

Foreign Capital and Local Enterprise

The inexplicable unwillingness of foreign capital to seek employment in the gold-fields and silver ledges of British Columbia has doubtless had much to do with the backwardness of mineral development.

The British Ministry.—Cable reports to American papers represent the British Ministry as on its last legs. Mr Childers, hopelessly paralyzed, and Mr Gladstone's resignation as Member for Greenwich, are cited as reasons why the Cabinet can't stand.

Organization of Vancouver Employment No. 1, I.O.O.F.—On Tuesday evening 24th inst. Special Deputy Grand Patriarch L.W. Miller organized and instituted Vancouver Employment No. 1, I.O.O.F.

Legislative Council

WEDNESDAY, Jan 26. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

Mr Humphreys rose to a question of privilege. He held in his hand a paper called The British Colonist in which he had, in the report of his speech yesterday, been grossly misrepresented.

Mr Alston—What do you complain of? Specify your charge. Mr Banister—Oh, it is general. I am misrepresented.

Mr DeCosmos moved that the petition respecting the opening of a road in Victoria District be considered.

Mr DeCosmos moved that an address be presented to His Excellency the Governor, praying that a short Bill be sent down to the Council authorizing the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to open public roads in certain places.

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European Mail Summary

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