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## 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.

## CONSEQUENCES.

It is not surprising that the Dominion of Canada has acquired a very considerable surplus revenue, and the accumulated surplus revenue of the Province of Ontario has mounted materially above three million dollars, while, as was stated in these columns from undoubted authority, a few days ago, the present Finance Minister showed a large surplus revenue for the Dominion last year, and this year he has been enabled to come before Parliament with that surplus augmented to upwards of four million dollars. Indeed, so successful has the present Finance Minister been that even the Toronto Globe has ceased to sting and taunt him.

## IMPORTS.

Imports for the month of March, 1871, are as follows: Flour, 1000 barrels; Sugar, 500 barrels; Coffee, 200 barrels; Tea, 100 barrels; Rice, 50 barrels; Oil, 100 barrels; Soap, 50 barrels; Cloth, 1000 yards; Hardware, 5000 dollars; Miscellaneous, 10000 dollars.

## BIRTHS.

On the 19th inst., the wife of Mr. J. P. M. a son.

## MARRIAGES.

On the 18th inst., the Rev. R. J. M. and Miss M. M.

## DIED.

On the 20th inst., James M. M., aged 70.

## STEAM TO CARIBOO!

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, has been more than once pointed out in this journal. We are glad, therefore, to observe that the matter is about to be brought under the notice of the Legislature in a form which will compel an expression of opinion. Although one could have predicted that the question intrusted to the Council would result to grant a slight recognition of such important services extending over a long period of time, Capt. Stair is not given to indulging in threats; nor have we been authorized to speak in his name; but it need surprise no one if a refusal on the part of the Government to concede so very trifling a point should result in the immediate discontinuance of bi-weekly trips, or, at all events, in a cessation of the bi-weekly mail services now enjoyed. The Colony has long been paying twelve thousand dollars a year for a monthly mail service from San Francisco, and yet it refuses to pay anything, even to remit the harbor dues, toward a bi-weekly mail service with Puget Sound. Such conduct is inconsistent, to say the very least.

## 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. That the Lieutenant Governor will not be compelled to appoint his ministry from the members of the Assembly we presume few will be inclined to question. In all probability the Lieutenant Governor will appoint his first ministry before the Assembly will have an existence, so that it would be impossible to appoint that ministry from the Assembly. That members of the ministry will have to secure seats in the Assembly as soon as that body is constituted, need not be doubted. As to the Lieutenant Governor being able to control the revenues without reference to the Assembly, any attempt to do that would be unconstitutional, and few Governors would care to face the inevitable consequences of such an act. Few Governors choose to give trouble now-a-days; and fewer still would care to do so in administering the affairs of a Province of the Dominion. Queen Victoria could give trouble; so could President Grant, the Governor General of the Dominion, or, in fact, any other sovereign or Governor; but, somehow it is seldom that a ruler cares to place himself outside the constitution. The working of the system of Responsible Government in British North America is now so well understood that we imagine the people do not stand very much in need of any warning from the Colonial League. What is it?

## Legislative Council.

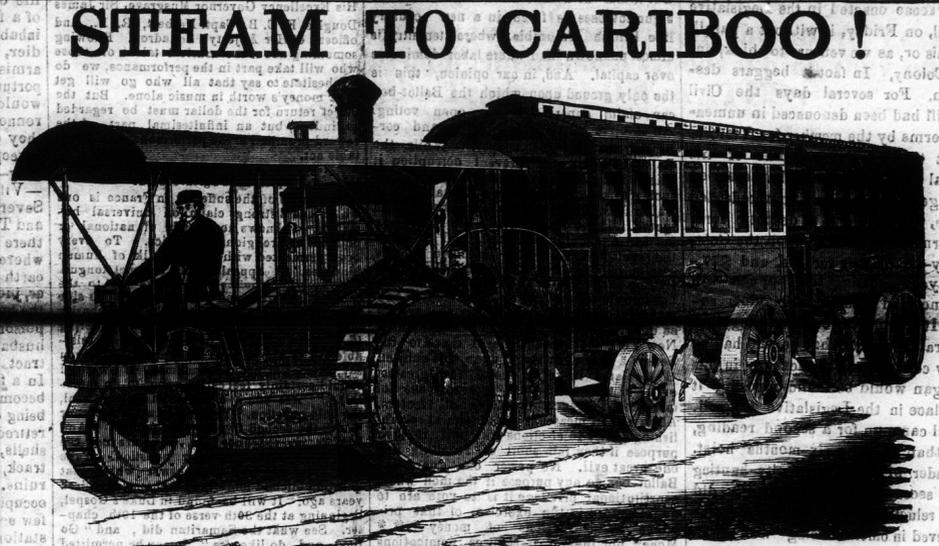
Monday, March 20th, 1871.  
Council met at 1:30 p.m. Present: The Hon. Speaker, Hon. Attorney-General, Hon. Dr. Helms, Mr. Humpreys, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Alton, Mr. Nathan, Hon. Collector of Customs, Mr. Paullier, Mr. DeCosmos, Hon. Dr. Carrall.  
The minutes having been read and approved, the Hon. Speaker moved that the Bill for the amendment of the Act relating to the appointment of Justices of the Peace be read a second time and ordered to be committed.

## Police Court.

Monday, March 20th, 1871.  
The Hon. Mr. Justice O'Reilly, presiding.  
John, 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. Seven cases of delinquency for Road and School taxes were adjudicated, and the several sums due ordered to be paid.

## Exemption from Port Charges.

Among the resolutions to be moved in the Legislature to-day is one asking that the steamer Label 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



## 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.

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## Funeral of the late Mr. Peakes.

The funeral obsequies of the late George Peakes took place yesterday. The body lay in state at the residence of Mr. Peakes until 10 o'clock in the afternoon and was then conveyed to the residence of the late Mr. Peakes, where the funeral services were held. The deceased was a well-known and respected member of the community.

## Singular Coincidence.

On Saturday the 11th inst. our local correspondent reported that the Executive had prepared a Bill to amend the Act relating to the appointment of Justices of the Peace. The Bill was read a second time and ordered to be committed.

## Canadian Budget.

On the 11th inst. the Minister of Finance for the Dominion introduced the budget in the House, stating that Canada now stood eighth, instead of eleventh last year, on the list of countries trading with England, taking in proportion to population more goods from England than any other country in the world, and three times as much as America. Notwithstanding this prospect, he warned members not to expect a large reduction of taxation. He accused them of taking off the five per cent duties imposed at the last session, but the duties on coal must remain. He said he was not certain that negotiations were going on in Washington respecting the tariff, but it was considered possible, therefore the Government desired to retain the duties on coal and flour.

## 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.

## Entertainment last evening at the Theatre Royal.

The Royal gave more than ordinary satisfaction last evening. The house—particularly the lower part—was full, and the performance was of a high order. The principal attraction was the new play, 'The Two Orphans,' which was well acted by Mr. and Mrs. Bird and Mr. Melville, the latter receiving his well-earned reputation. The concert proved a great musical treat. The choruses by the Sing Verein were admirably rendered under the leadership of Professor Seliger. Mr. Redfern's solo 'Frans and Orders' was given in fine style and was loudly applauded. 'Wive L'Orange,' by Mr. Charles Lombard, was splendidly sung and most enthusiastically received. Professor Seliger sang 'Irene,' a beautiful ballad, in a low, sweet tenor admirably adapted to the piece. Miss Dora Bird sang 'Anne Laurie,' and was cheered and encored when she sang a comic song which was highly appreciated. The concert closed with a piano solo, 'Carillon de Venise,' by Professor Seliger, which was played in admirable taste and with the professional touch. The entertainment concluded with a laughable farce, 'Hunting a Turle,' by the Bird-Melville Dramatic Troupe.

## Port Sound Items.

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. The University Exhibition on Thursday last was pretty well attended, but somehow the financial proceeds fell still short of meeting the requirements. Within the past week two Marchant Binn has purchased real estate in Port Townsend Bay to the extent of \$10,000. The Oregon Insane Asylum contains one hundred and forty-six inmates. On her last trip across the Straits the steamer Olympia encountered a gale of great severity and a very heavy sea. The Intelligencer in a very able article, advocates increased mail services for the Sound.

## Pack Train.

Smith & Sterling will send a train of 15 mules on the Otter to Skeena Creek to pack their goods to Getman's Creek. The train will start on Monday next.

## Court of Revision.

In consequence of the disposition of Kenneth McKenna, Esq. the Court of Revision did not sit yesterday.

## Will Not Go.

The requisite number of passengers for the steamer Greppler will not go to Skeena Creek. The Greppler will not go to Skeena Creek.

## Probation.

On Monday next the Legislative Council will be prorogued.

## Diamonds.

Mr. Tolson had a fine diamond picked up at Pajel, when she picked up a diamond. We also heard that Mr. Tolson had a diamond picked up at Pajel, when she picked up a diamond.

## SAANICH ROAD.

A meeting held at Harry Simpson's house, Saanich 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.

## From Puget Sound.

The steamer Olympia left Puget Sound on Monday morning at 10 o'clock. She will carry a mail and express for the upper country.

## For the Inter.

The Grappler will sail for Burgard lake to-day as usual. She will carry a mail and express for the upper country.

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