The Weekly British Colonist. AND CHRONICLE.

Tuesday, March 24, 1868

Private advices from New Westminster state that a strong under-current of excitement prevails there in consequence of it having leaked out from a high official source that the views of the Governor with regard to the proper place for the location of the Seat of Government have not been sustained by the Colonial Office. The rumor goes that the howl of delight which emanated from the Columbian and Examiner offices when it was announced the Council was called to assemble at New Westminster, was changed to one of despair on Friday last on the receipt of a note by the editor of the Columbian from the Gov. ernor, in which his Excellency, alluding to the jubilant and abusive character of the editorial against Victoria in the Columbian of Wednesday last, begged the organ-grinder "not to be too sanguine;" that the "Home Government did not share his (the Governor's) view with regard to plighted public faith and honor;" and that he "must not be disappointed if Victoria were selected for the Capital, as Victoria influence was strong enough in England to turn the scale in its favor." Dame Rumor adds that the consternation among the politicians and land speculators at the capital is great; but that the business men of the place say they are really glad the agitation is about to end, and that instead of hanging on by the "skin of their teeth" to the garments of the "official element," they now know precisely what they have to depend upon for an existence, and intend to set about developing the natural resources of the district. We place faith in the correctness of these rumors. That the Council was called to meet at New Westminster was no evidence the Capital was fixed there; indeed, the silence observed upon that point led us from the first to suspect that the question was not decided by the proclamation, and that a motion to adjourn to Victoria would be perfectly competent on the part of any honorable member. We are all the more convinced of the soundness of our judgment from the suddenly changed tone of the Columbian, and the admission of the Examiner on Saturday that the "Capital question is still an open one." A few days will tell the story; and until the best or worst is known we advise moderation on the part of our people, and earnestly behis place on Saturday to receive the Speech

Sir Narcisse Belleau said, addressing the members of the Quebec Legislature at CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT, .: grinago adt.

It will devolve upon you to consider the best and most appropriate means of husbanding these resources, and of augmenting as far as possible the public wealth. I would earnestly press upon upon your attention the expediency of encouraging immigration and the occupation of our public lands by affording to the working classes of Europe and to the young men of our own province additional inducements to settle and remain amongst us. The enactment of a liberal Homestead Law, with a free grant of land to bona fide settlers, would, I apprehend, prove of inestimable advantage in adding to the number and quality of our resident population.

These are important utterances, and it is to be hoped that steps will be forthwith taken by both Parliaments to organise a proper system of emigration from these shores. A well-devised scheme now put into operation might secure for these provinces from 50,000 to 100,000 settlers during the current year. The following figures, taken from the last reports of the Commissioners of Lands of the United States and Canada, show the extraordinary fact that Canada, with her three millions of inhabitants and in comparison limited extent of land fit for settlement, has been selling more land and receiving more money than the whole of the United States, with their vast extent of fertile prairie and ten times the population :-UNITED STATES.

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1864	504,392	1,114 880
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These are reassuring facts and go to show that all that is needed, in order to sell at comparatively good prices the pub-lic lands of the Dominion, is the circulation of information in Europe as to their locality and terms of purchase. Court yesterday,

Wednesday, March 18. Municipal Council.

Tuesday, March 17, 1867. Mayor in the Chair. Present, Councillors Lewis, Allat, McKay, Crump, Jeffrey and

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Communication from Messrs. Drake Jackson, requesting the City Council to notify Mr Bunster, and a Chinaman keeping a son streets, against driving their carts across may do to the sidewalk after said notice they ney, Australia. be held responsible.

On motion of Councillor Lewis the Clerk was instructed to notify Messrs. Drake & Jackson that upon the proper information the Council will take legal action against any parties who may infringe upon the by-laws relating to streets and sidewalks.

Communication from J. P. Davies & Co. calling attention to the fact of their opening a cattle sale-yard, and requesting the Council to fix a scale of charges. Received and placed on file, and the Clerk instructed to inform Messrs. Davies & Co. that the Council have no control over their private busi-

Communication from W. Hebbard, claiming five dollars for loss of time in attending Court. On motion laid upon the table.

On motion of Councillor Allatt the contract for carting the dirt from the streets was awarded to Arthur Strong, and the Street Committee were authorised to execute the contract for such time as may be required.

Councillor Gibbs gave notice of motion for tenders for improvements on Beacon Hill

Council adjourned until Tuesday the 21st.

VICTORIA RIFLE VOLUNTEER CORPS.—Elsewhere in our columns appears an appeal from the officers of the Rifle Corps to the public. The Government, it appears, has granted liberal aid to the corps, and the officers now feel themselves in a position to invite to the roll of membership all who may have heretofore refrained from joining for fear of incurring pecuniary liabilities which they could not well discharge. The only expense a member will be put to now is the purchase of a uniform and the inconsiderable monthly due of fifty cents. 'In time of peace prepare for war' is an axiom that just now strikes us as possessing a peculiar aptness. We hope the appeal of the officers will be numerously responded to by our young men.

Councillors.—The following notice ap pears in the last number of the Government Gazette :- The Governor has been pleased to appoint the undermentioned gentlemen to be provisionally Members of the Legislative Council of British Columbia. Robert Ker, acting as Treasurer during the approaching further this object by placing the Corps on a some fire crackers on board a large model of the estimates were brought down. The Gove trate to represent Nanaimo. Thomas Elwyn, as Magistrate to represent Cariboo, in the place of Honorable Chartres Brew, resigned.

THE Mid-Air Summersault is performed at the Albambra, London, by Farini and son, as follows: Farini senior, suspended horizontally by the feet and arms, is really the pulsory). 3rd Monday in the month, Adjufather's body he leaps upward a distance of James Bay. 12 feet, catching the trapeze bar with uner-ring precision; and he drops from this hight, and afterwards from a hight of 18 feet, upon the paternal stomach, turning a summersault

MASONIC .- Among the passengers by the Douglas yesterday for Nanaimo were Dr J W Powell, Provincial Grand Master, and firing and target practice next summer. several officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of this city, who have gone up for the purpose of consecrating and installing the officers of "Caledopia," recently organized at Nanaimo.

FROM FRASER RIVER .- The steamer Enterprise returned at 5 o'clock last evening from the river. Hon, H. M. Ball has been called to the Executive Council. Brighton road, according to the Examiner, is impassdistance is only fifty miles.

In the suit of Fellows vs. The British bark Aid, in the U.S. Admiralty Court of Washa ington Territory, Judge Darwin rendered a decision in favor of plaintiff for \$5000; and in the suit of Grennan & Craney vs. the same vessel, damages for non-fulfilment of con-tract, judgment for \$1000 was given.

Among the passengers by the Anderson vesterday morning was an old townsman, Capt. George Walker, who we are sorry to learn is suffering severe illness in consequence of an injury done to his thumb some time since, which necessitated its amputation. the operation not proving as successful as

THE steamer Colfax burst her boiler at Teekalet, W. T., on Monday of ast week. The Colfax was formerly the Caledonia, and was the first steamer built in Victoria harbor She was blown up in 1859 in the Gulf of Georgia and lost five men. On this last occasion no one was hurt. s. anot of sino

THE river steamers are being repaired for the summer's campaign said of sided sa inversed by the most careful and intelligent

In the Koskul-Schmeidburg case, at San Francisco, which has attracted so much, attention lately, judgdment was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, the Russian American Council met at 7 p. m., His Worship the Fur Company. The charges of perjury have they have only seen small pertions of the been dismissed.

> SOMETHING LIKE A GOVERNOR-A Canadian paper says: Lord Monck presided at a missionary meeting in the Parish of St Albans, near Ottawa, on Monday evening, and delivered a short address.

ARRIVAL-The ship Rookwood, Captain wood yard at the corner of Douglas and John- Little, arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning. She comes consigned to Captain the sidewalk, and that for any damage they Stamp, at whose mills she will load for Syd-

EXTRA MAIL .- An American and European mail will be despatched by the U S steamer Lincoln, which will leave this port on Friday evening next for San Francisco. Here is a chance to send letters.

AT TEEKALET .- The ship Atalanta, for San Francisco; Cobang, for Callao; and the two weeks, and he will arrive here at noo David Hoadley and Mary, for Shanghaeare all taking lumber on board at Teekalet. Seattle Intelligencer.

WORK SCARCE,-A dry goods house in New York advertised, lately, for an entry clerk, and at six o'clock on Tuesday night more than eix hundred applications had been

Tax revenue cutter Lincoln has been or dered from Puget Sound to San Francisco, and the Wayanda is under orders to proceed

A notice posted in the Halifax Banks states that from the 20th Feb. until further notice the rate of interest charged on bills discounted will be seven per cent.

THE mail steamer Henry Chauncey sailed from New York for Aspinwall, March 11. with 1100 possengers and 1091 tons of

THE ship Shooting Star, from Napaimo with coal, reached San Francisco on the 12th

THE members of the Victoria Rifle Volunteer Corps, think it right to inform the publie that owing to the liberal aid recently afforded by the Government, they are in a position to call upon the citizens of Victoria to assist them in increasing the efficiency of the Corps by joining its ranks.

The finances of the Corps are now in satisfactory a condition that the only liability which new members will incur will be the expense of uniform, and the small monthly subscription of half a dollar, which will be devoted to the maintenance of the butts, targets, &c. The Band is also in an efficient state, and consists of about 14 Instruments.

As it is the duty of every loyal citizen to aid the cause of law and order, the members of the Corps confidently appeal to the patriotism and energy of their fellow townsmen to more solid and satisfactory footing, and they make this appeal with the less hesitation inasmuch as they have for some years past devoted much of their own time and money for the public good.

The ordinary drills are: 1st Monday in the month, Commanding Officers Parade, (comfloor upon which the boy stands. From his tant's drill, both at 8 p.m. at the Drill Hall,

In view of the before mentioned object, an officer will be in attendance at the Drill Hall en Monday evening next, at 8 p.m., to enrol the names of recruits, and a similar enrolment will be made on the other drill nights. Intending recruits should join at once in order that they may participate in the class By order, absence of

J. H. TURNER. Lieut, and Treasurer V.V.R. Corps. James' Bay, Victoria, B.C., }

Our Coal Fields.

EDITOR COLONIST :- Your editorial remarks of yesterday, regarding the age of the coal fields of Vancouver Island, deserve some able. A steamer should be maintained be- attention; and notwithstanding the opinions tween the Inlet and New Westminster. The of Drs. Hector and Forbes, viz: that the coal formation here is of the Cretacean era. I beg to state that paleontology bears me out in refuting that. I have found true fossils of the carboniferous series at Nahaimo, Harewood, Koskeemo and Comox, such as the time. Some of the stolen notes were the calamites, the sphenopteris, neuropteris traced, and a strong prima facie case has and other ferns, and at Comox a tree fossil Several cargoes of South Sea Islanders have recently arrived to work on the cotton to the Governor's speech, hints that constitutional measures will be employed to secure a repeal of the Scotch and English coalfields, plantations. Harewood, Koskeemo and Comox, such as clearly proving that our coalfields are older than those gentlemen have stated.

If our coals belonged to the Cretaceous period they could only be lignite, and would sell as low as Bellingham Bay or Mount Diabolo, and it is well known that Nanaimo coal (the only one yet proved) is better in quality than any now working I from Cape Horn to Sitka.

There are better coals on the Island equally accessible, capital only being wanted to develope them.

I am now in correspondence with the Geological Society of Edinburgh, and it is my intention to have this point decided by the opinion of Mr Page, the eminent geologist, now president of that Society. draum a 028 upg in terest, (which of course on calculated at a rate which will leave 2

It may be some years before our coal harvest comes, but come it will; and it is to be regretted that scientific men should venture to decide on a question such as this when Island, and that in the short time they could be absent from Naval duties. My opinion here stated is the result of six years experience on this coast, devoted entirely to the coal interest, and I therefore have little diffi-

dence in stating it. JOHN J. LANDALE, Mining Engineer, Corresponding Member Geological Society of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh in Australia.

Correspondence Panama "Star and Herald."

Sydney, Jan'y 1st, 1868. The Prince's visit continues to place all ther matters in the shade. He is still among our Victoria neighbors, seeing and being een, and will not leave Tasmania before Saturday next. His stay there will occupy on the 21st inst. The Victorians are lavish in their expenditure to do honor to the son of about \$59 000. In a report accompanying the statement Mr Johnson shows that Nova by all classes of our colonists that any special representative she might send here would neet a loyal reception. There is, however, no disguising the fact that the Prince has disappointed all who expected to find an old head on young shoulders. The royal skips per does not belong to any such class. He is a young man in every sense of the word, inclined to be a little fast, to see the most of the world, its bright side and its shady side, and in doing so dame rumor says that his travelling companions are not disposed to be

whit behind the Duke. In the beginning of the month His Excellency Sir J. Manners Sutton gave a grand ball in honor of the Prince, at which 3000 guests were present. A few days after the Prince started on his country tour, going first to Geelong, where he witnessed the regatta received addresses, attended a public ball &c. From thence the party passed to Barwon Park, where are some splendid pre-serves, containing great quantities of pheasants, hares, rabbits, and other animals to be found in an English sportsman's grounds. Here a grand battue a la Napoleon III was indulged in. The Prince, after visiting the Hon, N. Black's station, remained for, a few days at Chatsworth House, in the western portion of the colony, and had fire sport kangarooing. On the 10th he arrived at Ballarat, the centre of the principal mining district. Here was a repetition of the addresses, balls and illuminations programme. During his stay the Prince descended into the Works of the Band of Hope Company, the largest alluvial gold mine in the colony, witnessed the various operations, and on emerging from the shaft dripping wet was photographed in a miner's dress. On re-turning to Melbourne the Prince enjoyed a rest of three days, and then proceeded northward by rail. Reached Castlemaine on the 17th ult., and next morning went on to Sandburst. Here the rejoicings were very little inferior to those at Melbourne, but were unfortunately marred by two serious accidents. The ball in which a grand ball was to be given caught fire just as the guests were assembling and in an hour was a heap of ashes. A still worse catastrophe occurred through the criminal folly of some ruffian who threw longing to the families of tradesmen of the jority, and with prudent management will town. The model ship was partially filled with fireworks which were being discharged at intervals along the line of procession, but when the fire crackers fell on board the whole affair burst into a blaze. A heavy explosion followed, and four boys who were unable to extricate themselves as their more fortunate companions had done were fearful-ly injured. Three of them died next day, and the fourth only survived a few days longer. From Sandhurst the Prince went by express train to Ballarat, a distance of 200 miles, in about four hours, and witnessed

obtained that the horse had been poisoned by arsenic. During the last few days the party have been enjoying themselves and last night His Royal Highness attended a ball given in aid of the funds of the Sailors Home. The Galatea leaves Melbourne on Saturday morning for Hobart Town.

the races, but unfortunately the best sport

was marred by the death of the crack horse

of the meeting, who dropped dead after winning the largest prize. The circumstances

were so suspicious that the services of an

analytical chemist were obtained, the horse's

stomach examined, and abundant proofs

Queensland.

Sir George Bowen, the present Governor, come Governor of that colony. Pending his successor's arrival, the President of the Upper House and the senior military officer will administer the government.

The inquiry into the murder of the Clermont gold escort has resulted in the committal of Gold Commissioner Griffin, the police magistrate who was in charge of the party

A disease resembling odium has recently appeared in the vineyards about Brisbane.

South Australia. The wheat crop is a total failure, owing to

Parliament was prorogued on the 19th inst, prior to the general elections which Gold has been found near Gawler in suffi-

cient quantities to render prospectors sans guine of success.

Tasmania.

An extraordinary phenomenon occurred at shape of a snow storm in the middle of a tropical summer.

ceive Prince Affred. The fact response of the

The whaling fleet, which now numbers about 20 vessels, has had a most successful season, and will probably be largely augmented, owing to the high price of oil and bone in the home markets.

New Zealand.

The gold fields in Auckland are progress, ing very favorably. The yields do not appear in any case very large, but the field is extensive, and what is known as a "good poor man's" work. Latterly gold has been ound within twelve miles of the city of Wellington, among the hills by South Makara, but as yet beyond the fact that gold is there, we know little. Whether it is rich or poor, extensive or the reverse, we know not as yet. The country is being prospected, and by next mail I shall be able to give you full particulars.

Canada.

M. Chapais' appointment to the Senate as been Gazetted

Mr Johnson, Assistant Commissioner of Customs, has prepared a comparative statement between the Nova Scotia tariff of 1866 and the Dominion tariff, showing that the increase in revenue by the latter will be Scotia would have had to provide \$200,000 additional for interest on its railway debt.

Collections were made in the Ottawa Churches for the Nova Scotia relief fund. The City Council has postponed the consideration of an appropriation towards the same

There is no foundation here for the rumor in Montreal of dissensions in the Cas

The treasury board have decided that no tenders for Dominion stock will be accepted below par. The amount tendered for is not vet known.

The treasurer of the fishermen's relief fund has deposited \$1,000 to the credit of the Mayor of Halifax, who was authorised by telegraph to check against it at the Halifax agency of the Montreal Bank.

Downie, convicted of manslaughter at Aylmer, has been sentenced to penitentiary

The Legislature of Ontario has appropriate ed \$5,000 for the relief of the destitute fishermen of Nova Scotia, and meetings are to be held in several cities of the Upper Provinces to raise subscriptions for the same purpose,

All the Ministers, except Mr Howland, who is still ill, were expected to be in Otta-wa on the 23rd Feb. On getting to work the the Government) will probably appoint Governors, Railway Commissioners and Chief Engineer, deal with the route of the Intercolonial Railway, appoint an Umpire between Quebec and Ontario, Commissioners for the consolidation of the Laws and other matters of importance.

Kingston, Feb. 3:-Mr George Carr, a carpenter residing in Williamsville, committed suicide in this city by cutting his throat early this morning.

A no-confidence motion was moved in the Ontario Legislature on the 14th Jan, and lost, the majority in favor of the Govern-ment being large. The motion had reference to the proposition of the Government to invest the surplus Provincial funds in Domionion stock. The Opposition were opposed to the consideration of the question at the time proposed by the Premier, nor until

A fire at Fredericton destroyed the York Hotel and the residence of Mr McPherson. Dr Dow. M.P.P. for York County, will be supported by the Government as Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Finances of the Province are said to be in a flourishing condition. There is a surplus in the Treasury of \$200,000.

It is reported that the Hon. Judge Wilmot will be appointed Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick. The Rev. Canon Graig, Rector of Trinity Church, St. John, died at Halifax on Satur-

The weather is extremely cold and stormy. Last night was the coldest of the season.

Nova Scotia.

The Halifax papers understand that a man belonging to that city had disposed of a large coal claim in Pictou County, to a Canadian Company, for \$70,000.

Despite the care and watchfulness of Rev. Ambrose, a young fisherman died from star-vation at West Dover, Nova Scotia, a few days ago. It appears that the family kept their condition a secret, both from the Rev. gentleman and their neighbors.

The Nova Scotia Legislature was opened yesterday afternoon. The Lieut-Governor, referred to the unsatisfactory state of the provincial finances, stating that the government had not sufficient funds with which to meet the requirements of the country. A Board of Commissioners are engaged in examining will introduce a series of resolutions upon Confederation, taking the ground that the delegates of England had no power to unite the provinces, and declaring the right of Nova Scotia to free itself from the Confede eration. It is also proposed to address the Queen upon the subject, praying for a with-drawal of the union proclamation.

JOHN MITCHEL is out in the Citizen begging the President of the United States not to intercede with the Queen of England on behalf of the condemned Fenians, pursuant to the joint Resolution of Congress. To intercede, he says, is to Hobartown about a fortnight since, in the acknowledge the right to inflict punishment, and in that case we would give the whole case up. If the President inter-Great preparations are being made to re- cedes, says John, we spit upon the intercession. The of the saving a to he was the their subscriptions with compound interest, Haisen Esy Company, and whose son is of

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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH

Eastern States. Concord, N. H., March 13.licans to 161 Democrats. Gov man's majority is about 2,700.

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- At eral Stanbury has sent in his which was accepted. He does the President's counsel in the impead Washington, March 13.-In to-day, by eleven o'clock, the la was packed with as brilliant an upon a full dress opera night. was conducted in perfect order.

lain invoked a blessing upon the tering on this important duty. At one o'clock, the morning expired, the Chief Justice in the Sergeant-at-Arms made a proc the usual form. The Sergeant-at fied the House that the Senate ized as a Court of Impeachment to proceed to the trial of Andre Immediately thereafter the m members of the House took provided for them. The ret Sergeant-at-arms from the serv summons upon the President was the counsel of the President we Stanbury, Curtis and Nelson tool table opposite the managers, seated at the left of the Chief Ju

Stanbury rose, addressing the tice, and read the answer of the entering his appearance and na counsellors Stanbury, Curtis, No and Evarts, and asking, as a reas for the preparation of his defence. of forty days, and citing various which a period was long in propo case. Bingham asserted only motive of the managers was the Secate rules and prevent a dile defence. He then cited the rule wh for an appearance of the Presiden required to file his answer in the answer was not filed. The trial ceed as on a plea of not guilty. therefore, that the trial should n with. Stanbury expressed surpr claim was put forth by the mai

through this momentous trial like police court. Edmonds offered an order tha be the day appointed, failing the answer, that within three days t managers shall fite a replicatio

said there seemed to be a disposi-

trial proceed on April 6th. On motion of Morton, at two Senate retired for consultation a to the chamber at 4 o'clock, and utes the court reassembled. overruled and an order enter President be required to file hi

Monday, March 23. Bingham offered an order, replication by the managers, th proceed forthwith. Rejected, 25

Nelson, of counsel, argued th of cantious deliberation. He s two charges had opened Pan which would necessitate a full of all points.

Conklin offered an amendment cause for delay be shown, the tria peed forthwith, after filing the re Bingham expressed the satisfa managers with the agreement, adopted, and the Court adjourn

CONCORD, N.H. March 15,returns give Harriman the

The House of Representati 193 Republicans and 138 De SCHENECTADY, New York, 1 The water on Mchawk Poil above low water mark and ris The southwest portion of the tially inundated and serious

apprehended from the flood. CHICAGO, March 16-Wash cials report that Hancock ha dered by the President to rel diately to Washington and tak of the Atlantic division.

NEW YORK, March 16-Th special says it is understood th pectation of an attack from shore has within the past few a more substantial form the anticipated. It is known that has just been issued from t partment directing forty are with teams and teamsters, to readiness to move at a mom for the transportation of suppl orders have also been issu manders of garrisons about keep their commands, officers quarters since the excitement

Thad Stevens is lying ver city. Fears are entertained not recover.