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OPENING OF ST JOHN'S SCHOOL.—This creditable building, we are glad to hear, is to be opened on Monday next, and thence to commence its career of usefulness. It is the intention of the Rev Mr Jenks to have in it during the winter months a series of lectures, with the double object of affording useful and interesting information, and of defraying the debt which still remains upon the building. The inaugural Lecture will be given on the day already advertised, by the Bishop of British Columbia, in the School House. The subject will be 'British India,' with illustrations by the aid of a powerful Oxyhydrogen Lantern. By this means interesting views

Taxation.
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Nothing lessens public confidence more, or occasions more restless discontent in this Colony than the operation of indirect taxation. The amount of this artificial tax cannot be ascertained, no limit can be assigned to it. The Customs' and Excise duties furnish no criterion for judging of the extent of this system of finance; because additions are continually being made to the primary duties by

The Voice of the Needy.
EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The public of Victoria have often and in many ways professed spontaneous aid to the little Orphans of the Convent of St Ann. Encouraged by these proofs of voluntary charity, they venture to make known their distress, and to notify the public that a collection in their behalf will be commenced to-morrow and entrusted to Mrs Garcebe, Mrs Kelley, Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Barnes, Mrs Geiger, Mrs Farren, Mr J McDonald. Let the charitable people of Victoria hearken to

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Of this agency in 1864, was nearly double that of 1863—the risks in Victoria alone amounted to \$1,100,000.
The business of the
Life Branch.
Has also largely increased since the Directors reduced the rate to the English standard.
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Agents for Vancouver Island and British Columbia
1861-4

This issue ends the twentieth volume of the COLONIST, and to-morrow we shall enter upon the eleventh year of our existence. The decade of years that has flown since the first number of our paper saw the light, has witnessed many changes. During that period the Colony has once attained to the very highest pinnacle of prosperity and been again plunged into the lowest depths of despair. Hundreds in the enjoyment of full health, and whose prospects for long life were apparently good, have passed from our midst never to return; and thousands, prompted by honorable ambition and noble aspirations to seek our shores, have been forced by the vicissitudes of fortune to struggle for a livelihood elsewhere. The changes in the Government of the Colony have been numerous and not always for the best interests of the country, but we feel now that public confidence is being restored, and that all that is required to insure us a steady increase in material wealth is a liberal system of Government and wise legislation. The COLONIST, too, has been its change.

DIAMONDS.—These precious stones which have so long held dominion over the world, as the most coveted of all possessions, are very likely to have their value sadly diminished, if we are to believe a tale going the rounds of the American papers. It is pretended the late earthquakes in South America have thrown up an island, which is composed principally of diamonds. The account says there are boulders of diamonds found on the island, and that a new pick of marvellous texture is being made at St Louis to extract them from the boulders. As soon as preparations are completed, a company formed already at St. Louis are to leave for this wonderful island, and send home diamonds by the ship load. This may be all so—but it always struck us that earthquakes were far more likely to throw down large cities than to throw up diamond islands.

Great Britain.
THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.—PARTIAL LIST OF THE ELECTED AND DEFEATED.
LONDON, Nov 17.—The Parliamentary elections, which continued to-day, have been favored with good weather. So far as is yet known, the Liberals have elected 147 members, a gain of 30, while the Conservatives have secured 62, a gain of 8. The following are elected:
Charles Gilpin, Liberal, from Northampton, borough. Right Hon J. B. Goschen, Liberal, from London. Augustus Henry Layard, Liberal, from Southwark. Right Hon W. E. Gladstone, Liberal, from Greenwich. John Bright, Liberal, from Manchester. John Lubbock, Liberal, from Birkhead. Action Stree Ayrton, Liberal, from the Tower Hamlets. Right Hon R. Cardwell, Liberal, from Oxford City. George John Shaw Lefevre, Liberal, from Reading. William Edward Forster, Liberal, from Bradford. Samuel Waddell, Liberal, from Bedford. James Stansfeld, Jr, Liberal, from Halifax. Lord Mayor of London Lawrence, Liberal, from Lambeth. Sir Rowland Palmer, Liberal, from Richmond. Arthur John Oway, Liberal, from Chatham. Viscount Bury, Liberal, from Berwick. Samuel Morley, Liberal, from Bristol. Edmund Beales, Liberal, from the Tower Hamlets. Alexander Wm Kingslake, Liberal, from Bridge-water. John Duke Coleridge, Liberal, from Exeter. Edgewood Bowring, Liberal, from Exeter. Right Hon W. E. Gladstone, Liberal, from Brighton. Hugh Galling Hardley Childers, Liberal, from Pontefract. Thos Bayly Potter, Liberal, from Rochdale. Lord George Charles Gordon Lennox, Liberal, from Lynington. Lord Henry George Charles Gordon Lennox, Liberal, from Chichester. Sir S P Collier, Liberal, from Plymouth.

A London paper relates the following under the apparent impression of its being a fact: 'The Northerners carry their revolvers at their backs in the centre of their waist-band.' A very nervous Englishman received this piece of advice from an American. 'Wait, stranger, if you get into an argument with any or other, an' you see his hand stealing gently round his hip an' behind his back, be certain he means mischief; only don't wait to see; you out with your six-shooter, for it is a trifling matter as to who gets the first shot. Now don't you stand on ceremony with that argumentative cuss, but fix him with a pea bullet there and then, as if he was a devouring reptile.' The Englishman thanked his friend, and was always dodging about with his revolver, first in one pocket then in another, and keeping his eyes on any stranger with whom he happened to converse. One day he met a cadaverous-looking Northerner who was suffering from lumbago. They conversed about the weather and became rather warm on the subject of rain. Suddenly the lumbago man felt a twinge in the small of his back, and with a view to explain the effect of a change of weather upon him, commenced slipping his hand slowly around to the part affected. 'Waal, stranger,' says he, wincing with pain, and his arm gradually disappearing, 'I guess I've got a—'. The Englishman didn't wait for the conclusion, but snatched out his Colt and shot him dead.—Kansas City Times.

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ARRIVAL OF THE ACTIVE.—The C O and Mex. SS Co's steamer Active, Captain Scholl arrived yesterday morning from Portland and Astoria, leaving the former place on Monday. At Astoria she remained to connect with the Ajax from San Francisco. The mails, 210 tons of freight, consisting of flour and other produce, a quantity of live stock and sixty-two passengers arrived by her. We notice amongst the passengers Bishop Demers, whose health has been improved by his lengthened absence from the Colony, also several officers for the squadron, J P Davies and others. Her list is published in the usual place. We learn that some Oregon farmers have come over with a view of seeking farms in the Colony. Knowing the superior character of the soil and climate, we gladly welcome them amongst us. The steamer G S Wright was loading at Portland for this port, and has freight offered for several trips. The Active was compelled to refuse a portion offered. Oregon staples are being hurriedly shipped to find a market. The Active, on her last trip to the Columbia staunchly withstood a severe gale which was blowing. She leaves again at ten this morning for Portland.

ACCIDENT.—An accident likely to be fatal to us happened Mr N Shakespeare on Tuesday last, on crossing the bridge to his home, James Bay. The bridge is being taken down previous to the building of the new one, but the necessary precautions were not taken to guard against danger to passengers, and on Tuesday night Mr Shakespeare fell through and came well nigh being drowned. He was rescued, but will be confined to his house for some days, as a result of the fall. It was generally understood that during the erection, a pathway was to have been prepared for foot passengers.
Under the title of 'Mare Emission,' the Halifax Express states that of thirty-eight companies recently organized in Nova Scotia, twenty-four were got up in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. And of the seven coal mining companies incorporated four are Canadian. 'Thus it will be seen,' it is said, that the 'hated Canadian' is foremost in developing our resources. How very sad it is that the capital of Ontario and Quebec should flow into that poor ruined Province. Cannot the local Legislature prevent such acts of oppression?

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS OF THE ELECTIONS.
LONDON, Tuesday, November 17th.—Midnight.—Additional particulars show the election of the following:
Sir R A Glass, Conservative, from Bendley. Sir John Somerset Packington, Conservative, from Droitwich. William Bulkeley Hughes, Liberal, from Carnarvon District. Sir Robert Peel, Liberal, from Tamworth. Sir H L Bulwer, Liberal, from Tamworth.
The following have been defeated: Mason Jones, Liberal, for Boston. Ralph Bernal Osborn, Liberal, for Nottingham.
ONE of the most gratifying incidents of the late National triumph in the adoption of imperial suffrages in the States of Iowa and Minnesota by decisive majorities. This was the third trial in Minnesota—the vote for justice and true democracy increasing at each repetition.
At a Republican meeting held in New York the Hon Mr Brewster of Pennsylvania made a memorable statement. He said that Gen Grant recently addressed a friend in these words—'This much I wish, and I declare this to be my policy—that such a degree of peace and tranquility shall exist in this country, that a man may speak his mind in any part of our great land, and that without molestation or hindrance.'

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HORRIBLE IF TRUE.—A rumor prevailed in town last night of a fearful tragedy having been enacted at Nanaimo. A Kanaka is said to have killed his wife, wife's sister and 3 children in a fit of jealousy.
THE remains of the late Mr Disette arrived per steamer from San Juan yesterday afternoon, and were deposited in the Masonic Hall to await interment.

HONORABLE POSITION.—Mr Jonathan O Gibbs, brother of Mr Councillor Gibbs, of this city, has been appointed Secretary of the State of Florida. The State Secretaryship in America is regarded as a position of distinction and importance, and one which requires no small personal and political influence to attain.
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