

International Questions.

The appointment of a Joint High Commission to sit at Washington for the purpose of removing and amicably adjusting all matters of difference between Great Britain and the United States...

Our French Letter.

FROM OUR SPECIAL WAR CORRESPONDENT. ABBEVILLE, Dec 31, 1870. The circle of fighting and carnage increases daily, and seems to force farther from view the prospects of peace...

DEPARTURE OF THE HON J W TRUTCH.

The Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, accompanied by Mrs. Trutch, took his departure for Ottawa and London yesterday...

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Tenders are invited for a weekly mail service between Victoria and Metehosin. In compliance with a petition from the settlers at Mud Bay and on the south side of the Fraser river...

ANNIVERSARY MISSIONARY SERVICES.

Services in aid of the missions will be preached by the Rev Mr Fairchild at the Wesleyan Methodist Church this morning and evening, and to-morrow evening there will be a public meeting in aid of the same object...

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Since a local print has thought proper to make an extract in order to show how its New Brunswick contemporary, the St John Freeman writes, concerning us, it may be well to add, by way of explanation, that the Freeman is a disloyal, anti-British Fenian organ...

OMINECA.

Messrs Green, Fort street, have succeeded to admiration in photographing the new map of the Omineca gold fields and surrounding country recently prepared at the Lands and Works Office.

DEPARTURE OF THE PACIFIC.

The steamship Pacific, Capt Sothard, sailed at 4.45 o'clock yesterday afternoon for San Francisco. The passengers number about 30. The freight was small. The steamer did not clear of Race Rocks before dark and probably met a fair wind outside.

DOUBLE ASSAULT.

Lucy and Jenny, two Hydras damsels, appeared before the Stipendiary Magistrate yesterday on charges of assaulting each other. The Magistrate fined each \$10, which they promptly paid in preference to a month's imprisonment.

TREASURY SHIPMENT.

By Wells Fargo & Co's Express, yesterday the following shipments of treasure were made: Wells Fargo & Co \$23,025.38. Bank of British North America \$12,757.02. Bank of British Columbia \$20,533.71. Total—\$56,365.97.

THE LANE-KURTZ CO.

Col Lane, agent of this Company, sailed yesterday for San Francisco to make final arrangements for passing the machinery into the mines early in the season.

Runaway.

The team of Mr. Marcus, a farrier at North Saanich, bolted from the Telegraph Hotel on Saturday evening, and were not caught until they had reached the Royal Oak. No damage.

Hastings Mill Company.

Capt Raymond, manager of the Hastings Mill Company, sailed yesterday for San Francisco on business connected with the mill.

A Large Tree.

has fallen across the East Saanich road, about 200 yards beyond the school house, and obstructs the passage of vehicles.

WASH.

The steam Deluge was out yesterday for a wash.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

LEICESTER MEETING, 1868. UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS. THE FOLLOWING PRIZES WERE REWARDED TO: J. & F. HOWARD, Britannia Iron Works, Bedford.

TEN FIRST PRIZES, ONE SECOND PRIZE AND A SILVER MEDAL.

Carrying off almost every prize for which they competed, and this, for the first time, in a previous year.

ELEY'S AMMUNITION.

THE BOXER CARTRIDGES. For the Hon. and Martin-Henry Rifle of 450 bore, adopted by the British Army, and the Hon. and Martin-Henry Rifle of 450 bore, adopted by the British Army.

ELEY BROTHERS.

GRAVEY IN ROAD LONDON, WHO LEASES ONLY.

EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF A COUGH.

HER MAJESTY'S GUNBOAT, NETLEY, 1860. DAN SIB, September 7th 1860. I have had a most extraordinary cough, which would not give up, and which was attended by much phlegm and distress.

POWELL'S BALM OF ANISEED.

For Coughs, Colds, Influenza, Shortness of Breath, Asthma, Bronchitis, and for all affections of the Throat, this is the most established and successful remedy.

A CARD.

EDITOR COLONIST.—In your WEEKLY issue of the 11th inst. a card appears signed Jacob M. Maudslayi, and in which it is stated that he has offered \$100 for his vote.

BOARD AND LODGING.

BOARD AND LODGING NAYERS ON. For the accommodation of a private family, a residence in a pleasant locality, near the centre of the city, Apply at the Colonist Office.

COURT OF REVISION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Court of Revision, without adjournment, will sit on Monday, the 13th inst., at 11 o'clock, at the City Council Chambers, where the assessment roll for 1871 will be presented.

Victoria Nursery & Seed Establishment.

MITCHELL & JOHNSTON have just completed their STOCKS OF FARM AND GARDEN SEEDS.

And which this year are UNUSUALLY FINE.

They wish to notice as being extra fine: Orchard Grass, Paony's Rye Grass, Timothy Grass, Red Clover, Lucerne, &c. &c. &c. Danver's Yellow Onion, Mangold and Beet, Early Rose Potatoes, Top Onions.

Occidental Buildings, Fort Street, Victoria.

At their NURSERY they have FINE STOCKS OF FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES, SHRUBS, ROSES, &c. &c. GREEN-HOUSE AND HARDY FLOWERS, &c. &c. to which they would invite the Attention of Buyers.

By Electric Telegraph.

Europe.

PARIS, Feb 5.—A special correspondent who has been inside Paris since investment came on to-day and returned last night, says the Commandant at Metz has committed suicide. The deluge of arms has commenced at Saverne and sendings are rapid in consequence of operations providing for the delivery of arms before the re-occupying of Paris.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made in E for the Emperor's arrival. He will be there by the 5th March at latest. English war vessels carrying provisions for the relief of the French entered yesterday. The feeling against Gambetta is increasing in intensity.

PARIS, Feb 4.—Intense suffering prevails here. Hundreds are dying daily of starvation, the food being wholly inadequate. LONDON, Feb 6.—A complete rupture taken place between the Paris Government and Gambetta. The restoration of the Emperor is most probable. The Pope has undertaken to assist in the restoration. Favre has resigned as Minister of Interior but will remain Minister of Foreign Affairs.

PARIS, Feb 5.—The Emperor will leave Versailles on the 4th and through Windon and Magdenburg on his way to the capital.

BERLIN, Feb 6.—The Russian Czar confirms the report that all the nationalities before the conference have been admitted.

THE STATE paper denies that the Czar written to the Emperor William concerning moderation in dealing with vanquished France. LONDON, Feb 6.—Advices from Versailles of the 5th state that Scherer has been named for the assembly by the Mobiles and Rifles.

Advices from all parts of France indicate that the assembly will contain a major Imperialist and Monarchist.

BOULOGNE, Feb 5.—The demonstration of 700 people headed by Garibaldians, Middelton and the rest of the crowd, Gumbetta being engaged, and the following declaration: Gumbetta, faithful to the programme of razing war to liberty, is now occupied in a council of liberating on means of profiting by the mistakes.

PARIS, Feb 5.—Favre informed market that he will resign Gambetta's office.

LONDON, Feb 6.—Numerous journals the North denounce Gambetta's decree urge peace. Rochefort announced a paper entitled 'Mot D'Ordre.' It will contain a resignation.

BRUSSELS, Feb 7.—The Independence has a letter from Lyons which says the case of Bourbaki's failure was an abject large sum. Gen Kelly is at Lyons. He would like to take command of the legion.

BRUNNEN, Feb 4.—Sixty-six thousand are in Switzerland. The men are armed and Switzerland has asked France to send clothing.

PARIS, Jan 5.—A decree signed by a minister here has been promulgated annulling Gambetta's decree on electoral abilities. It maintains the supreme authority of the Paris Government, declares the elections shall be unresisted and that neither the Government of the Defense, nor the Republicans nor the Parisians have the slightest chance of razing the elections.

BOULOGNE, Jan 7.—Members of the Government have arrived here from Paris promised to the Prefect last night annulling the Bordeaux decree of 31st January, relative to electoral districts. As far as is compatible with the principle of universal suffrage, the Paris of the 29th is maintained.

Special dispatches say advice Paris state that the Prussians are once the re-occupying of the city. Nine were detained at Amiens although war was clear. It is said the Germans testified that France will refuse their peace and consequently seize provisions their own use.

Palleidies and Atago arrived this morning. Freight of Lyons received Lorrain Amiens yesterday. The Prussians have occupied Lebourg. The authorities at Versailles no letters from Paris to be forwarded.

LONDON, Feb 7.—The Telegraph following from Paris Feb 3: Meeting here are becoming more demonstrative the speakers demand the arrest and those who surrendered the city. The liberal republican committee demanded that the government of the Empire should be arranged by the assembly to render an account of the finances of Paris and give reasons for its resignation. The committee also demanded that no treaty ratifying the peace should be signed and that Paris should have defence and refuse to capitulate. At a meeting in the Salon de Blanche, an orator declared that France would be a republic and that the time alone would save the country and the republic would be resolved with the audience.

Deputies who favor a continuation of war are applauded at all the meetings. Trochu has declined a candidacy.