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AGENTS: L. D. Smith, Vancouver; W. J. G. Mackenzie, Victoria; J. G. Bennett, Nanaimo; J. W. G. Mackenzie, New Westminster.

The Dominion Finances.

In our telegraphic column will be found a truly gloomy picture of the financial condition of the Dominion of Canada, by an Ottawa correspondent of a New York paper. It has been the custom of the Ottawa correspondents of the New York press once a year to palm off upon the American people the most groundless and distorted statements about the affairs of the Dominion. The present is, therefore, no exception. The present is, therefore, no exception. The present is, therefore, no exception.

IMPORTS

MEDIA fm Puget Sound—10 boxes apples, 3 barrels mutton, 19 cattle. MEDIA fm San Francisco—10 boxes apples, 3 barrels mutton, 19 cattle.

BIRTHS

On the 9th inst, the wife of Mr. J. P. H. a son.

MARRIED

On the 22d February, James McNeil and a native of Braganza, Ontario, Canada, of Comox, British Columbia.

DIED

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carry our mails twice a week between this port and Puget Sound without any remuneration whatever, and at the same time exacting full Port Dues every time the steamer so gratuitously serving the Colony arrives in our harbor.

The New System

An anonymous writer, in another paper, appropriating a very pretentious *nom de plume*, has performed what he is pleased to consider the ceremony of unveiling the Government policy. One wonders that so much wisdom should be concentrated in one little brain.

Legislative Council.

Council met at 1:30 p.m. Present: The Hon. Speaker, Hon. Attorney-General, Hon. Dr. Helms, Mr. Humpreys, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Curran, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Alton, Mr. Nathan, Hon. Collector of Customs, Mr. Paulier, Mr. DeCosmos, Hon. Dr. Carrall.

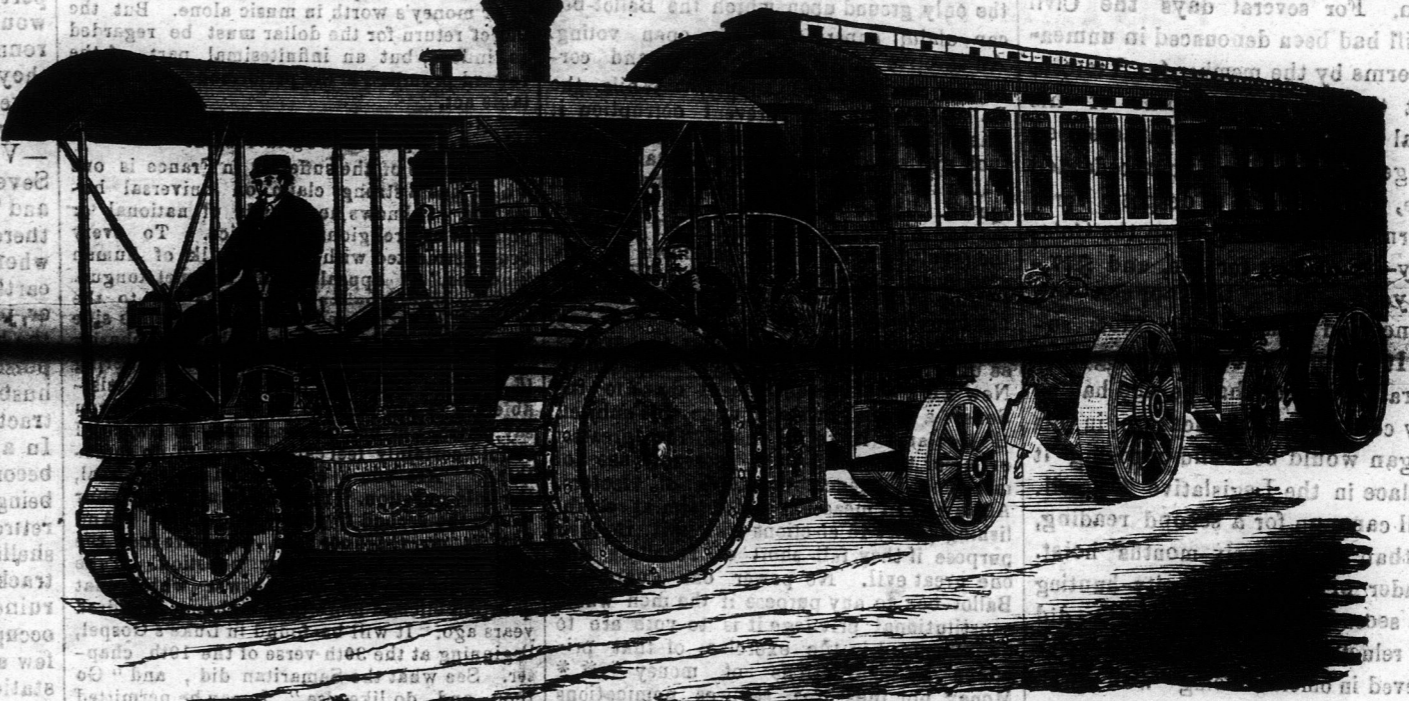
Police Court.

Monday, March 20th, 1871. FINEVINE. Johnny, Timothy, and Peter Hydar Indians, appeared before this Court yesterday on separate charges of fighting in the public streets. The parties were seriously wounded by the Magistrate and dismissed from Court.

Exemption from Port Charges.

Among the resolutions to be moved in the Legislature to-day is one asking that the steamer Isabel may be exempted from Port Charges in consideration of carrying our mails free. The unfairness—we may say, the positive meaness—of expecting a foreign company to

STEAM TO CARIBOO!



The British Columbia GENERAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Will place Four of THOMSON'S PATENT ROAD STEAMERS on the route between Yale and Barkerville in the First Week in April and will be prepared to enter into Contracts for the conveyance of Freight from Yale to Soda Creek in Eight Days. Through Contracts will be made as soon as the condition of the road above Quesnelmouth permits. Rates of Passage will be advertised in due time.

BARNARD & BEEDY, Managers. OFFICE—Yates Street, next door to Wells, Fargo & Co's

Funeral of the late George Peakes. The funeral obsequies of the late George Peakes took place yesterday. The body lay in state at the residence of his wife at 11 o'clock in the afternoon and was visited by many friends of the deceased gentleman among whom were Sir James Douglas, the Governor of the Colony, and Mr. Meville, the Crown Solicitor.

SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—On Saturday the 11th inst. our local correspondent reported that the Executive had prepared a Bill to amend the Civil List. At that time it had been commonly reported that the Council of the Bill establishing a Civil List had been sent down. Our contemporary calls this a 'singular coincidence'.

THEATRE ROYAL.—On Thursday evening next, the Theatre will open under the direction of Mr. E. H. H. The pieces produced during the season will be principally of a light character, with interludes of song and dance. Mr. Beatty, in addition to his accomplished wife and charming daughter, has secured the services of Mr. E. C. Melville and Mr. Tony Ward, gentlemen of excellent ability and universal favor with the Victoria audiences.

DEATH OF EDWARD FRANKLIN.—Mr. Lumley Franklin, on Sunday, received a dispatch from New York City, announcing the demise on that day of his brother, Mr. Edward Franklin. The deceased gentleman was a very old friend of the writer, and was on his return to his home from Europe, when overtaken by the Grim Messenger. We extend his relatives our warm sympathy.

DIAMOND FINDING IN YALE. A diamond of value of about \$2000 was found by a young man named John Baker, who was working on the road above Soda Creek. The diamond was found in a hole which he had dug in the ground. It was a fine specimen of a diamond, and was valued at \$2000.

FRUIT CROP.—Pomologists in this section say there never was a season when the fruit crop was so good as this year. The fruit is now in the hands of the growers, and will be sold at a high price. The crop is expected to be worth \$2000 per acre.

PACK TRAIN.—Smith & Sterling will send a pack train of 15 mules on the Oyster to Skeena route, to pack their goods to Getman's Creek. The pack train will leave on Saturday next.

COURT OF REVISION.—In consequence of the disposition of Kenneth McKensie, Esq. the Court of Revision did not sit yesterday. The Court will sit on Friday next.

WILL NOT GO.—The requisite number of passengers for the steamer Greppler will not go to Skeena mouth. The Greppler will not go to Skeena mouth.

SAVANNAH ROAD.—At a meeting held at Harry Simpson's house, Savannah road, on Friday last, the settlers resolved to contribute teams and hands to aid the Government in macadamizing the East and West Saanich roads their entire length. The Government, we believe, will spend \$2000 on the work.

PORT SOUND IRMS.—We call the following from the Seattle Intelligencer:—As the ship Atlanta came away from San Francisco, John Alden, ship carpenter, was missing. After being several days out at sea the remains were discovered in the hold of the ship. It is supposed that he fell through the after hatch and was instantly killed.

STEAMER ENTERPRISE.—The steamer Enterprise will sail for New Westminster to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. She will carry a mail and express for the upper country.

THE BARK ANTIPODES, for Australia, sailed from the enter harbour yesterday.

PROBATION.—On Monday next the Legislative Council will be prorogued.