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INVESTMENT AND LOAN BILL.

Hon Dr Carrall asked leaves to introduce

LEGAL PROFESSIONS ACT.

unusual to oppose the introduction of a

troduced in order to hear it read and to

Leave was granted, and on motion the bill

Hen Dr Helmcken said he did not think

The public wanted the measure; and he, as a

representative of the public, asked on the bill, as he

was compelled to employ a barrister.

bill because he did not believe

from many privileges. The barrister could

emanated from the public or the attorneys.

the Colony for the year 1870?" Carried.

port of the Mainland telegraph.

It was read a first time and ordered to

PRE-EMPTED LAND.

CUSTOMS AMENDMENT BILL.

Mainland Telegraph, he would support the

Hon Chief Commissioner said that when the

Hon Collector of Customs said the calcula

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snew what was asked. He was anxious atd Legislative Council. willing to consult the wishes of the peop le,

WEDNESDAY, Jan 25. Minutes of last meeting read and confirms

PRIVILEGE.

Mr Humphreys tose to a question of priresources. It will be time enough to vilege. He held in his hand a paper called THE BRITISH COLONIST in which he had, in the report of his speach yesterday, been grossly misrepresented. When a wanton misstatement of facts was made, as had been done by the BRITISH COLONIST, it was his duty to see that it was not done again. He was charged with having made an attack on the Lane-Kurtz Bill, and with imputing unworthy motives to its mover. This he most emphatically denied. He said he had been pursued in a cowardly manner by that paper and he would now give notice that if there was a recurrence of the thing he would cite the proprietor before the bar of the House, Mr Bunster also rose to a question of pri vilege. He said the same paper bad misrepresented him, and if there was a repetition he would bring the parties before the bar of

Mr Alston-What do you complain of?

pecify your charge. Mr. Bunster-Ob, it is general. I am mis-

Hon Dr Carrall-Such a charge is not eported. proper one to make You should specify your complaint.

Mr Bunster sold the report made him say that 'brewing was a British institution.' denied that he said any such thing. He said English ale was a British institution

### NOTICES OF MOTION.

Mr Humphreys to move at an early day bat a committee be appointed to consider the question of a loan to reclaim lands on the lower Fraser by the construction of a

ate the Mechanics' Institute.

mates a supplementary sum for the convey-

ral if it is not proper for attornies to give

Mr Bunster to ask that a supplementary sum be placed on the Estimates to compensate the postmaster at Nanaimo for his ser-

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

pecting the opening of a read in Victoria

Mr DeCosmos moved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, oraying that a abort Bill be sent down to the Conncil authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to open public roads

Hon Chief Commissioner said he did not know that the motion was in order, yet he would oppose no objection. The Government had assumed and exercised the right to lay out roads throughout the colony on the authority of an old Acte It was in contemplation to improve the system of road-making. lo regard to the petition before the House, this thing had been asked for several imes and be was not certain that it was advisable to grant it. There were two roads laid out between the Burnside road and Saanich, and this asks for one between them. He could not see the necessity for the road except for one larm, and he was willing to lay out a road from the Burnside road to that tarm He would not oppose the Bill if the hon AttorneyGeneral thought it a proper one Hon Attorney G neral said he did not know that there was any immediate neces-

sity for such a Bill v Hon Dr Helmcken said that it was not em-Hon Chief Commissioner did not need a

# European Mail Summary.

We have English papers to the 18th Mr DeCosmos said the proper way would be to appoint a commission. of December. A charge sgainst Sir W Russell, M P., of having, shortly before his bankruptey, disposed of property which he had obtained upon credit, had occupied the attention of the city magis-Il to amend the investment and Loan So. trates for three days, but the case was

cieties Ordinances 1868. d to a sind out to gain Leave granted, and bill read a first time and not concluded, Lord Lawrence has been ebosen Chairman and Mr C. Roed, M P.; Vice-Chairman of the Metropoli-Hon Dr Heimcken asked leave to introduce tan Education board. In consequence a bill intituled the " Legal ProfessionsAmend-ment Act." The bon introducer explained of an ontbreak of scarlating on board the Britannia training ship the cadets that the object of the bill was to place attor have been sent to their homes. Lord neys on the same footing with barristers. Mr Alston objected to leave being granted Hotham, late MoP. for the East Rid-If the bill came from any considerable number ing of York-hire is dead. Sir, Roderick of the legal profession, he would not oppose Marchison is better and is slowly improving. Mr Patrick M'Dowell, the Hon Chief Commissioner said it was so eminent sculptor, is dead, A horrible explosion occured at Witton near Birm-

ingham, A great number of women. and girls were employed by Messra Lulow in priming percussion-caps ; and it appears that in one of nineteen sheds necessary to consult the legal profession. In a case of this kind he should consult the public. occupied for the purposes a fire had been allowed. One of the women went to it to dry her apron, it took fire, the fire caugh some loose pawder and ran down the benches to a powder depot, it already stated, was to place, barristers and alterneys on an equal footing, to enable the attorneys on an equal footing, to enable the attorney to plead in court and enjoy all other privileges equally with barristers. He was told that a barrister's word was taken in Court, and an attorney had to make an affidavit. exploded, and three sheds were blown to pieces. Thirty of the women were either killed, or so injured that they died immrdiately afterwards ; thirty more were frightfully injared and many bodies are An atterney could not employ an attorney, but The wholly irrecognizable. They look still present state of things debarred the attorney when laid out like eacks of cindersy On the Manchester, Sheffield, and Lincolndo the attorney's work, but the attorney could shire Railway a unmber of goods not do the barrister's work. Mr Alston opposed the first reading of the tracks, which were being shunted at a siding in Bransley, got loose and ran the bill into a passenger train, from Bransley to

Sheffield, which had just drawn up to the platform smashing the break van and two of the passenger carriages into Mr Nelson moved "A respectful address to pieces, and training up the line for some His Excellency the Governor asking for a return of the amount of land pre-empted sold distance. Fourte, a passengers were killed and leased, in the different districts throughand apwards of 20 were seriously inm In Ireland soveral cases of bruared. tal assaults and intimidation have been reported in Westmeath, a county which Mr Nathan asked leave to introduce a bill to

repeal the Ordinance of 20th April, 1870, eng has become rather noterious of late for tied An Ordinance to create a further duty wich orimes. of Customs for the public service for the sup-The Decay of Apple and Cherry Trees.

Mr DeCo-mos said this was in one sense, s EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST :-- In your issue of Sunday last you do the State some serpart of the customs, but as the tax was, only levied specially for the maintenance of the

vice' in calling attention to the diseased state of the apple and cherry trees growing in this colony-and, with you, I trust that those men whose business brings them into daily contact with the subject will give those who are the sufferers by the malady their advice and assistance in chasing away the evil. As yet your correspondent 'G' is the only one who has come forward to enlighted our darkness as to he cause and the remedies to be applied; and so far as his strictures go respecting the mechanical operations of planting, draining, tilling the land, &c, as usually performed in this colony, they are useful as peinting to the source of much of the mischief. Loaspot, however, subscribe to his philesophy-for whilst the pear tree, by ending its roots desp into the soil in search of moisture, is said to secure immunity from disease now does he account for the fact of he plum tree which happens to be a very uperficially fasting free, more so, indeed then either the apple or cherry-being equal-ty free from it? It seems there is no rule

without its exceptions. His philosophy is equally at fault, too, reneeriog the circulatio



would, perhaps, have been unreable to expect that the introduction omson's Patent Road Steamer into sh Columbia would evoke no op-

on. The world is much the same is respect now as it was one hunyears ago, when the power-loom untered such bitter opposition. It be remembered that the distinguishventor of that important innovation wont to mollify the opposition of wife by telling her that she would with him in his carriage. Possessby a sort of superstition, and doubtimpelled by the opposition of bbours, Dame Arkwright to k tage of the temporary absence of husband to destroy all his models. discovering the fate of the result of jonths of anxious thought and

experiment, Arkwright indigy declared that his wife should ride with him in his carriage she never did. The powerloom wonderous saccess. Sir Richard wright drove in his carriage ; but vife, although she lived to see, and very other respect share, the good ane of her husband, never rode with in his carriage. The persual of an. cie in a local paper brought the innt to our recollection and led us to k that Dame Arkwright is not dead It will hardly be considered necesto refute the objections which have advanced against the iniction of these Read-Steamers; the excellent reason that they rethemselves The present edition of ournal will be accompanied by a emental sheet, containing extracts English, Scotch and American rs which will more effectually dis se he public mind of any misap. ension upon the subject than any. we could possibly offer. Yet we be permitted to present a few ghts on one or two points. The now before the Legislature does not a monopoly in the objectionable which some persons appear to aphend I Luseeks the exclusive righ un upon a specified section of a parlar road for a period of three years homson's Patent Road-Steamer.' it ack for the exclusive right to run ad-Steamers of whatever patent upo read in question the case would b different. To show how differen would be, it may be mentioned that n already there are being manufac ed both in England and the Unite tes Boad Steamers that are an improv ant upon Thomson's. The Bill do present any obstacle in the way introduction of these or any other may be manufactured in the mean me. But to come nearer home, t being manufactured at this moment, very community, a Road-Steam on the caloric principle. The B es not propose to exclude that fro e road in respect of which the priv e is asked ; and so far from regard the Bill and its privileges in t ght of an unfriendly movement, t ojectors of what we sh signate the Caloric Roadster ve operly hail the introduction of Tho n's Patent as preparing the way eir own. Nor does the Bill propose onepoly of the road in question in th nee that a locomotive monopolizes ilway on which it ruos. It will en by reference to the supplement eet that the e steamers will i onopolize the road in this sense a ore than would as many bullock tes in fact, less, for they are really me actable and quiet. Nor must ublic attach any importance to the it ation that these steemers would o n during six months of the summ aving freight and passengers to ercy of teamsters during the rema g portion of the year. On the c ary, one of the chief advantages of th eamers will be that they will keep egular, speedy and cheap commu ation between the reaboard and terior, if not during the entire ye least during ten months out of welve. But there is another sense nich it is argued that these stean ill monopolize the carrying tr ommonly passing over the road in bese steamers, it is urged, will animals off the road,'' not by frig ning them ; for it has been suffic demonstrated that no ontingency is to be apprehen ot because it will be impossible nimal power successfully to com vith them. We fear that the possibili uch a result must be admitted; but w rite the honest objector to consider who e has not inadvertently suggested a ogent argument in favour of the innova these Road-Steamers are so apperin existing means of conveyance as to competition out of the question that

Che Weekly Britisty Culouist, foundrymen and machinisis. The Govinducements to foreign capital and enterprise to enter this Colony for the Wednesday, February 1st 1871 purpose of developing its vast latent Foreign Capital and Local Enterthick about "applying the brakes" prise.

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The inexplicable unwillingness of erged from the experimental cra, and The inexplicable unwininguess of when the Colony shall be laboring foreign capital to seek employment in the gold-fields and silver ledges of Bit. our true wisdom lies in offering every reasonable and legitimate encourage to do with the buck wardness of mineral ment to the inflow of foreign capital

TURBDAY, JAD 26.

PRIVILICE-It will be seen that the loquacious member for Lillooet District has thought proper to take exception to our report of his sayings and doings in the Council on Tuesday. To hold up a faithful mirror to an ugly man is ever a the House. thankless task. For a member to attempt to conceal the deformity of his own acts by unfounded accusations against the poor Reporter is not accord-ing to "Cocker" To threaten the poor Reporter with pains and penalties be-cause he is lathful, is unmanly. But We are content if, as would appear to have been the case, we have been the means of transforming a violent opponent into a warm supporter of a useful Our Reporter has signified his measure intention of continuing to give a truthful report of the proceedings in the Council to the best of his ability, the threats of the member for Lillooet to the contrary notwithstanding. It will also be seen that the member for Nanstrictions sought to be imposed upon any sime has objected to the manner in greatest injury we could do to that member would be to report him verbatim. which we have hitherto mercifully rethe present regime that a more liberal frained from doing, but which we may be policy has prevailed. Perhaps the provoked into doing, if we hear any first application that has been met in a more from that quarter about 'the Bar befitting spirit was that of the Lane and of the House.'

THE BRITISH MINISTRY .- Cable reports and we took occasion at the time to American papers represent the British that large enterprise, resting wholly resignation as Member for Greenwich, are upon foreign capital, the dawn of bright | cited as reasons why the Cabinet cap't stand. These reasons are absurd. Mr Childers' withdrawal or death could not affect the status of the Ministry any more than Mr Bright's lunacy Bas done; and Mr Gladthe tacked by some who pretend to speak more important constituency of Westminster. in the name of the people, and charged The Ministry are surely pressed and may

> ORGANIZATION OF VANCOUVER ENGAMPMENT No. 1, LO.O.F. - On Tuesday evening 24th inst, Special Deputy Grand Patriarch I. W. Mile ler organized and instituted Vancouver Encampment No 1, LO, O.F.; The following offi-

tish Columbia has doubtless had much development. A country believed and foreign skill and enterprise.

known in fact-to be extremely rich in the precious metals, has scarcely yet passed beyond the "hen-scratching 's era of gold mining. We do not wish to disparage the efforts and operations of those hardy "and adventurous miners to which the Colony owes so much. Bat it must be admitted that mining operations in British Columbia have been mere "hen-scratching," when compared with the gigantic workings of California, Nevada and other parts.

Nor is this condition difficult to account for. Our people are " few in number and short of cash." If there is one thing more than another on account of which the local Government has incurred censure it is the spirit of illiberality with which every attempt to encourage the inflow of foreign capital has been met. Nor can it be doubted that the illiberal conditions and vexatious relarge organized mining effort in bygone ( days has contributed in no small degree tewards repuising foreign capital and foreign enterprise. And it is only under

Kurtz company to be permitted to work the Meadows, on William Creek, compliment the Government upon the Mini ry as on its last legs. Mr Childers fact. We could not but discover in hopelessly paralyzed, and Mr Gladstone's upon foreign capital, the dawn of bright er days. But, strange to say, no sooner has the Government received the plaudits of the people for baving abandoned a narrow and injurious policy for stone's resignation for Greenwich is a pre-One of a different character than it is at- limitary step for his casdidature for with extending too much encouragement fails but more forcible reasons must be adto foreign enterprise and foreign capi- vanced than those given in the dispatch. tal, and even before the machinery can

be set in motion, an enterprise which was hailed from one end of the Colony to the other as a public bcon; is being maligned and spit at by what we must be permitted to designated as comparent No 1, 1. 0101, 1, the difference of the second secon narrowminded, personal spite. It is respective chairs. JS Drummond, G.P. Chas greatly to be regretted that there Gowan H.P., Jno Weiler Senior Warden, Jas should be even one found amongst the Fell Junior Warden, James D Robinson Scribe, elected members of the Legislature accouragement extended to a higher branch of willing to enact such a part : but it is willing to enact such a part; but it is this most laudable institution is very gratifystill more to be regretted that such conduct should receive even a sem- influential Camp being formed here. blance of encouragement from a member of the Government. That there should be such an outery raised against the preposition to exempt the Lane and siam and success at Albambra Hall last Kurtz machinary from Customs Duties hight, by the Scotlish inhabitants and their and Road Tolls is, indeed, remarkable. Itiends. The attendance was very large and highly respectable, and the most ample ar-it will be remembered that the plant, rangements had been made by the very effimaterial and the supplies of the Tele- sient committee for the comfort and enjoygraph Company were exempted from duties and road tolls. It will also be ly after 8 o'clock, after which dancing was remembered that year after year large premiums in money were offered to encourage the erection of quartz mills, flour mills, &c. And yet when a company proposes to set up a quartz mill, saw uill and a most powerfal and complete steam pumping apparatus and apply half a million of foreign capital to the develop. Omineca for their destination, although ment of a piece of ground from which there are not a few who seek settled and colonial enterprise has turned away in permanent occupation. There cannot be a despair, there is a clamour raised against permitting the machinery to shall have a large inflax of population and a pass in free ! Let us at least try and be pass in free ( Litt has at least of y and be consistent, and not destroy the good effects of a good beginning. Should the Lane and Kurtz Company meet with the current year took place last evening, reasonable encouragement and success it will simply pave the way for other enterprises. But if a disposition be shown to "sinch" foreign enterprise and capital as soon as they enter the J. H Lawson and John Ross, Stewards; A Colony, the fate of this pioneer Company will only serve as a warping to others. will only serve as a warning to others. The pretence that it is unjust and discouraging to local manufacturers to The bankrupt surrendered for his first exadmit the machinery in "question free —The bankrupt surrendered for his first ex-of daty will scarcely " hold water." ammation. Mr Bishop appeared for the pe-This enterprise is a proneer, an experi-men al one, and the local manufact-Jackson & Aikman) for Messes Findlay, urers were scarcely prepared to make the machinery, unless at considerable tiod was disadvantage. But should the experiment prove "successful stands nsequent demand for similar machinery spring up then would be the time to protect our own manufacturers. So far from the remission of daties in the present instance being inimical to the interests of local manufacturers we hold it be the very reverse ; for it is encouraging experimental enterprise calculated to " bring grist to their mill." Indeed, we are in a position to state that it is so regarded by our local gers,

Mr Alston to bring in a Bill to incorpor-Mr Nelson to move to place on the Estiwhich he has been reported. This we ance of mails between Victoria and New Westminster. notice personally.

vices.

Mr DeCosmos moved that the petition re-District be considered.

in certain places.

oill passed last year the Governor gave an intimation which he considered in the light of a promise that the bill was lonly for one year, but it was a part of our customs, and he would ask if it would not be a breach of the agreement with the Canadian government should we now repeal it? In regard to the telegraph, he said that the whole work was not completed and funds would still be rea quired to faish it. It was for this House to say whether to take the duty off or let it re main another year. Perhaps, if we waited a few days, we should be relieved fram all diffi. culty with the Canadian government. The Cariboo member had asked for a large appropriation for trails, and if this was taken of there would be a deficiency in the revenue, but the government members would not option of sustoms sent to Canada was based upon this additional tax of fifty cents upon

ing and there is every prospect of a large and

BURNS' ANNIVEREARY .--- This popular anniversary was celebrated with the usual enthusiam and success at Albambra Hall last filends. The attendance was very large and highly respectatle, and the most ample arment of the guests. . Supper was served shortcommenced and kept up with much spirit till

THE GOOD TIME COMING .- Scarcely a vessel now arrives from foreign ports without ap accession to our population From every point of the compass they come, slowly but surely For the most part these new-comers have doubl that, with the opening of Spring we

the Rev Mr. McGregor officiating, when the following were installed : James Orr, President. A Buserford, A B Gray, Vice-Presidents. D McKsy, Treasurer.

BANKREPTCY COURT .- Re Thomas Golden. Jackson & Aikman) for Messre Findlay, Durham & Brodie. Mr A Munro was ap-poidted Trade Assignee, and the examination was adjourned till Wedneeday next, 1st

THE CUSTOMS' TABLETS--- We find that great uneasiness pervades commercial circles in regard to the Tariff Question To commerbis present course to be the best. When England it makes all the difference in the world what Tariff shall be in operation when the goods ariive

FOR THE RIVER-The steamer Enterprise left for the Fraser at 9 yesterday morning, carrying a small freight and a few passens

Bill to enable him to lay out roads. Any party wanting a road, by applying to bim and showing the necessity could easily get

Mr DeCosmos replied that the course suggested by the Attorney General would leave it in the oldfashioned way. He was not, however, aware of any law that authorized the Government to take land for road purposes. If the Attorney General was nn-able fer want of time to prepare a Bill and the Chief Commissioner would say that the road should be built, he would withdraw be motion.

Hon Chief Commissioner replied that he would not promise to build the road that had been a ked for, but he would lay out a road according to his own judgment. Mr DeCosmos asked leave to withdraw bis motion. Granted.

### ROAD TAXES.

Mr DeCosmos moved that a return be laid before the Council setting forth the amount of road tax levied, collected and expended in esch road district in Vancouver Island in 1870.

### Motion carried without discussion. BOAD CONTRACTS

Mr DeCosmos asked the bon Chief Commissioner whether it is the intention of the Government to send road parties through the districts on Vancouver Island this year as in former years; and whether it is not possible to repair and improve the roads by contract

with equal advantage to the public. Mr DeCosmos said one of the parties engave general satisfaction, but another one gave very general dissatisfaction, He bought it would be better ro have some one authorized to fravel over the roads, Endout the places that needed repair and ask for contracts to have that repairing done on the spot.

Hon Chief Commissioner replied that be tion. did not know that this was the proper time to discuss the best plan, but he would say that the two men who were employed by him to oversee the roads were the best two in the colony. He did not think one was any better than the other, but one worked best on bard, the other on soft ground: The latter was the one complained of. He believed there was work to be done that could be e early specified he could invite competition, but where a sum of money was to be expended over a whole district he would not feel justified in asking for tenders. Those who tendered always asked a sufficient sum: to cover all contingencies. For bridges he would ask tenders as heretofore, but for repairs on the road he would not. He hardly

brand in the Estimates. HonChiefCommissioner-How do you know? cherry tree. We are informed that the dis-Hon Collector of Customs replied that if ease-gumming-in one form is caused by the 50 cents were taken off, the revenue a the sap being formed more rapidly than the would not meet the Estimates. This ail of collatory vessels can carry it away'l-was passed for one year, which will expire on where ?. That another form of the same disinembradmod pease is caused by 'excessive beat combined the 1st of April isidmal Second reading postponed until an answer Second reading postponed until a answer with drynese of strong but to the malady to the Tariffins and and to variable of the Strange, however, as it may appear, the

LANE AND KURTZ BILLGESIGISIO SEW.

was wanted.

Hon Dr Carrall said they only asked a remission of Customs daty on their machinery. ever dwarted loto constitutional vigor; Or and to be relieved of the road talls. I up to seek animal analogy, can the stomach and and to be relieved of the road talls. Hon Chief Commissioner said this bill seemed to be based upon an assumption that an as surface had been given by the Gevernor, I am authorized to say that no such assurance was given. I have no objection personally to this grant being made, but I want it to be put on its true basis, ba latestan edt bus sonsh

Mr Alston opposed. Mr Humphreys said as a Britisher he would

midity. He was willing to extend to the com. I pany every privilege and facility; but a little, oppesition was good. amended so as to make the bill oaly operative until July 1st.

Hon Dr Carrall moved that the operation of Mr DeCosmos said one of the parties and the bill be to remit the Customs duties until gaged in attending to the repeir of the roade July 1st, and the road tells be remitted for one year from the passage of the bill. Mr DeCosmos said the bill was an amended

contract and he would vote for it. 118 Mr Humphreys said he had changed his mind in regard to opposing the bill. He would now support it and intimated that he had net been influenced by any improper consideras

Hon Dr Carrall replied, denying that he had exhibited any temper in the introduction of

the bill. The amendment was carried. The remaining clauses having been passed, the committee rose and reported the bill com-The report was adopted and the Council adjourned till Thursday at 1 p.m.

## YOOT TOOY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL -CORRECTION .--- It was Mr Cornwall and not Hon Dr Carrallo and against the amendment of the Hon Dr Helmcken.

mildest forms require the most varied and Council went into committee on the Lane violent treatment; for whilst the worst form can be cured by a.dose of salts, the milder & Kurtz Bill. Hon Chief Commissioner asked what amount forms require starvation, toot pruning, scariof money it was intended to give the company. fying the branches and amputation on an He did not think the Coancil understood what extensive scale! Alas for the poor lavalids! What is to be said for this? Was a tree ever dwarfed into constitutional vigor ? Or

langs be taken away and the body remain healthy? In fact I fear that root pruning, scavifying, or excessive pruning of the branches of the cherry tree-a tree always impatient of such treatment even in the mildest form -physiologically examined, can only be regaided as barbarisms which must in the end be paid for with heavy interest-operations that will be found like the Highlan ler's march, an advance of two steps backward. approach this matter with a good deal of tive My own candid opinion is that a considers able amount of the disease-gummingarises from a too free use of the prusing-knife in the hands of empirics. They pruse prosition was good that the motion be and trim, or amp and bind the branches of the trees till they assume monstrous and grostesque forme, altogether different from the wide-opreading foliage and clustering bads which God himself gave to them and which man is idiot enough to think he cae improve. After the first few years of their early giowih fruit trees require little ot no pruning beyond removing dead or occasional

cross branches, or to give light and air to the centre of the head. To the doctrine that productiveness is a sign of disease. I will at present say ne-

POMONA. thing.orat Jacuary 20th, 1870. How Muchee, John ?

Banster, determined either to dieling wish or extinguish himself in the present Council, has introduced a measure to tax Chinamen working on farms \$50 per head. Why does not the festive Arthur make the tax £500 at once, since either tax would be unconstitutional and, therefore, uncollectable? By the way, Mr Editor, I have a conundrum. who seconded Mr Nathan's motion for the Here it is. If Chinamen should be taxed adoption of the Canadian Tariff. Mr. Corn- \$50, at what rate per head shall we tax wall with Hos Dr Carrall also voted for it Banaters? Answers requested by return mail.

MONGOLES. Yours, truly,