to swear in one or more special constables but that many of his suggestions were infor maintaining order and supporting the law. corporated in it, especially the clause allow. THE NEXT STEAMER-The Columbian says The Council to have power to assess real estate, exclusive of buildings and improvements, at a rate not exceeding one per cent. on the Government Assessment Roll of 1864, or where no assessment had been previously

made, one per cent, pa the market value—such revenue to be expended exclusively in the district in which the money is raised of roads and bridges, and for general manicipal purposes. The Road Act to be repealed.

Dr. Trimble thought that although the bill might contain some very good provisions, he did not consider it advisable to pass such a bill without consulting the people whather they required such elaborate machinery.

Mr. McClure said the hon. gentleman did not understand the bill. Its object was to do away with the present elaborate machinery of the Road Act and form a substitute for the Real Estate Act.

The bill passed the first reading.

On motion of Mr. Cochrane, a committee was appointed to wait on the Colonial Score the Road Request that the return labes for the language th the most has flowe and it. I smilles the months absence expreed on the 2sh Feb. Format absence expreed on the 2sh Feb. Format absence expreed on the 2sh Feb. Format absence expreed on the 2sh Feb. Trimble said the house was cet in assistant and the same contrary should be shown to him as to other members who had had air months! Beave of absence.

The Speaker read the act and thought the interpretation doubled.

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whole settlement, but merely to designate the line of road from the Church to Green's Landing, which was then stopped up by Duncan. Mr. Pidwell settled this dispute by

a receptacle for hats, coats," &c.; or that magistrate, or let us be without them anything approaching to ill-feeling was exmagistrate, or let us be without them altogether, and we will be far better govon the settlement. As he has placed the word church in italics some may blame our preacher for allowing us to meet there, so I think it right to state that the log hut is not TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRITISH COLONIST : yet consecrated. As to the roads the Commissioners have neither the power to mark out the roads nor to call out the settlers to sent who have been trying of late in the make them when marked out, granted them most base and unscrupulous manner to rein- by the Road Act, 1860, which is solely for the repair and regulation of existing roads. If they had planned the roads for the general accommodation of the settlement, the supercontemporary the Chronicle. I shall take no intendent of roads might possibly have confirmed what they had done; but no one who knows the ground can say with " Spectator'

> The snow has now left the prairie, but rain prevents plowing. The winter has been and greater numbers of pigs.

Respectfully yours,
ROBT. C. COLEMAN. Comox, 28th March, 1866.

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