

The Weekly Colonist.

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIAN ON THE VICTORIA PRESS.

Our New Westminster contemporary, the Columbian, like many enthusiastic admirers of pet schemes, has allowed his usually correct judgment to be very easily warped in his advocacy of the late fiscal changes in the neighboring colony.

He feels almost shocked at the inconsistency of journalism in Vancouver Island. As a specimen of these defects he selects from the Columbian the assertion that, while the new tariff is a serious blow aimed at the commercial supremacy of Victoria, it is also injurious to British Columbia.

This is a contradiction of the greatest character. How it is possible that anything having for its object the injury of Vancouver Island could by any means retard the progress of British Columbia is something so utterly incredible and absurd that our New Westminster contemporary almost apologises for not doing it.

We would be sorry indeed to think that this was either New Westminster logic or New Westminster sentiment—sorry to think that the truths which have found a resting place in every other civilized country should be repelled from the banks of the Fraser.

The footpad may get rich by robbing the traveller, but honest industry only increases by the prosperity of its neighbors. The more progressive the world becomes in the aggregate, the greater the welfare of individual nations or countries.

America is a rival of England and of France but let her be blotted from the face of the earth to-morrow, and what would be the result? Why of all the countries in the world the very nations that are competing with her in commerce and manufactures would be the most injured sufferers.

Were we to reverse the picture the result would be the same— injury, always injury. It may suit the views of despots, thirsting after power, to raise their own greatness on the ashes of their neighbors; but commerce or industries of any kind cannot afford to have even their rivals perish.

When we tell the British Columbian, therefore, that in proportion to the injury which the "New Westminster Tariff" might inflict upon Victoria just in proportion will that injury react on British Columbia, we are making an assertion which is very easy of proof.

The new tariff will either cause direct shipments or it will not. Now with the present limited capital of the New Westminster merchants and with navigation difficulties, it is evident that shipments direct will cost much more than shipments by way of Victoria.

tion, we would advise him, before taking upon himself the task of censor of the Victoria press, to give the articles heart-stamp to realize more careful consideration, and bring to his own productions more matured thought.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Tuesday, Feb. 28.

NATURAL CURIOSITY.—Our readers will probably remember reading in the Colonist of January 31 a description of a mammoth egg weighing 5 1/2 ounces and measuring 4 inches in length and 1 1/2 inches in diameter, laid by a hen at San Juan Island.

A DARING ATTEMPT AT BURGLARY was made at the Registrar's office, Government Buildings, yesterday morning. Some scoundrels entered the office through one of the windows facing the House of Assembly, and proceeded with the aid of a crow-bar to break through the brick wall of the fire proof vault containing the books and papers of the department.

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.—The Readings and Recitations before the Elocution Class in connection with the Mechanics' Institute, attracted a considerable number of spectators to the Debating room last evening. Mr. Haskinson occupied the chair. The exercises delivered and the various comments and criticisms thereon excited a good deal of interest in the audience.

A CASE FOR THE CHARITABLE.—Some members of the St. Andrew's Society and others are kindly endeavoring to collect sufficient funds to enable the unfortunate lunatics now confined within the precincts of the gaol to be sent home to their friends. A dollar or two from every one who can spare it will be well spent in aiding the good work.

FINED FOR ASSAULT.—A Fort Rupert Indian named Charley, was yesterday fined \$20 for an aggravated assault upon a Timpanean woman, and an additional \$10 for damage to property.

BAIL FORFEITED.—John Campbell was charged yesterday in the Police Court with committing a violent assault upon a Fort Rupert Indian named Peter, and failing to appear his bail of \$25 was forfeited.

LEECH RIVER.—Mr. Barnett, the indefatigable Leech River Expressman, came in from the mines last evening. The weather has been very severe, the snow being in places 4 1/2 feet deep, and the frost the most intense that has been experienced on the Creek this season.

THE SPOKE SHOOTING CASE.—Further evidence was taken yesterday in the Police Court on the charge of shooting and wounding preferred against the half-breed Lazar. An Indian woman deposed to having seen the prisoner load his gun with ball and as he threatened to shoot her she made off and hid herself. Immediately afterwards she heard the discharge of a gun. Witness saw no one else with a gun. The prisoner was further remanded for one week, when it is believed that the wounded woman will have sufficiently recovered from her injuries to attend court and give evidence.

FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE ISLAND.—The Queen Charlotte Copper Mining Company yesterday despatched the sloop Eagle to the island to bring down the men now at the mine, and also a load of ore. Owing to the schooner Onward, which had been sent up by the Company, having been refused a clearance from Burnard's Inlet, the Eagle will endeavor to proceed to New Westminster clear, but it is doubtful if she will succeed as the present cold snap will probably close the river should it continue for a few days.

WHISKY SELLING.—James Lepsy was convicted yesterday before the magistrate of selling spirits to Indians. Mr. Courtenay, who defended the accused, adduced evidence of good character, and Mr. Pemberton inflicted a mitigated penalty of \$20. On leaving the court Lepsy indulged in threatening language towards the officer who had detected him, for which he was committed to prison for one week.

Tax-Hoc Nuisance.—Messrs. Jay & Co's Nursery, Grounds on Cook street, suffered much damage on Monday evening from some hogs that effected an entrance and destroyed thousands of valuable tulip and other choice flowering bulbs. It is time the Corporation or some other power caused this increasing nuisance to be abated, or the country will be overrun with "porkers." Let the cry be "root hog and die!"

HARD FROST.—On Monday it blew a gale of wind from the westward, with occasional snow squalls, and during the night the wind veered round to the north and became piercingly cold. A keen frost set in, the sharpest yet experienced this winter, liquids being frozen solid even in warm kitchens, and despite the attempts of old Sol to diffuse warmth it froze hard all day yesterday. The ice on the surrounding ponds will probably bear skating upon to-day.

Thursday, March 2.

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