SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

First Despatch.

THE FENIANS LAND AT VALENTIA! THE CABLE TO BE CUT!

ACCIDENT TO THE 'ACTIVE!

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE!

Europe.

LONDON, Feb 14-The Government is advised of the landing of two ship loads o Fenians at Valentia.

It is rumored that the Fenians will attempt to cut the cable; also that the Fenians of Killarney are marching towards Kenmare. There is renewed activity of the troops.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 15-Sailed-Bark Torrent, Teekalet: Almatia, Puget Sound brig Tanner, Seabeck.

San Francisco, Feb 16-This morning, a half-past six o'clock, the steamer Washoe, in endeavoring to make her landing, run at high rate of speed into the California Steam Navigation Company's steamer Active, lying at Broadway wharf. The collision was a very severe one. The apron or overhanging guard of the Washoe, which is shod with iron, made a hole in the front quarter of the Active large enough to draw a handcard through. From a passenger we learn that the Washoe, on her return trip to Oakland pier, ran into the pier, doing some damage to the piles. Both accidents are attributed to an injury to the steering gear. The Active was advertised to sail to-day for Victoria, but her repairs will be so extensive that the day of sailing has been postponed until Monday morning:

Arrived, 16th-Bark W. B. Scranton, 7 days from Portland.

Sailed, 16th - Steamer Montana, for Columbia river; ship Mary Glover, for Puget Sound; bark Iconium, for Paget Sound.

Oregon.

PORTLAND, Feb 18-The steamer Ajax, from San Francisco, arrived at 11 o'clock

U.S. revenue cutter Lincoln arrived at Astoria yesterday from Victoria.

THE FENIAN REVOLT!

Telegraphic Communication Destroyed

RIOTING AND PILLAGING!

POLICE GUARDS KILLED

The Government fully Prepared!

London, Feb 14-Evening-The Government denies the statement as to the landing of a shipload of Fenians at Valencia and in the Shannor, but admits there is a serious revolt near Killarney. The wires near Valentia were cut and destroyed for a long distance in all directions. Riots and pillage are the order of the day. Several establishments were sacked on the coast and a guard of policemen were killed.

LONDON, Feb. 15-Morning-Eight hun-Kerry county. The British Government have posted troops under Colonel Hassford, at mand Hill district. Intense excitement pre- for crushing. vails in the neighbourhood; many people are leaving precipitately. An ex-Captain of the Legislative Proceedings. United States volunteers had arrived at Killarney. He is under suspicion as a Fenian leader.

A large number of marines from Plymouth arrived yesterday to proceed to the insurrectionary districts immediately.

LONDON. Feb. 15-Noon-The telegraph wires through the insurrectionary districts in Ireland, have been cut in all directions, The news from that quarter has been suppressed by the authorities for prudential

A large Fenian party has been surrounded by the National troops in Tony (?) woods, and e chance of their escape is exceedingly

eated to the Hill districts, near Killarney is still at large, and are spreading; thus far they are confined to Kerry and Cork, and will not spread further.

The British Government informed Parliament that Colonel Hassford's force is too small to follow the Fenians into Tony woods. but hope by surrounding it to prevent their

The Irish authorities have assured the tion of the Council, Government that the outbreak will be totally

Great Strikes at Cariboo.

CHEERING INTELLIGENCE

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 9-The Hope came down from Yale on Sunday, bringing Messrs J W McKay, Jones and Bonsfield of the Bank of British Columbia, Horsford and others and a Cariboo mail to the 6th inst.

The Sentinel of the 30th has very little mining news. Its columns are nearly filled with a report of the case of Cummings versus Laidlaw, for defamation of character, tried before J Spencer Thompson by special commission. The jury failed to agree and were

The paper says that the plentiful yield of the United Company, before the water failed last week, created a great excitement. Both sides of Conklin Gulch has since been staked off, all the way to the summit of the mountain, and stock in the Home Stake and Hood companies has risen rapidly.

Another excitement followed immediately after on Canadian Creek. For four days nen were staking off ground on that creek. It is also reported that a rich strike has een made on South Fork Lake.

Receipts at Recorder's Office this month are likely to be greater than in the same month of any preceding year.

Mr Bonsfield brings the following intelligence: Times on the creek are very good or the season, and the results of the next mining season are looked forward to with

Snow is about four feet deep between the

The United Company on Conklin Gulch had washed 250 ounces to a set and a half of interersts, when the company had to stop for want of water. The lead is thirty feet Second Despatch wide, with high bed rock, and walls. The Ericeson ground is supposed to have been fed through a break in the wall.

Five and six thousand dollars are offered

The Home Stake and Hood companies are upposed to have the same lead.

The Borealis Company are working richer dirt than they found in the Aurora. The last dividend was \$240.

The Cariboo is making over expenses : the Caledonia about expenses; the Cameron are working rockers under ground and are about making expenses; the Welsh are not doing as well as before, but have great hopes.

The Bed-rock drain is going ahead.

The reported rich strike on Canadian creek

On Grouse Creek the Heron, Full Rig and Discovery continued to pay well.

A report prevailed just before leaving that the Hard Up had struck a very good pros-

At the Mouth of Quesnelle, Joe Mason, dred Fenians, Colonel O'Conner commander, Hill and others brought word of a rich strike have retreated to haunts about Killarney, in the Washburne quartz lekge. Gold is seen all through the rock, one piece was picked out worth three bits. The Stewart Mallow Junction, Cork county, which com- Company have got out 80 tons rock ready

The Council met on Monday at 3 o'clock, Session devoid of interest. Estimates deferred till Thursday, to await receipts of accounts from Victoria.

A message was received from the Governor assenting to the resolutions amending the standing orders.

Crease gave notice that he would introduce an Ordinance to Incorporate the City of Walkem gave notice that on Wednesday

he would introduce an Ordinance to amalgamate the legal profession.

The Postal Bill passed a second reading and was committed. The Sheriff's Bill was read a third time

second time and committed.

Helmcken's Bill defining the rights of the Victoria legal profession passed a second reading and through committee with slight

Tuesday's Proceedings.

House in session to-day.

First on orders of the day was DeCosmos' motion for a Committee of the Whole to con- child were lost. sider the propriety of amending the constitue

Council went into committee, and the mover delivered an able speech, when the Oriflamme, with her party of excursionists same, but such remedies and punishments

The only other routine business of any interest was the third reading of the Legal on the 31st ult. Profession Ordinance.

Council adjourned till Wednesday. The Fenian Revolt.

STEPHENSINIRELAND THE AFFAIR A FAILURE. The Rebels Surrounded

LATER FROM MEXICO LATER FROM THE EAST.

Eastern States. esolution relating to ocean mail service bes half sacks, \$5 25@5 50. tween San Francisco and Portland, Oregon.

ROCHESTER. Feb. 15-Owing to the ice am against the railroad bridge, a portion of the city is flooded, and a serious inundation

Buffalo, Feb. 14-The remaining portion of Table Rock, at Niagara, fell on Tuesday; fortunately no one was on it at the time. Washington, Feb. 17-Rumors are again

current about Cabinet changes, to the effect that Randall will go out and Horace Greeley The opinion is strengthening that the

whole thing, on Johnson's part, is a trick to secure delay about any reconstruction mea-

NEW YORK, Feb. 15-The ship Aquilla. of San Francisco, from Greenock for New York, was abandoned at sea, Jan. 19, having lost all her spars and boats, and being in a leaking condition. Capt. Sayward and all hands were rescued. The British bark Victoria, with five of the Aquilla seamen, arrived here this morning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16-John Woods and Thomas Young, preprietors of a gambling house, on Prince street, together with fiftyeight gamblers, were arrested last night.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 17-The Pilot boat Stork reported this morning having timbers, giving a dividend of \$350 to sixteen spoken the Swatara, at Cape Henry, with Surratt on board, from Alexandria via Lisbon, bound for Washington

NEW YORK, Feb. 18-The Fenian excitement in this and adjoining cities yesterday was most intense.

Mexico.

Vera Cruz, to Feb. 12, have been received, and the capture of Juarez was not credited. The French transports arrived at Vera Cruz on the 12th, and will take a large detachment of troops.

Despatches from Imperial Government states that the Mexicans were at Secatrons (?) on the 27th of January, and had gained a victory over the Liberals and put to flight Juarez and his minions.

The French expeditionary corps will leave Mexico on the 17th.

The Times has a letter from City of Mexico, of Jan. 28th, which says, Diaz, with 15,000 troops, was near the city, and an attack was momentarily expected. The comthree months against 50,000 men.

The Herald's correspondent says, Miramon was reported to be treating with the Liberals or submission to that party.

The troops under Castello, who succeeded Mejia, are reported to have been defeated by Escabado.

Europe.

London, Feb. 16-Ireland is quiet. Chief Organizer Stephens is reported to be there, but the danger seems past.

At Loomis Woods, the closely pressed Fenians took refuge in the woods, pursued by the British troops, and the insurrectionary bands dispersed.

The Government will immediately send more ships and troops to Ireland. A terrible earthquake has occurred in the Island of Cephaloni; every town is in ruins.

The loss of life and property is very great. London, Feb. 16-Evening-The County f Kerry is proclaimed in a state of excitement. Government has offered a reward for the arrest of persons who shot at a policeman.

I wenty Americans are reported as acting with Stephens. BERLIN, Feb. 16 -At the election, in Prussia, ten districts returned Count Bismarck as

Col. O Connor is no other than Stephens.

their representative. London, Feb. 18-A small number of rebels are concealed in the woods, endeavor-

The Ferries and Intestate Bills were read | ing to make their way coastward, but the | the taking of Oaths and admission of Eviden national troops are so disposed that escape is believed impossible.

> Troops have been dispatched in hope of overhauling Stephens, who is believed to be in the neighborhood.

PORTLAND, ME, Feb. 18-The cable reports the loss of ship Addison, with all her passengers, captain and mate, Henry O. Ward and four seamen. Captain's wife and

San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18-The steamer sailed for Mexico yesterday. A severe earthquake was felt at San Diego

Four men have been hung at Fort Yuma by the Vigilance Committee.

A large meeting of Fenians was held yesterday afternoon at Musical Hall. ARRIVED, Feb. 16-Bark Live Yankee, 9 alleged conscientious motives to be sworn, it days from Port Blakely; bark C. Mitchell, shall be lawful for the Court or Judge, or 12 days from Port Madison; bark Gold

Hanter, 13 days from Port Madison. SAILED, Feb. 17-Bark Scotland, Nanaimo; 18th-Steamer Golden City, Panama; stmr Active, Victoria.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS.

The Flour market is quiet. Small jobbing trade doing. Superfine half sacks, \$5 25(0) and declare, &c, &c. Washington, Feb. 14-The Senate joint 5 50; quarter sacks, \$5 50@5 75. Extra

WHEAT-There is a small demand for eboice milling, with sales of 700 sacks at Majesty, Her Heirs and Successors, it shall \$1 70; 500 do, \$1 60; 110 sacks in lots, \$1 50@1 70

BARLEY-300 sacks sold at 85c.; brewing, last evening, 90c.

The Fenian Revolt.

ONLY 120 MEN ENGAGED IN THE AFFAIR.

NEW YORK FENIANS PREPARING TO INVADE CANADA!

Eastern States.

CHICAO, Feb 19 .- The Senate passed bill to establish assay offices in Oregon, Boise City, and Helena. The bill appropriates \$75,000. The President has signed the bill in relation to the ocean mail service between San Francisco and Portland.

The Fenians.

NEW YORK, Feb 18 .- The Fenians profess to believe that fighting is going on whomsoever committed, it shall be lawful and are working with energy to send aid. for any Court, Judge, Coroner, Gold or other Commissioner, or Justice of the Peace, in the Mayor Hoffman has consented to speak at a discretion of such Court, Judge, Coroner, great demonstration which is to take place on Wednesday evening. Colonel Roberts Aboriginal Native, or Native of mixed states that if any practical movement of a blood, of the Continent of North America, or formidable warlike character has com- civilized person, destitute of the knowledge menecd, there will be another raid by forces NEW ORLEANS. Feb. 16-Advices from of which he is at the head, and that he will furnish all the aid in his power to render it successful. In the meantime the Irish his affirmation or declaration to tell the truth, under his command are preparing for another campaign against Canada, which such Court, Judge, Coroner, Gold or other promises to be formidable.

London. Feb 19 .- No armed Fenians ceeding in the nature of a preliminary inquiry have been captured in Kerry county; all the substance of the evidence or information escaped. The peasantry are perfectly mixed blood as at resaid, shall be reduced to willing to give intelligence, but decline to writing, and signed by a mark by the person assist in the arrest of their countrymen. or mark of the person acting as Interpreter, Three British ships are at anchor in the Kenmare river to awe the people into tion or evidence shall have been given. obedience. Earl Derby says officially that mandant is certain that he can hold the city all alarm has passed away. The peasantry shall, before taking any such evidence, inforare loyal. The Government will treat the prisoners justly, but severely. The Irish Secretary, Lord Nass, says no new rising is apprehended. Only 120 men were engaged in the revolt. Notwithstanding these denials, the Government is still sending or Native of mixed blood as aforesaid, being troops and the Lancers, Guards, and others one of such uncivilized person's as bereinbedepart immediately.

POINT DE GALLE, Ceylon, Feb 16 .- We have received news from Hong Kong by steamer that the Pacific Mail Co's steamship Colorado arrived all right at that port on the 31st January, having left San Francisco on the 14th, and Yokohama on the 23rd.

California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb 19 .- Sailed on the 17th-Bark Brontes for Puget Sound.

steamer New World for Victoria has been postponed till Friday.

British Columbia Statutes.

A Bill. Entitled An Ordinance to provide for the taking of Oaths and admission Evidence in certain cases.

WHEREAS, it is expedient to provide for (Passed Council February 13th, 1867.)

ence in certain cases, and to assimilate the same in all parts of the Colony of British

Columbia : Be it enacted by the Government of British Columbia, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as

follows: I. "The Oaths Act, 1859," and "The Native Evidence Ordinance, \$65," are here-by repealed; provided however that such repeal shall not affect any rights acquired under such Act and Ordinance or either of them or any liabilities or penalties already incurred under such Act and Ordinance or either of them, or any remedies or punishments prescribed by such Act and Ordinance or either of them, for enforcing the may still for the purposes of such enforecement, but not further or otherwise, be held to be available and capable of imposition as if such Act and Ordinance were still in

II. If any person 'called as a witness in any Coart of Judicature or required or desiring to take any oath or to make an affidavit or deposition shall refuse or be unwilling from other presiding officer or person qualified to take such oath, affidavit, or deposition, upon being satisfied of the sincerity of such objec-tion to permit such person, instead of being sworn, to make his or her solemn affirmation or declaration in the words following; "I, A. B., do solemnly, sincerely, and truly affirm and declare that the taking of any oath is, according to my religious belief, unlawful,

and I do solemnly, sincerely and truly affirm III If any person professing the Roman Catholic Religion shall be required by any lawful authority, or shall be desirous for any purpose to take the oath of allegiance to Her be sufficient if he shall in lieu thereof take the oath in the form appointed and set forth in the 2nd section of the Act made and passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom, held in the tenth year of His late Majesty King George IV. intituled "An Act for the relief of His Majesty's Roman Catho-

lic subjects." IV. If any of the persuasion of the people called Quakers, or any other person under this or any other law permitted to made his solemn declaration or affirmation in lieu of an oath, or any person professing the Jewish Religion, shall at any time be required by any lawful authority, or shall be desirous for any purpose to take the oath of allegiance to Her Majesty, Her Heirs or Successors, or acy form of oath, containing the words "And I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Utristian," the said words "And I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Christian," shall be omitted in the form of oath to be taken or the declaration or affirmation in lieu of an oath to be made by such person. And the taking of every such oath, or the making of such affirmation and declaration with such omission as aforesaid, shall have the same force and effect as the taking and subscribing by other persons of the oath containing the words "And I make this declaration upon the true faith of a Christian."

V. In any Civil Action, or upon any Inquest, or upon any Enquiry into any matter or complaint or otherwise, or upon the trial of any crime or offence whatsoever, or by the Peace, to receive the evidence of any the Islands adjacent thereto, being an unof God, and of any fixed and clear belief in religion or in a further state of rewards and punishments, without administering the usual form of oath to any such Aboriginal Native or Native of mixed blood as aforesaid, upon the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, or in such other form as may be approved by

Commissioner, or Justice of the Peace. VI. Provided that in the case of any proof any such Aboriginal Native or Native of giving the same, and verified by the signature (if any), and of the Coroner. Justice of the Peace, or person before whom such informa-

VII. The Court, Judge, Coroner, Gold or other Commissioner, or Justice of the Peace, mation, or examination, caution every such Aboriginal Native or Native of mixed blood as aforesaid, that he will be liable to incur punishment if he do not as aforesaid tell the truth.

VIII. The written declaration or examination made, taken, and verified in manner aforesaid, of any such Aboriginal Native or fore described, may be lawfully read and received as evidence upon the trial of ar cause Civil or Criminal in the said Colony, when under the like circumstances the written affidavit, examination, deposition, or confession of any person might be lawfully read and received as evidence.

IX. Every solemn affirmation or declaration in whatever form, made or taken as aforesaid, shall be of the same force and effect as if such person had taken an oath in the usual form, and shall in like manner infer the penalty of perjury in case of talse-

X. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to authorize any Court, Judge, Coroner, Gold or other Commissioner, or Justice of the Peace, to take cr admit the unsworn testimony of any person who shall upon examination by Judge, Coroner, Gold or other Commissioner, PORTLAND. Feb 20 .- The sailing of the or Justice of the Peace, declare that he believes in a God, a present or future state of rewards and punishments, or the obligation of

> XI. Schedule A of the "Common Sections Ordinance, 1867," is made part of this Ordin-

> XII. This Ordinance may be cited for all purposes as the " Evidence Ordinance,

The Assizes. (Before Chief Justice NEEDHAM) Monday, F His Lordship took his seat at 1

The following named gentlemen moned as a Grand Jury :- J. G. (foreman), J. M. Work, J. J. Co. R. Stewart, T. L. Stablschmidt, H. D Leneveu, J. P. Davies, T. Prit H. Doane, J. H. Turner, J. Wil Stewart, G. J. Findlay, L. Frat Langley, J. Lowe, J. C. Nich Roscoe, C. W. R. Thomson, M. T. 1 Russell

The Chief Justice addressed the to the number of cases and the end the offences charged, and the grai retired to their room to deliberate; after a short interval, with an i against Henry Williams, for ass rape, on the persons of Mrs and Mi dison, on the Saanich road. The pr good-looking mulatto), who was def Mr Ring, pleaded guilty, and threw upon the mercy of the Court, His Lordship then proceeded to p

death, but in accordance with the now existing, the sentence of t was, penal servitude for life. The Grand Jury having brought bill ageinst George Phillips, for The accused was brought up and ple

tence, remarking that it is not ma

ago since this crime was punisha

The Solicitor General prosecuted D. B. Ring, instructed by Mr Copl It appeared that a Mr James Dav a house at Shawnigan, in which h posited certain articles, which the was alleged to have stolen; he sa quite safe the night before the burgl place, but missed them on the morning, as also a boat and the whom he had observed loitering at evening before. Concluding as to the

tion the prisoner would take. Daw

chase, accompanied by two Kanakas procured another boat and captured in Admiral Bay. A man named M attempted to capture an Indian, ar plice of Phillips, but hav ng met with resistance he was compelled, for salety, to stab the Siwash, who died The witnesses, John Dawson and Kanakas, were then called, but not ing to their names, His Lordship ord bail in each case to be estreated, and adjourned. The total amount of ba

Jury against Charley, an Indian, for but as the Solicitor General was not proceed with the case, it was adjour The Grand Jury having found a

by the witnesses only amounted to \$

A true bill was brought in by the

against John Holder, for Manslaughter, prisoner pleaded not guilty; he was by Mr Robertson: the Solicitor prosecuting. The latter, in openi case, said the circumstances were ve ple : the prisoner had indulged in liqu excessive extent, which produced tremens. The unfortunate man Har gone to Holder's house, in order to his doing any harm to himself or oth unfortunately became the victim. Ha

his dying declaration, stated his co that Holder committed the act when not compos mentis. Mr Theakeston was called, and den writing deceased's name to declaration with the Stipendiary Magistrate at th he wrote the declaration; Harrop di

week atter he had signed it.

Charles Coulter, labourer, sworn at Comox; knew prisoner since las he remained with Holder on the 2 30th of December-the two night Harrop was shot, and being in much rest he sent for Harrop to relieve him ing the time that he remained with the latter complained that some wanted to come into his house and him, and begged witness to remain w as he was afraid of staying alone mained that night, Holder getting up quire what noise that was that he witness had not heard any noise; morning, sent Harrop down to Holde afterwards went down in the evening loud talking, and saw a man named ell there; advised Mitchell to go I was awoke during the night by th of fire arms; went out to see, but eve was quiet : saw Holder about 11 o'clo Harrop lying on the floor along the with some blankets upon him; asked what was the matter; he said, Hol shot me; Holder was walking backw forward, and point ng to Harrop, said woman is that "? told him it was I proposed to send for Mr Robb; sent dian, and staid till Robb and his sor Holder was much excited, and grad

Cross-examined by Mr Robertson had been to a jollification two week and appeared the worse of liquor; to after Holder said he would knock off ing-his bands shock very much; he about losing money in his business—a be was alraid of Mitchell, Fabey and waid they wanted to get in and sho he only slept half an hour at a time was with him; the other men tied hi tied his hands and legs; had observe der with an axe trying to knock n a barrel; induced him to give it up quently Holder got a cheese knife also took away from him; heard n after Harrop was hurt; the shots m been fired inside the house; don't kn thing to Holder's prejudice; Harrop quarrel with Holder that was known were next neighbours, and always a good friends, James Robb, farmer at Comox, s

Was well acquainted with Harro known Holder 18 months; was sen Holder's store on the 1st January, a past 8 in the morning; saw Holder wards about 12 o'clock, in house a store ; Holden had something unusua his appearance; he was bound to the had his hands tied behind, and his le bound; his eyes protuded from his h had a glazed appearance; several who were present expressed great sy for Harrop.