

The Weekly British Colonist and Chronicle.

From the satisfaction generally expressed on hearing the success of the Queen Charlotte Coal Co. we feel assured, in a matter of such great importance, the public will be equally pleased to have the report confirmed. There is now no doubt resting over the matter, for since the return of the Sparrowhawk the development has been confirmed in the fullest manner, and by parties of the highest responsibility. The officers of the Sparrowhawk with whom we have spoken, who were kind enough to go and see the mine, give the same account, and in a few days an authenticated report will be prepared. The vein altogether is nearly nine feet thick, of which some three feet are slaty, but there are as reported six feet clear, of first class anthracite coal. Thus then must be admitted the fact of a development being made of more importance to the general interests of the Colony than the discovery of a new Cariboo, perhaps would be. With the quality of the Queen Charlotte Island coal the public have long been familiar, and if anything were wanting in that respect we have a personal knowledge of some of it being tested with the best English coal of the same character in San Francisco, with the most satisfactory results. All that was wanted then, was to find it in quantity, in a legitimate form and in a position comparatively easy to be worked. Now we have the last desiderata, and there is nothing left to complete our success in this respect but for the company to adopt and follow a judicious management of their property. This we are happy to say will be done. At a general meeting of the Company, held yesterday, it was resolved to prosecute the work with vigor, but with prudence. A sufficient force will be immediately dispatched to the mine for the purpose of getting out a large quantity and open the vein thoroughly, so that should any capitalists be induced to invest, they will have the fullest opportunity of satisfying themselves upon every point necessary to make the investment safe. Nothing could be more judicious than such a proceeding. The company at present stand in a very responsible position; for upon their future action in the management of their property will depend the future development of our coal interests. They will have the power of attracting large capital to the colony, or they will be the means of shutting it out for many years longer. It is well then to know, as the inauguration of an immensely profitable business will follow their conduct, that reason and sound discretion govern the shareholders without exception. The expenses of putting the mine in a condition for shipping, as things appear at present, will be below the proceeds of their profits, for it will be by no means a very expensive undertaking to convey the coal from the mine to the sea level. After the long years of failure, depression and misfortune, it has been the fate of the people of this Colony to hear up against it, it is pleasant to see big and little things combining to bid them cheer up, and the man must be stoical indeed who could witness the happy faces to be seen the last few days in our midst, without sharing the hope which made them so radiant as something belonging to himself. Whatever the true friends of the Colony at home and abroad, may do for us by furthering the great schemes in contemplation for its good, nothing can be conceived and nothing accomplished, which will secure that good so speedily, or so thoroughly as final success in the development and management of this anthracite coal mine.

NAVAL.—Her Britannic Majesty's flag-ship Topaz, Commodore Powell arrived in the harbor of Panama on the morning of the 20th instant from Valparaiso.

POLICE COURT.—The case of Mr Lind, reported a few days since as remanded, has been mutually settled by the parties themselves.

SOMERVILLE vs. TURNER & OTHERS.—This case was brought to a close yesterday by a suggestion from the Bench which was mutually accepted by the contending parties. The grounds of settlement are as follows: The whole question of salary, without limit of amount, to be left to the Colonial Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, after communication with Dr McClure. The Judge's minutes to be sent home; each party to be at liberty to send home their own statements, but such statements to be communicated mutually before sent, in order that they may be fairly met. Security to be given by defendants to the satisfaction of Mr Pemberton within 30 days from the day of settlement, for the judgment of the amount, if any, to be found due, with interest at 12 per cent. per annum from 5th September, 1866. Present proceedings to be stayed; each party paying their own costs. The friends of both sides will be pleased to learn the settlement of this case upon terms evidently equitable and just. (We understand \$786 was the original sum sued for.)

CALEDONIAN GATHERING.—The Caledonians of this city have resolved to follow the example of their countrymen in other colonies, and hold a summer gathering, which will take place on the 4th of July. The day will be celebrated with their national games, dancing and music in addition, so the other attractions of a picnic. They have already selected Point Gonzalez beyond Mr Burnaby's house on Shoal Bay, within easy walking distance of the city. The spot selected is very beautiful and singularly suited for the occasion. We hope that all true Caledonians will respond to the call of their chiefs; and that many others of our citizens will assist in spending a good time on the pleasant greenward.

ARRIVAL OF THE SCOUT.—H. M. S. Scout, Capt. Price, arrived at Esquimaux from Panama at 3 o'clock Friday morning, being 54 days on the trip. Capt. Price had previously written to say he would be here on the 10th inst.; so it will be seen he is only two days beyond his calculation. The whole ship's crew have returned in excellent health, and during her absence there has only been one man lost. She brings 72 superannuated for distribution amongst the fleet. As the Scout has been in active service for a long period, he is likely to remain here for some time. During the last few days she experienced much rain, and saw several vessels bound up, though unable to ascertain their destination. There has been no change in the list of officers, who are all old acquaintances, and who will be heartily welcomed back by a large number of friends.

THE STE. DOUGLAS arrived from Nanaimo last evening with a few passengers and nice head of fine fat beef cattle from the upper settlements. She reports the Governor's party leaving Maple Bay yesterday morning. The Shooting Star had left for San Francisco, and the Milan would take in 300 tons of coal and return to Seattle to fill up with lumber before taking the American troops, brought by the Active, to Alaska. The Coal Company had shipped 162 tons a day for the last month.

ON SHORE.—A number of men of the respective crews of H. M. S. Zealou, and the U. S. Sloop-of-war Jamestown in port have been on leave on shore for a couple of days past. We are glad to say, that notwithstanding a tendency on several occasions of both parties coming to a collision while running together, so far nothing has occurred worth mentioning to mar the friendship existing between the men of both vessels. One or two unimportant bruises have taken place. It is singular that a goodly proportion of the U. S. vessel's crew are Englishmen also.

VESSELS UP FOR SALE.—Of vessels which have and have had a relationship with this port the following are now offered for sale: H. M. gunboat Grappler by auction at Esquimaux on the 20th inst; the ship Ellen, in harbor, on Tuesday next the 16th inst; and the British bark Aid at Ussalay on the 20th inst, by the U. S. Marshall, in satisfaction of claims of Mr Alfred Fellows, a resident in this city, and of Messrs Grennen & Chaney, of Ussalay aforesaid.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.—A confirmation service will be held in this church on Sunday afternoon next, at 3 o'clock, by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Thomas Hamilton, Chaplain of H. M. S. Zealou.

CAPT. HOWARD AND FAMILY.—News was received by late mail from Capt Howard, announcing the death of his wife and his intention to return to this place with his family from South America, via California, by his vessel named the Queen Emma, the Lono, formerly owned by Capt Howard, having been disposed of.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.—The Chief Engineer of the Victoria Fire Department, notifies the members of the several companies to turn out for inspection of the Mayor and Council on Wednesday next 17th.

BOYS COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.—The Annual Examination of the pupils of the above school will commence on Monday next, beginning with exercises in Divinity.

By Electric Telegraph

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY-BRITISH COLONIST

Europe. BELGRADE, SERBIA, June 10.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon, Michel, the reigning Prince of Serbia, while walking in Fopschadote park was shot down by three men with revolvers. There is great excitement over the assassination. He belonged to the Obrenowich family the reigning dynasty of Serbia.

LONDON, June 11.—Particulars of the assassination of Prince Michel at Belgrade, yesterday, are that the Prince was shot at the first fire and expired immediately. The Prince's cousin was also killed, and the daughter of the latter received a wound and some of the attendants were wounded also. One of the assassins was captured.

PARIS, June 11.—The *Moniteur* states that the Czar has made proposals to Napoleon that France and Russia unite in an effort to induce all civilized nations to abandon the use of torpedoes and explosive projectiles in time of war. The same journal says this humane proposal meets with the approval of the Emperor, who, however, thinks it may be necessary to employ torpedoes for defensive purposes.

LONDON, May 11.—The last despatches from Belgrade represent the excitement as intense. No outbreak, however, has occurred. Two of the assassins have been arrested. It is ascertained that a father and two sons were the assassins. One of the latter is still at large. The official returns of the Bank of England show that the specie has increased a quarter of a million pounds since last report.

LONDON, June 11.—The Assot. Races gold cup was won by Sir Joseph Hawley's colt, Blue Gown; Speelina was second and King Alfred third.

ROSE POINT, N. Y., June 11.—Four pieces of Fenian artillery have left for parts unknown. Three cases of muskets arrived at Cotaque yesterday.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The President today nominated Beverly Johnson as Minister to England. Confirmed by the Senate. B. F. Dennison as the Associate Justice of the Supreme Court for Washington Territory.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—In the Senate, Morton, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a joint resolution requesting the President to intercede with the Queen of Great Britain to secure the immediate discharge of Rev. John McMahon, now confined at Kingston.

CANADA. TORONTO, June 11.—A despatch from Ottawa, Canada, says a prevalent rumor is that the English Government wishes to stipulate that the Canadian Government shall not increase the public debt till it guarantees to build an intercolonial railroad. It is not believed that this condition will be complied with. The question will occupy attention of the Minister of Finance while in England. A movable column composed of the first battalion of the first brigade of the 43rd volunteer battalion, the Ottawa field battery and Frontenoy's cavalry is held in readiness to proceed under orders at an hour's notice.

NEW YORK, June 11.—Toronto city authorities have received information to prepare billets for 15,000 men. This measure is only to be acted upon in the event of volunteers being called out.

MONTREAL, June 12.—Arrangements are being made by the military authorities for the concentration of troops at Richmond, in the province of Quebec.

MONTREAL, June 12.—A seizure of arms at St. Albans yesterday by the United States Government is reported. Guards are established on the Grand Trunk; brigades well armed guard the stations at each end of the Victoria Bridge. The 53d regiment has been ordered to leave London on the 15th for Quebec.

TORONTO, June 12.—The *Globe* professes to have information on authority beyond dispute, that the Fenian movement upon Canada has actually commenced, and that their forces are being gradually concentrated at Buffalo and other points.

Forty Fenians went from Port Huron to Buffalo via the Grand Trunk Railroad on Tuesday. A raid is possible any day after the 20th inst. The *Globe* calls on the Government to order into the field at once the whole volunteer and regular force of the country.

BUFFALO, June 13.—Reports from Canada have gained circulation to the effect that the Fenians are concentrating at this point for a raid on the neighboring provinces. It is proper to contradict such statements; no unusual gathering of Fenians has occurred here, and it is not believed there is a single member of the organization outside of the citizens of Buffalo here; the sensational reports probably originated with Canadian speculators interested in contracts for supplying troops.

TORONTO, June 14.—Despatches from Montreal say that officers of the United States army are said to be on the frontier between Roseau Point and Ogdensburg, with instructions from Grant to ascertain the correctness of the report, that Fenian arms are being secreted there.

BETHWELL, June 13.—A party of volunteers returning from drill last night were attacked by men supposed to be Fenians. One of the volunteers is not expected to live an unsuccessful attempt was made late at night to break open the sheds and get the arms.

CALIFORNIA. SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—Legal Tenders \$72@72 1/2. New York quotations today \$140.

Cleared, June 11th, bark Oak Hill, Port Blakely. Flour, extra, \$7 25 in qrs; superfine, \$8 37 1/2 @ 8 62 1/2; extra, \$7 50 @ 7 75.

Wheat ranges from good to choice; milling \$2 35 @ 2 40. Barley market dull and weak; new, to arrive, selling at \$1 65; old, \$1 80 @ 1 87 1/2. Oats, \$2 20 @ 2 40.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—Opposition steamer Nevada, arrived from Panama this morning. Peruvian advices report that the yellow fever remains much about the same as at last accounts. Some two hundred people are dying daily in Lima. The disease appears to be spreading along the coast, having reached Islay.

Sailed, bark Huntsville, Seattle. SAN FRANCISCO, June 13.—Arrived—Ship Canadian, from Port Ludlow; bark Moneyneck, from Port Blakely; barkentine W H Gayley, from Port Madison; brig T W Lucas, from Port Ludlow; bark Rival, from Port Discovery; bark Gold Hunter, from Port Madison.

OREGON. PORTLAND, June 13.—The majority for Smith, democrat, in the State will be between 1200 and 1300 on official count. The counties next to Idaho gave unexpectedly large democratic majorities. The total vote of the state will foot up nearly 2200. The Union vote is considerably larger than in 1866. The Legislature and Senate stands 12 democrats and 10 republicans; House, 28 democrats and 19 republicans.

Steamer Geo S Wright, now overdue, had not arrived at 1 o'clock, p. m.

PORTLAND, June 14.—The steamers Geo S Wright and Active arrived this morning.

DELAYED DISPATCHES.

EASTERN STATES. WASHINGTON, June 6.—Mr Burlingame and the Chinese Ambassadors were formally presented to the President to-day. Brief remarks were made by the President and Mr Burlingame. A large number of ladies and gentlemen witnessed the presentation.

The following nominations were made to-day: Martin McMahon, United States Minister Resident to Paraguay, and W H Parker Secretary of the Territory of Idaho.

The Senate confirmed H G Worthingham of Nevada as Minister Resident of the Argentine Republic; Alfred Allen of Kentucky as Consul to Fozehow; Commodore Thomas Turner to be Rear Admiral; Capt J L Worden to be Commodore.

Rear Admiral Craven is to be detached from the command of the Navy Yard of Mare Island August 1st and ordered to the command of the North Pacific Squadron.

Commodore James Alden has been ordered to the command of the Mare Island Navy Yard.

The Senate to-day passed a bill legalizing contracts heretofore made for payment in gold. The Secretary of the Treasury has sent fresh instructions to New Orleans for the detention of the ironclads *Orestes* and *Catawba*, it being stated that they intend to leave there professionally for an experimental trip, but really for Peru.

NEW YORK, June 5.—The steamer *Ocean Queen* brings Panama dates to May 28th. Two hundred persons were dying daily of yellow fever at Callao.

CINCINNATI, June 5.—The river steamer *Thompson Dean*, was successfully launched to-day. She has carrying capacity of 3000 tons, being greater than any steamer on the waters.

NEW YORK, June 5.—Ex-Collector Callcott of Brooklyn has been sentenced to pay a fine of \$10,000 and be imprisoned for two years in the Albany penitentiary for defrauding the Government; B C Ewright \$2,500 fine and 18 months imprisonment; J S Allen, \$5,000 fine and one year in prison.

WORCESTER, Mass., June 5.—The riotous demonstrations among the striking shoemakers yesterday was suppressed by the authorities.

CHICAGO, June 6.—The Reek Island Railroad difficulties have been finally settled.

NEW YORK, June 6.—The stockholders who have been fighting President Tracy with regard to the issue of 40,000 new shares of Rock Island Railroad stock have entirely succumbed. They met in this city yesterday and passed resolutions endorsing the issue of bonds and re-elected Tracy President. They also agreed to promptly complete the railroad to the Missouri river. Chicago will soon have three direct connections with the Union Pacific Road.

A NEW STEAMSHIP LINE.—The Pacific Steamship Navigation Company's steamer *Pacific* which sailed from Panama for Callao on the 10th instand will proceed from Valparaiso to Liverpool on the 13th May via the Straits of Magellan, touching at Montevideo, Rio de Janeiro, St. Vincent, Lisbon and Brest. This vessel is the pioneer of a new monthly line established via the Straits, between the West Coast and Europe, by the Pacific Steam Navigation Company. We learn that all the berths are already taken for the first homeward trip. The first outward bound ship of the line leaves Liverpool in July.

Recent survey of the Fraser Mouth. Mr. Pender, R. N., of H. M. hired surveying steamer *Beaver*, who has been recently surveying the mouth of Fraser river, presents the following report to the Admiral. It is published in the *Government Gazette*, by order of the Governor. NANAIMO, May 8th, 1868.

Sir:—I have the honor to forward a tracing of the recent Survey of Fraser River Mouth.

I find the principal alterations that have taken place since 1866, are:— 1st. The formation of a shoal 1 1/2 miles from Garry Point, and E. by N. 1/2 N. 2 Cables from the inner or White Buoy.

2nd. Where, in 1866, there were 23 feet at low water at a point 1.87 miles N. 1/2 E. from the Lightship, there are now only 3 feet; the knoll is of small extent, and may be passed on either side, thereby doing away with the bend which has lately been used; its position I have marked with a black cask, which will probably last a year.

The Boys as they at present exist will enable a Vessel of draught in proportion to the least water (9 feet) to be taken in, but not as heretofore to be passed on the Port hand going up.

No. 1, the outer or North Sand Head Buoy, is in its old position.

No. 2 has shifted to the Southward, and may now be passed on either side; it may be moved to North bank.

No. 3, the Nun Buoy, may be removed and placed in the position of the temporary Cask Buoy.

No. 4 does not require removing, and may be passed as heretofore.

No. 5, temporary Buoy, may be passed on either side, South recommended at 1 Cable distant.

No. 6 need not of necessity be removed.

No. 7, the Buoy with bands, has drifted to South bank in 6 feet low water, it need not be removed, but must be passed on starboard hand going up, at a distance of 1 Cable.

No. 8, Nun Buoy, in 1/2 foot at low water, may be removed and placed as shown in the tracing.

No. 9, Striped Buoy, should be removed to position assigned to it on tracing, viz.:—S. 7/8 E. 2 Cables from its present position, or on a line from No. 8.

No. 10 does not require moving, and should be passed at a distance of 1 Cable.

No. 11, White Buoy, should be passed close to, to avoid the shoal of 6 feet which has formed to the Eastward of it. From the White Buoy to the entrance proper, the customary precautions will suffice.

I have the honor to state, that if the Boys were painted and moved as recommended by me, that the Channel would be marked for present use.

CANADA. CANADIAN DATES TO APRIL 25TH. Canadian papers are full of the particulars of the examination of Whalen, who upon clear evidence has been committed for trial for the wilful murder of McGee; the *British Whig*, speaking of a conversation with Mr O'Reilly, who is conducting the case against Whalen, says:—

"We cannot make public all that Mr O'Reilly has told us, but we have reason to know that a gigantic conspiracy has been found out, in which persons, some of them members of the Hibernian Society of Toronto, are implicated."

The Scullers' Race for the Belt and Championship of Halifax harbor will take place on the 1st of August. The present champion (George Brown), having been four times successful, requires only another winning to become possessor of the much-coveted prize. As the race is open to all comers, we would be glad to see oarsmen from other parts of the Dominion, as well as from the United States, take part in the contest.

Sir John A. Macdonald's announcement of the Queen's intention to confer a Baronetcy on Mr. Cartier, took the House by storm. It is believed that the opposition fell as if they had lost their tramp card in this new development.

A contested election for Montreal West, to fill the seat left vacant by the assassination of Mr. McGee, will apparently be avoided, by the election by acclamation of M. P. Ryan, Esq., one of the oldest and firmest friends and supporters of the late Mr. McGee.

Sir John A. Macdonald's notice of motion proposes to allow \$1,200 per annum to Mrs. McGee for the remainder of her life, and a settlement of two sums of \$4,000 each upon the two children.

A new discovery of gold is announced in Marmora which will, it is said, eclipse anything found as yet in the Hastings region.

The sudden death of the Hon. Benjamin Weir, Senator of Nova Scotia, at Ottawa, on Tuesday, 14th, has been the subject of general conversation and regret.

The best Remedy for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, Restoring the Lost Appetite, FRESH'S HAMBURG TEA. It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to Infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with every package. DRUGGISTS. For sale at all the wholesale and retail drug stores and grocers. EMIL FRESH, Wholesale Druggist, Sole Agent, 410 Clay St., San Francisco.

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European Echo. In England we see a pursuit of all her great freedom from that con war which paralyzes the principal continent. White in England the prevails, in extending pursuits, removing obstacles of commerce, and moral, and social masses, the other again talking war, and authorities seem to think before the end of autumn is to be about, or when hence, however, it does obvious. Although our own country may be, there are some coming to the surface altogether agreeable. First and foremost of a Majesty does not hold upon the people the hand; it cannot be dependent of the dissatisfied her long and continued strong feeling has sprang to the support she have given Disraeli during upon the Irish Chately she begins to apply little more than think it will still be noble mind and generous has guided her safely many years, will continue the end. Another total change coming women concerning rights. The "Women's question is driving all horrid vortex. Even ingals, whom we have looked upon as the human virtue, and few joined the misguided path the "English Nation Women's Suffrage." the men to peep-pool longer, as a mere episode of its own accord a cause, it daily assumes more alarming to those the recollection of the England's society. Althas been escorted with triumph to the polling cheater and recorded by the new Registry Act liberal candidate; and six others have been elected boards, of all things in different parts of the neighbourhood of Tyne, there is a religious going on which is e hands of women. T preaching among the and manifest the great Amongst these is a M described as being ve a winning charming w much repute as a p Mrs. Taylor and whose husbands are bo Parliament, and Miss tion of Mr. Mills, all de that before the next ary movement occurs, will universally indofranchisement of woma however, all one gre that is that George will presently appea and become the their cause. If ruin it we must all that he may appear. Our readers must not overdraw the picture ment, for we are not From all we gather we prevalence which through the influence o men, has always maint great danger. It is no job, a mere question of plum pudding; it goes than that, and saps of those happy home the joyfulness of which sag and Victoria's sacred. The political