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##   of the Brition and Fororiong Biblo. Socoialy was held hate ovening io the offioe of Messre, deacon Gilson occupying the obair. The re- ports of the Colporteur, Mr. James Hall, giving the result of his visit to the settlements around Victoria, were rean, by the seoce onetary, the Rev. A. Garrett and asopted. Th reports of the Deposilary and Tre reports of the Deporisiart, and adropted. The Trasurer were also read and adopted. A communication wat

It is by no means an enviable takk, ponder
even flooribhing ciricumatances, to propose
 of moral courage to bring forward a scheme
to incrase the bardens of the taxpayer. Yet
 try, if and the only question, after conaidering
nue, and
the colon's capacity to bear the inorease, i to cecide upon the least irksome way in
which to levy it. We find that the amponn voted by the House of Assembly for this
year's expenditure is $\$ 298,000$, and that the year's expenditure is $\$ 298.000$, and that ing
 bo asked, is the country capabbele of bearing
his additional strain? We should unhein tatingly say " no," it the increase were to be conined to those who at present pay the tax-
ation of the colony ; but as a lagge portion of the popul. are beat abble to pay-the men who carry on
the largest business -are the least taxed in the largest business-are the least taxed schemp which will make the non-taxpaser
contribute something, and the wholesale dealer and anctioneer pay a larger, shate to-
wards the revenue, will meet the ends pro$=$
The measures proposed on Tuesday in the
Committee on Ways and Means are the frrsi indications of a reform in the mode of raising system of taxing trades are so glaring that
the only wooder is how they have remained he only wooder is how they have remained
so long on the statute book. The principle of the law seems to be that the poorer
the trader the more in proportion he
has to pay. The Wharf street merchant commission agent, or anctioneer, who doe
more business in one week than the reta trader probably does in a year, contribute comparatively speaking, no
enue. The ad valorem system of one per cen on the salee, proposed by Mr. DeCosmonos, i
the only fair scheme. By this means it is ee
timated that $\$ 58,000$ will be raised, or $\$ 38$, timated that $\$ 58,000$ will be raised, or $\$ 38$
000 more than is obtained at present. T make up the other purtion of the $\$ 60,000$ i
is propesed to pat an import duty on horses is propesed to pat an import daty on hobrses, lamber, at so maigh a thousand. Dr. Helmhorsess and oxen, and hal so, dollar or sheep
and pigs, is mueh too little, and Mr. DeCos mos' tax on cattle of $\$ 4$ per head and on between these extremes might probably pome on horses $\$ \$ 2$ so on cattle, and $\$ 1$ on sheep ble to the people and more suited to the ex igencies of the country. Of course, on al
atock imported for British Coflumbia, a draw back would be allowed. The lax of one dole
lar a thousand on lamber proposed by $D$ Helmoken is too smanll. No ocountrys hhoul
be induced to create new schemes of to be induced to create new schemes of loxation
unless the resull will pay for the disarrange ment of trade, or the inceovenience of
changes We therefore think that $\$ 2$ or $\$ 2$ a thousand is as hitle as can be oharged. So has been a suiggeteted that five per cenit: be im posed \& but me bolieve the rrecemmendation
of the Chajmber of Commerce of trion zod a half pere cent an all sales, is as much
as should be tivied. ${ }^{\text {I }} \mathrm{I}^{\text {I }}$ mist be borne
in mind that alithough the legitimate trader is seriously inj yred by auction sales-although done in the one house by the ope map, and
the city is thus deprived of an inerease to population and ito buildings, yetif the auctionear says the saiter an all lisense revenue ins it would otherwise.do, if the fffteen or twenty retailers were in busi-
nens. There is, thowever, this drawback, that
 orease the vaiue of other taxable property,
ise tha price of real estat 4 and add a score
ore months to be fed and bodies to be

The means above proposed may not make
the deficith buff then there is tilli another yan beent.
uncultivated lands in cent.
perty put tito This Ithe to yo riel
Itogether, w $\qquad$ tionable ia the methode proposed for meeting people. Our export trade is is no way interby those who clamor for the integrity of the free port. The imposts in contemplation can
indeed scarcely be called a tariff-at least not in the light ia which the sabject is Sokst of as being is Columbis is obtained. It is simply putting an additional tax on the butcober and the las to stock and cattle raising.
was read from the Secretary of the Nanaim
Branch, enolosing a sum of $\$ 50$, with a re quest that it be for warded to the parent eo-
ciety as a donation to which a suitabol an
ower was directed to be seent by the Seare Tary. The financial beonititon of the seoce socet
Was fully considered and it apeared that ais auxiliary was in a position to rofund the count. The seryices of the Colporteur wo
directed to bo re-engaged for anotber yo and provision was made for the paymeat
the shate of his salary. Tendere for print og the annuisl report of the Socretary were
 hould be granted tor the use of the prisonen
in the Victorie gaoo, whioh establishment it at present entirely destitute of thb "Word
Truth." The meotigg terminated with
benediction proniounced by the chairman. Deitr or, Mr. Hoopre - We regret to a ounce this morning the denth of Me. Hoop.
or of Now Westminster. The deceased wat the sister colony, resid toots an the capive intal of
the in almost every publio matter. He came
Vietoria but a weok or two ago on busines and was seized, z few days after hiv arriva)
by the diseape whivh yeeterdyy moroig ter
minated bisi eathly careor. Mr. Hooper ma deplored bonast man, and those wno were oasi will be
ithinted him and who value these sterling ehar-
ictevistios,
 men arrived from San Francieco by the bark
Golden Gatoyenterday. It is reported that
several ship loads of Celeatials are on their Golden Gate yesterday. It is reported that
reveral ship loado of Celestial) are on thei
way to this country from China.
Wednesday, March s. Lscrorse The fourth leeture of the corr
was delivered before the Mechanics' Institu last night in the Lyceum Hall by the Rev
J. Nimmo. D. M. Lang, Esq,, President o the Institate, occupied the chair. The sub-
edt-Mormonism-was ably and oxhaustive
 ad castoms of that strange people in an
eresting as well as amusing manoer.
 Linooln might expel Brigam Yaung and bite
horde from thoit present position, and send where they ought properly to be placed, Th
audience, which tas numerous and bigh! respectable, hitened with marked attention
the leature, and atit it close a voot of thanke
was unanimonsly accorded to the Rev. lee Missina.-On Sunday last during the violent gale Mr. Sparks, a farmer of North
Saanich, tookk abat and endeavered to crose y himself quer to Saymard's mill at C
iohan, and has not since been heard He was last seen ineffectually trying to reach

## for his safely. $\frac{1}{\text { and }}$ Thuriday, Maroh 9.

 St. Paprioz's Day-IN TEE MonNing -We are pleased to learn that a movement
was initiated yesterday for cetebrating thit was initiated yesterday for cetebrating thit
day in a beconing manner. It bas been
ruly observed by His Excellency the Gov
 Cambria's sons do homage to thair patto
saint $\begin{aligned} & \text { t. David, the sons of Erin who are } \\ & \text { ouffienently numerous in this colony hare a }\end{aligned}$. benevolent or patriotic association. A coms
mittee wao organised yesterdy and it was
determined to give a grand ball on the occaion to be called St. Patrick's Ball of which
the Governor is 10 bo invited to be the pa
troo, the surplus proceeds to be devoted to the
 we teel satiasied, lend his hearty support
the movement, which it is hoped is but th
germ of a large and fourishig Sooity tha
will heroafter take its place among our na vill heroanter take its place among our na-
ional institutions. Further partioulars. or
he proposed arrangements will herealiter ap
eear.
A. WrDDisa Partr:-The steamer Fideli ter brought Jown last night from Nanaimo
the happy couple whose marriage ie an
noonoed in anothor column. An atientive
correspondent informs is that sorrespondent informs is that the ocensio

 ding colke was then cut orer the bride's
head, in the good old Engliek otyle, and the
old slipper was thrown after the bridal part old slipper was thrown aftior the bridal party
as theydrove off 10 the Fideliter, where every


## the St. George Hotel.

Sifz. - We are pleased to learn that $M$ Sparks alluded to in yesterday's CoLoniss a
missing, arrived safely at Sayward's mill missing, arrived safely at Say Ward's mil
Cowichan.


Holloway's Ointment.




Taz TAx on Srook - The proposed tax on all kinde of stook imported into the colong,
boit as a meang of making up the defcieney
in the Revenue and in encoutagig the im
 tax that will apply equally to all classes,
without undaly prosing on any; and, with
the excention of the British Colqumia, on which o drawback conl
be allowed, the duty imposed would o ot a
feet our exporis in the slightest degree.
Laroz Avotion ShiE-The Underwriers'
sale of goods ex Princess Royal, held by
Daniel Seots \& Cor yesterday on the Hudson


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merce: to the Governor setting forth the views of the petitioners on the union ques-
tion, nid praying that Hir Exeellency.
(orwaill Torward ue declare themselves in favor of
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union of the Colonies. Ooasting Taads Thrown Oper,-Th conetigg trade of this colony is now thrown
open to foreign vessels, licenses being granted
for that purpose by the harbor meter for that porpose by the barbor master, under
the authority of the Government. The letter
of the A tioraey General to the Harbor Mas-
 advan tage over forieign ones than the flag and
the proteotion it confers. Screre Wentark, - The present noseas-
oisble cold snap gives no indiaction of abaty
ing. The frost on Tuesday night was sharper than has been experienced for several years,
the thermometer having fallen as fow as 9 degrees Fabrenheit. A large portion of the
Protiction to Aericuitivistrs, - W learn from a produce dealer in this city that
setters at Comox have offered, "in case protection is given them, to supply the Victoria makket with pot
cent per pound.
Bunh. The Germania Sing Verein Ball took place last evening in the Lyeeam Hall,
and considering the inhoapitable weather was wefl lattended. Dancing was kept up with Thi Funsbal of the late Mr. George terday. His remaips were followed to their last resting place by a number of frim The Jexny Jonss.-We learn from Mr.
Smith, of Port Townsend, that the steamer Jenny Jones, which left Port Angelos last Friday for Port Towwasend was seized at the latter port and part of hor ma
moved. The crev have all left.


| largersizes. <br> N. B.-Directions for the guidance of patients ery disorder are afixyed to enoh Pot. Intsoc |  |
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