placing the principal effice bere was of little value and there to do. It was in a false posiained here no clerks were re-

said one would suppose, to hear leman, that there was really no alue between the Rocky Mounsea board. Why not propose \$1900 by the amalgamation of propose that the Assistant Surck out?

ch said he found plenty to do, he House thought fit to abolish should not object. About 7000 on surveyed last year, and town nt at Seymour, Shuswap and . Otherwise the department efly engaged in repairs to roads trails open.

erton objected to the Assistant ng struck out; he was an old rvant, well acquainted with the land and the valuable property Disputes might occur of far nce to the colony than the value

further discussion the motion to

mberton, Walkem, Stamp, Southnos, Helmcken, Macdonald (7) arnard outside the bar. item was carried by the same

\$11,221 80. cken remarked that the revenue ctoria ought to be none other ector himself. Victoria is and nief place, where the revenue is the head of the department de there and look after it. And ind? A large staff provided for inster, where scarce a boat is d only one steamer arrives once hough the whole amount of be collected on the Island, yet is to be at New Westminster. conceive anything more absurd. must be a mistake in printing. ht to be at Victoria none would he [Dr H] had his will, there hly one Custom House in the and with the chief Collector would be both advantageous There was no necessity to Collectors at Victoria, Nanai-Vestminster and Burrard Inlet. useless outlay. Take our neighexample: they had one Custom ort Townsend, to which foreign go no further, the same policy dopted in this Colony; let there office at Victoria, and thence to rt should be coasting. If we merchant marine, to give ento those who live upon water on land, we must adopt this Executive will find it work a landing waiter being all that y, and the trade of the Colony eserved. He, therefore, moved opinion of this Council that the e should be at Victoria, and fficer at Victoria be struck out. said this was a question of votat for the requirements of the partment. This was not the to say whether he agreed with

up hereafter. said that the vote would only , as changes were contemplated nent. The Governor was aware imstances that could be made as of the chief office. He should Victoria himself most of the ded the officers, he would state nade the lowest estimate of artment required; they all had retty full and he did not ask for count of the additional labors Union. They would all find ment during the year.

the hon member, as the matter

son could not understand the go ships being prohibited from rther than Victoria; the hon. ictoria could scarcely expect to Were not foreign ships to go to To doubt it would suit the hon. well that the coal should be conoria-perhaps in Hudson Bay and then shipped. It must be d indeed that would prevent oing to Nanaimo for cargoes of export, except timber, from

He (Dr. H.) would like no up a direct trade and make mporium of commerce in the but commerce ought to be ead of restricted, and he honed ded restrictive policy would be liberal one.

en asked if liberality consisted what did not belong to us. er eviden ly did not understand d was not aware that foreign roceed to any port beyond the to load, but could not coast. trade system it was no expense, present system it would be a to have more than one dutifor its doing New Westminster was no more trade done here since he came, it could not uch harm; the only loss would of the office. The country d to pay for the convenience of

tleman withdrew his motion at the President, on the underthe subject was to come up

nald could not understand what possibly be to employ so large therefore moved that one clerk with the officer at Burrard Inle

iggested that the revenue officer made provisional and temporary icil might take his word that d be dispensed with if possible: gate suggested that the word

-It was put there by mistake. ken-But a very disgraceful

visional, and the whole amount.

neral, \$2,290 os said we had been properly miny generals, and there was such an officer in this place. time to pay large salaries for

In Vancouver Islan I, where man was required, the work n one or two hours a day, and time devoted to professional posed to reduce the salary to \$1000, which he considered ample. It was | proposed in the last session of the Island legislature, to unite the office with that of Registrar of the Supreme Court. He was in favor of having a Registrar of Deeds, but not in favor of paying him \$1940 for doing ittle or nothing.

A motion to adjourn till Saturday at 11 s.m., was here carried.

> Saturday's Sitting. SATURDAY, Feb., 23rd 1867.

BUDGET Hon Helmcken called the attention of the bon Colonial Secretary to the fact that it would afford much satisfaction to hou members and the people generally, if the execuhe seen what the policy of gove:nment was

Registrar General, \$2,290. Hon De Cosmos again objected to this item asserting that it e office had been created in Vancouver Island for an individual, and the salary raised to £400 through justify. a personal friendship. He admitted that Hon Helmoken looked upon the words personal friendship. He admitted that the law as it stood req ired a skilled "Victoria" after person, and he had every respect objectionable.

After a few duties could be done in two hours he considered that \$1000 would be ample, and he was totally unprepared for the principle of maintaining an office that was not necessary, whether in Vancouver Island or elsewhere.

Hon Young gave the history of the office with the salary attached thereto by the Legislature, and furnished details to show that it was a source of revenue. He considered the salary with the additional labor incurred by registration under the Bills of Sale and Homestead Acts if reduced would of amalgamation a mere sham? be too low for a professional man to accept, the present incumbent having already threatened to resign. Apart from this, howsalary must be treated in the same way as the Crown salaries, and if the Council thought it too large the reduction could only be made by request to the Governor.

Hon Crease spoke in favor of retaining the office intact Hon DeCosmos said he had been engaged half a day in the Registry office, and saw no chambers attending to his private practice, and was the country to pay £400 a year for assistance without increasing the salaries. that? This was what he objected to. He regarded the present incumbent as a man of integrity and ability, but his idea was while they any idea of what work is? allowing the gentleman to follow his chamber practice to pay him adequately for the service rendered.

Hon Young, in answer to Hon Southgate explained the circumstances under which the Regis rar had been permitted to practice, and the advantages offered by the office for securing and transferring titles without the intervention of lawyers.

Hon Pemberton looked upon the office as

a most useful one and could not vote for its

Hon Helmcken would vote for the amount, but thought the system of two offices misand the greatest number of registration were the office should be. He did not regard the Act as perfect and did not know whether the amount with practice was too large, but this he did know that the Governor recommended the application of the law of Vancouver Island to the mainland.

Hon Walkem preferred the system of registration adopted on the mainland, where was glad to see one hon gentleman not pre- that was on account of the Fleet. came from Victoria. He went in for economy Hon Birch did not approve of the system, but the amount must be voted this year, at

After some further comments Mr DeCos. mos' motion was lost, only 3 voting aye, and the item passed.

Harbormaster, \$1800, including Govern ment pilot and Superintendent for Light

Hon Helmcken moved that this item be struck out; we did not want a pilot-the hon Colonial Secretary was government pilot, [laughter] and as to the Light Ship was utterly useless. There was, in fact, nothing to do.

Hon Birch said he had been appointed Chief Commissioner and now he was to be Government pilot. This appointment came from home in 1858, and though he agreed that there was not sufficient work for the harbormaster to do, there was every intention to utilise him in another way in Victoria. where he would have duties in connection with the customs and piloting.

Hon Young said the hon members from Victoria ought to be much obliged to the gentleman, as he had saved them from an acomfortable position on the sandheads.

Hon Helmcken-That's a fact! | laughter] We might have been stuck there for a week, the Estimates passed and the country ruined. While we were on one sandhead we could do nothing with the other sandheads [laughter].

Hon De Cosmos regarded this as a question of amalgamation. If the steamer to the settlements was to be continued, her captain might be harbormaster and when not employed the vessel c uld be used for laying buoys. The time now devoted was inadequate for the amount paid; he should, however, not move for its abolition as the Government had made up its mind not to carry out a

practical system of amalgamation. Hon Stamp said the proposition was impracticable as the duties could not be at-

Hon Robson regretted the small salary put down for the services of this officer. The sum asked for was so contemptibly small that he hoped the Government would see their way to increase it, and he moved in amendment that it be increased to \$2250. Hon Helmcken replied that he voted for striking it out as the finances made it indis-

pensable to save all we can. Hon Robsou's motion was lost-ayes 4. Hon Robson-Then blot him out alogether; it is better to do that than to give him a starvation salary. For striking out : Ayes—Southgate, DeCosmos, Helmcken,

The item of \$1800 was carried. Post Office, \$3,420. Hon Macdonald moved that the words

deputy" and "harbormaster" at Victoria e struck out. Hon Southgate opposed the erasure of arbormaster, as a deputy would be required be less. The hon gentleman continued at required to keep the hospitals in a state of in the absence of the barbor master.

the amount put down for William Creek- Victoria with the hon members. \$80 per month—was as small as the mail Hon Brew—It was sending coals to duties could be done for. duties could be done for.

lo postal matters at Cariboo. Hon Walkem suggested increasing the plenty more besides those. Hon members

pay of one of constables who should perform the duties, and on the arrival of the House is a lunatic. (Laughter). mail distribute the letters down the Creek. five would submit its budget so that it might the removal of the Post Office at Victoria to resolution that the gaol be removed to a more suitable quarter.

> office would entail a large extra expenditure of the Executive to the necessity of removwhich the finances of the Colony did not ing the prisoners to Victoria.

"Victoria" after Deputy Postmaster as very After a few remarks respecting the tenure

of the property whither the office was pro-posed to be removed, the item was amended by erasing the words. Deputy" and "Harbor Master, Victoria."

that the sum of \$750 for Clerk and Messenger was for New Westminster. Hon Helmcken-What in the name of

New Westminster? Seriously, I would ask expenses for three or four months. is there work for one clerk, or is the scheme Hon Birch said the hon gentleman had

so supposed no steamers visited the place on this point; in speaking of Kootenay he ever, the motion could not be carried as this and nothing was done here; but there was as much work done here as anywhere. Hon Pemberton thought the item was for Victoria, which it should be, there being as

three months. Hon Helmcken-The Generals must have aides-de-camps, of conrse. Hon Robson supported the amount; it one but a boy; the Registrar was in his was wrong because the office was amalgamated with another to deprive it of

Hon Helmcken-Really! really! what are hon gentlemen thinking about; have .Hon Walkern opposed the item.

Robson for the course he was pursuing as one of the people's representatives, who had advocated and support retrenchment. Hon Robson replied to the effect that he was quite satisfied to go before his constituents on the course he bad pursued in regard to the Estimates, which he had considered carefully, and believed were framed effect.

Hon De Cosmos reprimanded the Hon

with the greatest possible regard for economy.

Hous Smith and Barnard advocated the removal of the head office of this department chievous. Wherever the largest population to Victoria, where it would be of more service to those up country in forwarding

foreign mails, etc.

The latter moved to that effect. Hon Birch said they did not know what they were doing. The office of Postmaster General was amalgamated with that of Registrar, and there was nothing asked for

the whole deed was recorded instead of ab- should be at Victoria. There was another Macdonald, Helmcken, De Coemos, South-

The motion was carried on a di 11 to 8, and the items passed. Judicial, \$8999.

Hon Helmcken moved that the Vancouver Island Supreme Court be retained and a third judge, to constitute a Court of Appeal, at £800 a year be voted. Carried. The judicial items were all cerried.

Police and Gaols \$6870.

Hon Walkem thought a fair opportunity for amalgamation was presented under this head, and he hopod in any change that might be effected discretion would be exercised in giving preference to those woo had been longest in the service. He proposed the following : that the Council recommend the removal of the head office to Victoria and that the following be dispensed with : Medical officer, \$500; Warden, 1220; two Gaolers \$1400; which would be a saving of \$3120. The same duties would be performed under this scheme, the guardianship being only extended. The salary of the

be merely retained as lock-up cells, with the High Constable as keeper. Hon Birch thought that if a central position was the object, Clinton or Yale establishments], \$7 800. should be the place. Some \$4 or \$6 more Victoria, and he had yet to learn that that this head were too large, and asked for would be economy. Besides Victoria Gaol information. would not hold all. By last returns there

short handed. Hon Brew said there was no doubt of the advisability of amalgamating all the gaols bere and elsewhere, tut t ere was no place enough. For the hospital at Victoria alone, that could afford sufficient accommodation. \$4000 would be required. The subscription of the proposed amalgamation with the head smaller than usual There was an amount office at Victoria as a great saving. The \$4 still due by the Government to the hospital a head on pr soners from the mainland was respecting which they would no doubt trifling in comparison with the expense of receive a message. maintaining two establishments; as to there Hop Birch made a few remarks in favor of not being sufficient accommodation st sustaining the C lonial hospitals. Victoria, two or three hundred dollars would A resolution was moved by Hon Helmeken obviate that. Statistics showed that the to the effect that the Council did not cost of keeping prisoners at Victoria would consider the sum sufficient, and that if

Hon Helmcken said he must enter a pro- prisoners out into the street to work with | penditure of such sum as may be found | test on the records against the extravagant manner in which the House was going on. It was perfectly ridiculous. It was perfectly ridiculous.

and then turned to the subject of lunatics, enquiring why four lunatics had been sent to

COLOMIST AND CHRONICLE

Mr Birch made a few remarks in regard hon Helmcken—But we don't want your lunatics; keep them yourselves; you have

After some furt er discussion the motion Hon De Cosmos asked what was the to strike cut one constable, warden, gaolers, Island, he believed, excee ed \$10,000 last intention of the Government in respect to was lost by a vote of 10 to 9. Walkem's Victoria and necessary alterations made, and Hon Brch said that the landlord had that the High Constable's salary here be consented to reduce the rent considerably the \$1200, was lost, an amendment by Maclast six months, and the removal of the donald being carried directing the attention

> Total \$6870 carried by 10 to 9. Magistrate, Victoria \$12 341. Passed. The items under the head of Gold Comnissioners and Magistrates were then taken

Columbia and Kootenay \$16,085. Hon Walkem did not know whether any change was contemplated in these districts and would like to ask whether it was Hon Birch, in answer to an enquiry, said thought necessary to have two Commis-

Hon Helmcken remarked that the Commissioners were sent to their posts too soon conscience is there to do in the Post Office at and the country had to bear their travelling

Hon Birch said that was a constitutional question. The hon gentleman deuied that the Commissioners were sent to the mining unfortunately come here in the winter, and camps too soon, and enlightened the House alluded to Lynch law, which he said the hon junior member for Victoria wished to be introduced.

Hon De Cosmos called upon the hon genmuch work done there in one day as here in tleman to apologise for improper language towards him. Hon Birch would apologise, but had

certainly so understood the hon member. Cariboo and Quesnelle \$12,400. Passed. Hope, Yale and Lytton \$7434. Passed Lillooet, Clinton and Soda Creek \$5050. Hon Helmcken to Hon Stamp-Is this prount requireh?

Hon Stamp-Yes, of course it Laughter). Passed Nanaimo \$2,580.

Hon Helmcken said this amount had not seen allowed before. The duties should be erformed by a Justice of the Peace, and not by a magistrate paid to come here and legislate. He would no doubt be told that this officer was Collector, Harbourmaster, &c. : half the salary would be sufficient, and the magistrate struck out; he moved to that

Hon Southgate opposed. Nanaimo was a port of entry, with a large export trade; it contained a considerable number of miners and there were many disputes to settle ; he considered \$1700 a very small sum and was

surprised at such cheese paring.

Dr Helmcken's motion was lost and the Council adjourned till Monday.

Monday's Sittings.

Feb 26, 1867. Council met at 3 p. m. Present : Hons Birch, Crease, Wood, Hamly, Smith. Bar-Hon Young considered that the head office nard, Ball, Brew, Robson, Young, O Reilly, Sanders, Trutch.

> NEW MEMBER. Hon Franklyn, Magistrate for Nanaimo,

took the oath and his seat. NOTICE OF MOTION. Hon Barnard to move the establishment

of a bonded warehouse at Yale.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. The motion of Hon Young for certain papers connected with the establishment of a mint in the Colony was assented to. Also, motion of Hon Walkem for returns showing the amount of moneys to the credit of each estate under the Trustees

Relief Ordinance and Intestate Bill. Also, motion of Hon Robson for returns of receipts of steamer Sir James Douglas during '66, with addition of returns of expenditure at the suggestion of Hon Stamp

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY. Hon O'Reilly in the chair.

Hon Birch informed the House that the High Constable was too small, and he present ocean mail contract had terminated, therefore moved that it be raised from \$940 and be would ask the Council now to to \$1220. That of the two constables only consider the propriety of entering into a one would be retained, who would act as further contract. Tenders were opened for gaoler; such provision being made for the service on the 14th instant, but they were warden as may seem fit having in view his found far too high to entertain. All would, long service. The hon member continued at however, admit the advantage of an ocean some length, discussing the prison and peni- mail service and would no doubt be willing tentiary system, the capacities of the to assist as far as practicable in procuring Victoria gaol to accommodate 65 prisoners, it, he would, therefore, ask the Council to the insecurity of the gaols on the mainland, consider the item under this head first before which necessitated chains being put on (a taking up the estimates in their regular

practice which should never be resorted to) order. before being found guilty; and concluded by Council went into committee of the whole, urging that the establishment be so reduced and considered the subject with closed doors. and removed to Victoria, the institution here Peusions, etc., \$3.395. Passed. Revenues Services, [exclusive of estab-

lishments | \$600. Passed. Administration of Justice, Hon De Cosmes said the attendance of wit would be incurred in sending prisoners to nesses and some of the other items under

Hon Birch said witnesses frequently were were 45 there, and 26 here, and it was required to come from a considerable useless to tell him that more gaolers and distance and would not do so for nothing; police would not be required below. The the amounts were taken from data of former Magistrate complained as it was of being years at the lowest estimate.

The item passed. Charitable Allowances, \$9,500.

Hon Helmcken did not consider this sum Hon Helmeken spoke at l ngth in favor list this year, for obvious reasons was

necessary beyond the vote.

ing the sum to \$11,000, which was carried. dividuals.

Education, \$10 000. Hon DeCosmos moved that the conpromised message from His Excellency be insure her, as the lowest rate for six months received. The matter of free education was Island, where there were a number of children educated under the common school system. The amount put down appeared too small, as the expense of the establishments on the year, and there were two schools at New Westminster, one at Langley, and perhaps others elsewhere: He would remark also that the Island system, which was non sectarian was the only one the people would support, the country being too small for a denominational system.

Hon Birch had no objection to its being deferred. Consideration deferred. Police and Gaols, [exclusive of establishments], \$14 900. Passed.

Rents, \$800. Transport, \$7,260. On motion of Hon. DeCosmos the words "visiting Victoria," after travelling expenses of the Governor and Colonial Secretary, were

Hon Robson suggested the addition of ome other words. Hon De Cosmos-Then add "to New Westminster." [Laughter.]

truck out.

Hon Robson-If that is the object we had better retain the words. The item passed after explaining from Hon Birch respecting the items. Inspector of steamers, keep of horses, etc. In respect of

the latter item of \$1000, the hon gentleman said a good many horses were required by the Government officers while on duty up country, and it was cheaper to keep than to bire them. Conveyance of Mails, \$52,820.

The items were taken seniatim under this lead, at the suggestion of the Hon Macdonald, and passed as follows: Arrears [Vancouver Island] to and from San Francisco, \$15,000.

To and from Victoria and New Westmins ter [arrears Vancouver Island] \$1000. To and from Victoria and Esquimalt, \$429. [Objected to by Hon De Cosmos]. To and from Victoria, Nanairo, and Comox, etc., \$4,200.

To and from Columbia [per steamer Marten | \$2 400. To and from Victoria and Saanich, \$300. Item to and from Cariboo, Columbia, etc. \$25,000, postponed pending returns asked

Works and Buildings, \$11,400. Hon DeCosmss moved that \$800 for fog

cell at Race Rocks be struck out. Hon Young said the bell had been lying r some time waiting for money to put it up. It was a good bell worked by machinery and would be of great advantage to shipping. A ship not very lorg ago ran upon Race Rocks in a fog. He thought the amount very small, and it would be well spent.

Hon Stamp favored the erection of the bell tower as of great value to shipping. The sum total passed. Roads, Streets, and Bridges, \$45,000.

In rep y to the Hon DeCosmos, Hon Birch said the Hon Commissioner would state what sums would be expended on the various roads, but the hon gentleman might Colony. stracts made by professional gentlemen. He consideration why it should be there and gate, Stamp, Walkem, Pemberton, Cox, rest assured that the money would be equitably distributed.

> of various roads and bridges, \$8,500 being Admiral Kingcombe had also, in the strongest the amount set down for Vancouver Island. The amount passed.

seriatim.

Indian Tribes, \$1000. Passed. Aid to Fire Companies, \$1000. Hon De Cosmos thought this item ought be struck out, as the D partment at Vic-

toria was provided for by a local tax, and the same should be done elsewhere. Hon Macdonald differed entirely and wished the amount had been \$2000 The department was very badly off, and had ong been unable to pay its bills, and it would take some time before the local tax

could be collected to assist it. Hon Birch said this sum was not intended for arrears, but simply with a view to afford some assistance to the Fire Depart-

ments. Hon Helmcken would not vote against the item, but thought it should be for past and not future expenses, and as a matter of principle the Fire Departments should be supported by their own communities.

The item passed. On the item of \$1500 for Public Libraries. there was a long discussion, H ns DeCosmos and Helmcken favoring its erasure.

The item passed. Taking charge of Government House, Victoria, \$500. Passed. Insurance, Government Buildings, \$1000

Do. Do., New Westminster. Passed. Hon Helincken remarked that he had been looking ever since be came here for the public offices, and he had at last found a lot of sheds which went by that name. He advised the Government to insure them for the highest possible amount, and if they were burnt down the Insurance Company would be the losers, but the Colony the gainers. He would not say another word, Telegram to the Imperial Government,

Hon Robson asked how that came on the Estimates ? Hon Young explained that the amount did not appear on the votes of the late Assembly

of Vancouver Island, and the sum for contin-

gencies having been expended, and no money

in the Treasury, it had not been paid.

Item passed. Completing and auditing Vancouver Island accounts, \$200. Passed. Interest, \$89,440. Passed. Drawbacks and Refunds, \$600. Passed. Redemption of Bonds, \$42,125. Passed. Sinking Fund, \$40,770. Passed.

Government vesels, 10,674. Passed. Hon Young explained that the amount put down for the steamer Sir James Douglas was based upon the experience of 1866, for four trips a month to Nanaimo and one to Comox. There was a saving last year of \$2000 on 1-ngth to denounce the system of sendin efficiency the Council recommend the ex- the steam subsidy by running the Douglas,

Temporary Loans, \$170,000. Passed.

Hon Stamp remarked that it was a great mistake to place her in her present service, Hon Robson moved an amendment limit- when it could be performed by private in-

Hon Young said the only tender received for the service was from the Emily Harris, for sideration of this vote be postponed until the \$5,400. The Government could not afford to cost \$1500, and it was thought far better to regarded with considerable interest on the run the risk. He urged the advisability of allowing her to continue in her present service, where she was most usefully employed.

Hon Franklyn coincided and said if the Douglas was taken off it would be a death blow to Comox. There was no other vessel fit for the work.

Hon Helmcken commented on the high rates of freight and passage charged to the settlements; it was obtaining money unjustly. The steamer was intended to encourage settlement, to supply the want of roads, and the charges should, therefore, be very much lower. He agreed that the services of a vessel of her class were indispensable, but for the benefit of the inhabitants of the coast transport should be made as light as possible, even if it cost money to do so; and could they not use the vessel for the prevention of whisky selling? [laughter.] He favored the idea of her captain officiating as harbormaster, and thought she might be profitably employed in visiting light-houses, laying buoys, (small buoys,) looking for channels leading to New Westminster, and seeing that the sand heads over which big ships came did not shift too

often [anghter.]
A Volce—The big ship has come again alluding to H. M. S. Malacca, which had just arrived, and whose Commander was

present. Hon Helmcken-Yes; and that big ship will come here once too often ! [laughter.] Hon Young mentioned the charges to the settlements, which he did not consider too high, and were not complained of. The steamer did visit the light-house, but she had no time for performing other duties.

The item passed. Light-houses-\$10,000.

Hon Helmcken moved that the sum of \$4 500 for the light-ship be struck out, as a useless appendage to the other expenses of the Colony. It was a luxury we could not afford, and so far as New Westminster is concerned was entirely useless. Such was the opinion of experienced men. It was only to vessels passing up the gulf to Nanaimo or Burrard Inlet that she was of any service, and the number passing during the year was too small to compensate for the expenditure. This institution might, in fact, withwith the dredger. One Colony built a light-ship, the other a dredger; which was the most useful of the two he was not prepared to say, but the latter would yet be of use, though we were not in a position to support it now. In moving that this item be erased he could not be taunted with local jealousy, since it did not direct ships here. Hon Franklyn said, without entering upon

the question of finance, he considered the light-ship of the greatest benefit to Nanaimo, and consequently to the Colony at large. It was of the greatest assistance to ships passing through Stewart's Channel, and vessels would have, no doubt, come to grief had there been no light ship. The hon gentleman alluded to the importance of the Nanaimo coal trade. There were 10 000 tons now lying there awaiting shipment, and if a ship was lost in the trade it would throw discredit on the

Hon Robson said he preferred a good nau-Hoa Trutch read a detailed statement of Richards repeatedly referred to a lightship on the sums proposed to be expended in repairs the sandheads as necessary and important. terms, pointed out to the Governor the same necessity, and if hon members were not Miscellaneous Services, \$5,612; taken warped and blinded by local jealousy, they would say that the light ought to be He concluded by saying that did he not look forward to the time when this was to be the great highway of eastern commerce, when shipping and passengers would flow in from China and Japan giving the go by to the

Venice of the Pacific, he should not consider the country worth remaining in. [This burst of eloquence produced a marked

sensation in the House, Hon Walkem supported the item as he had learned from his hon friend, Capt Stamp, that it was desirable. Hon Stamp said the lightship was useful to

vessels proceeding to Nanaimo and the Inlet,

but for all the service she was to New Westminster she might as well be on the dome of St Paul's. Hon Young drew attention to the fact that notice had been given througout theerec tion of the light, and it could not be discontinued

without similar notice being given. The item passed.

THE CROWN SALARIES. This having concluded the consideration of the estimates in Committee, with the exception of items deferred,

Hon Walkem rose to move that a respectful address be forwarded to His Excellency, requesting him to take such steps as may be deemed advisable to effect a reduction in the Crown salaries, under the Crown Sa'aries' Act, inasmuch as the finances of the Colony called for the strictest economy consistent with the efficiency of the public service, and respectfully recommending the following scale of salaries:

His Excellency the Governor \$14,550 Colonial Secretary Treasurer, \$3,627, abolished Chief Com. Lands & Works . Collector Customs 3,000

Total . Being a total reduction of \$10,399,

and that the Council further respects fully recommend that a change be made in the office of the Registrar General, as now in existence, so as to dispense with one of the officers. The hon gentleman spoke at some length in support of his motion, which was a delicate one for him to bring forward. but which ne felt it his duty, under the present depressed condition of the Colony, to do, and he hoped the hon.

[CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT.]